

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter



the river, the land, the people

MARCH 2019

NEXT MVA MEETING

Wednesday 13 March, 8pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All welcome!

MVA Committee update

From the February MVA meeting:

- Macleans Reserve is closed due to fire risk. People are ignoring this though and still camping there.
- Some locals are concerned about fires being used at the site near Alexandra Bluff Bridge. There has been an angry discussion on the Mot Valley FB page, which Irma has had to moderate. The discussion has resulted in locals deciding to regularly check on things at the site. Irma has done this and found it tidy and quiet with no signs of fire. Peter has also been there and noticed rubbish piled up by the full rubbish bin. It is possible that TDC are going to close the site due to fire risk. At the time of the publication of this newsletter the campsite is still up and running.
- MVA would like to have a few extra committee members, since some have left the committee for different reasons. A few suggestions were to be followed up to make this happen.

A Plea to Drivers on our Gravel Roads

Please drive slowly when passing pedestrians, cyclists, other traffic and nearby houses. It is very unpleasant (and probably unhealthy) being showered with a cloud of dust from the wake of a speeding vehicle.

Thank you to drivers who do drive considerately – it makes a difference.



Family Picnic

Sunday 17 March

3 - 7pm

outside Ngatimoti Community Rooms

byo food & drinks

Due to fire risk the BBQ is being locked up, but that might change after rainfall.

**Games - petanque, kubb, ultimate frisbee...
you are invited to add to the variety of
games (e.g. soccer, flying kites, rugby)**

-Coralie Grooby

NGATIMOTI SCHOOL NEWS



2019 TERM DATES

TERM 1: THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY - FRI 12 APRIL

TERM 2: Mon 29 April - Fri 5 July

TERM 3: Mon 22 July - Fri 27 September

TERM 4: Mon 14 October - Friday 20 December

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER ☺



Essential skills: our junior students have all had daily swimming lessons with Catherine in addition to our usual swimming lessons for all students within our NZ curriculum.

We have had a positive start to our school year, with lots of cheerful students happily settling into their new classes. The Senior Class enjoyed a day with Whenua Iti learning Riversafe skills last week, and the whole school has an opportunity to experience Waka Ama next week.

We would like to acknowledge the work of all firefighters recently, and in particular our local crew. It is reassuring to have great support for the school and the wider community so readily available. Thanks to you, and your families, for your work.

Our Hall is shaping up to be a great space, with the earthquake strengthening work, the new verandah and the deck almost complete. Our local builders, services and trades people have been a good team to work with. Thanks to past Festivals, the school has been able to finance this project. The Hall will soon be available again after school for community use, birthday parties etc!

Thank you to everyone in our community who has made good use of our school grounds over the summer. I am happy to say that everything has been treated with great respect! Thanks to Ian for continuing to maintain the grounds so well. Thanks also to all the neighbours who do their bit by helping with the pool and generally keeping an eye on things! The pool has been very popular over the school holidays and will continue to be open for community key holders outside school hours during February and March. Key holders; if you no longer need your pool key, please return it to the school office for your \$10 refund at any time. School aims to provide a safe environment and we encourage people to use it. Parents, in out-of-school hours, your children are your responsibility. If anyone has a health or safety concern that is to do with our school environment, please communicate directly with our Principal, Ali Turner



Healthy Hive Check in April

All Beekeepers know that caring for bees can be a tricky business, and sometimes a little help can go a long way. The Nelson Beekeepers Club is running a Healthy Hive Check programme that offers beekeepers the chance to have their hives inspected and general condition checked. This will be free of charge and completed by a team of experienced beekeepers. This is open to anyone that has a beehive in the Nelson-Tasman Region.

If you are interested and would like to take advantage of a free Healthy Hive Check, two experienced beekeepers will make contact and book a time to check your hive. We are aiming to check as many hives as possible over one week-end in April, with a focus on identifying American Foul Brood disease or symptoms, varroa infestation and general colony condition. It will also be a chance to get rid of old or

unused beekeeping gear which can be a source of disease.

Interested? All you have to do is go to the Nelson Beekeepers Club website (www.nelsonbeekeepers.org.nz) and follow the link to the Healthy Hive Check where beekeepers can register their interest. This initiative is run by the Nelson Beekeepers Club.

-Catherine Moisan, Secretary Nelson Beekeepers Club



Next workshops - raising funds for charity through Tutoring for Charity Trust:

- Saturday 30 March - Plant propagation, Meg Brown, 9.30am-12.30pm
- Saturday 13 April - 'Growing competent eaters - how do I get my child to eat?', Alison Bruce, 9.30am-1pm, minimum \$20 donation
- Wednesday 17 April - School holidays children's art workshop "Create your own mobile for your room", Ariadne Smith, 2-4pm, \$25
- Saturday 4 May - 'Create your own piece of modern art', Ariadne Smith, 9.30am-3.30pm, \$80 for the day plus a small cost for materials

All of the workshops are in the Ngatimoti Community Rooms.

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Sunday 17th March - 10.30am

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Children's Sunday School

Morning tea and social time to follow

All Welcome

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 27th March - 7.30pm

Sunday School Hall



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Everyone welcome!

For community concerns email the MVA at info@mva.org.nz
or contact any of the following **committee members**:

Bruce Dyer	526 8288
Irma Jager	526 8080
Peter Laufkötter	526 8554
Greg Mason	526 8112
Chris Tait	027 315 7815

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- advertising rate: \$2.00 per column cm
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Facebook: Motueka Valley Community 

This is a closed group with over 800 members supporting the exchange of goods, services and information within the valley. It can also serve as a place for connection during calamities.

www.mva.org.nz

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