

Motueka Valley Association Newsletter

The River, The Land, The People

August 2022

A Conversation About Trapping

Thanks to Scott Nichol and Gerald Bruce-Smith who came to share their trapping experiences and expertise at the Ngatimoti Community room last month. A small number of community members gathered for an informative and intimate conversation about the best ways to trap rats, mustelids -stoats, weasels, ferrets, - and possums. Scott and Gerald brought along several traps – Department of Conversation ‘current agreed best practice models’ – DOC150 single set tunnel design and DOC200 double set tunnel design, as well as an Envirotools Flipping Timmy possum trap and a Goodnature A24 stoat and rat trap. All DOC traps meet the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) guidelines and are designed to exclude non-target species, guide target species and provide public safety.

There was also some discussion about monitoring for pest species using a home-made tracking tunnel for stoats, weasels and rats with tracking tunnel cards. Scott and Gerald are both passionate trappers and happy to help any landowner with predator control. Contact Scott 021 541962.

Further information can be found from Predator Free 2050 – Practical Guide To Trapping available from the local DOC office in Motueka or online www.doc.govt.nz/predator-free-2050.



‘Our vulnerable native taonga – wildlife.

Before the arrival of humans, the only native land mammals in New Zealand were three species of bats; New Zealand was primarily a land of birds, small lizards and invertebrates. Our native species evolved without mammalian predators, making them especially vulnerable when these animals arrived.=

Due to our country’s unique natural history, our extinction rates are among the highest in the world. This is largely due to the impact of introduced predators, invasive species and loss of habitat.

Our native wildlife need three things: safety from predators, suitable habitat and enough genetic diversity for long-term resilience. Of these, the first – safety from predators – needs addressing most urgently.’

Taken from “Predator Free 2050 – Practical Guide To Trapping”, p2.



Ngatimoti Playgroup is Back

Ngatimoti Playgroup started back up recently with a special session with Flossie the Balloon Lady. Flossie brought her own unique blend of magic, giant bubbles, and face-painting for the children of the Motueka Valley.

Maybe you have a pre-schooler who would love to come and join Ngatimoti Playgroup?

Playgroup is well equipped with heaps of toys including outside ride-ons, puzzles, building blocks, dress-ups, train sets, arts and crafts, and a giant sand pit for endless hours of fun for those diggers in the family. You can get messy here at playgroup and save it happening at home!

Ngatimoti is known for its friendly and open-minded community and their doors are always open to those who may be new to the area, new to parenting, or those just looking to create friendships while their children play. Living rurally can have its' challenges and it is easy to feel isolated when you are caring for tamariki at home. Playgroup provides a relaxed environment in which to meet others in a similar situation.

Giving your children the opportunity to play is invaluable to their wellbeing and cognitive development. Letting them explore, solve, imagine, fail, succeed and repeat is something we offer without judgement or interference. The best way we can prepare our tamariki for the world is by giving them opportunities to explore it through play.

Playgroup can also provide an easy transition into school life. Becoming familiar with the Ngatimoti School grounds, teachers and some of the routines can help your child to feel more relaxed about starting their school life. The new entrants' class welcomes Playgroup families to join with storytime in their classroom every Friday just before lunch, and so little ones can get the chance to meet their future teacher and class.

We know that sometimes it is hard getting out of the house when you have babies or toddlers, so drop by at a time that suits you. You can chat with other parents over a cuppa, as tea and coffee is provided while your children get stuck into some play.

Keep an eye on the Ngatimoti Playgroup Facebook page as they have some special music, movement, and messy play sessions coming up this term. So bring some friends and join in the fun!

*Ngatimoti Playgroup operates on Fridays during term time between 9.15–12.15 at Rathgar House, Ngatimoti School on Greenhill Rd.
Enquiries to Sophie 021 0220 6977*



We are a friendly group of parents running play sessions for children aged 0 - 6.

We operate every Friday morning during term time between 9.15 and 12.15 at Rathgar House (Ngatimoti School Hall, Greenhill Road)

Sessions are free and tea and coffee is provided.

All are welcome so come along and join the fun!

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Mid-Winter Pot Luck

Another warm and wonderful Mid-winter evening with over 70 people gathering to celebrate and catch up with friends and neighbours. Thanks to all those who came to help with setting up the hall and thanks to all who stayed behind to clean up.

The Next MVA Meeting Is

Wednesday 10 August, 7.30pm
Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All Welcome!



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Motueka Valley Community

A group with over 2700 members, who are not necessarily living in the valley, but have the valley at heart.

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Sunday 14th August 2022

5.30-7.00 pm

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Contact - 021 148 0161

Ngatimoti School News

August 2022



**He taonga
rongonui te aroha
ki te tangata.**

Goodwill towards others
is a precious treasure.

Last month our Senior Class was entertained by a past pupil, Ben Brown. Ben is NZ's first ever Reading Ambassador. He entertained us with stories of mischief at school and told us about his everyday life as a child growing up in Ngatimoti. He was motivated to read after his father "threw a book" at him. That book was Tom Sawyer. It would be interesting to hear from others which book clicked them into reading!

Here are some words taken from Ben's blog ...

Reading for pleasure. Reading for fun. Reading because it makes you think better, feel better, know better.

No carrots. No sticks. Just words. W ... O ... R ... D ... S. Humanity owes everything to words. They are our greatest invention. Learning to write and read them is our greatest innovation. Nothing else comes close.

Also last term the Seniors had a great day out in Motueka with Sport Tasman's Ride On programme, teaching safe cycling skills. Hopefully with the Motueka River leg of the Great Taste Trail coming right past school, more of us will be able to ride to school in the future.

This term our science and social studies learning is based around Homes, Houses, Huts and Habitats. We have lots of sports including free tennis lessons for everyone and Winter Sports inter-school competitions for Year 4 to 8 students. Pet Day is planned towards the end of the term and we will be busy thinking about Festival, which Scarecrows, signs, sorting and sunshine will all be a part of the plan!

If you are able to help us with the Festival in any way, please let us know =)

Nominations for School Board Elections are underway. Nominations close on 3 August.

PLAYGROUP: Playgroup for all pre-schoolers aged 0 - 6 is not officially a part of Ngatimoti School, but the Friday sessions which are held in Rathgar House (the old school hall) are a gentle way for children to learn a little about school. The playgroup is also an excellent way for parents to meet other parents and for children to have fun in a different setting. Playgroup needs kids, so please consider coming along on a Friday morning, anytime from 10 a.m. till 12 midday. Its free!



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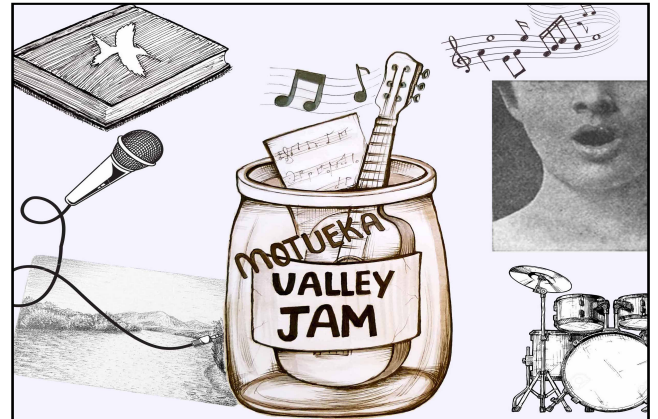
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Motueka Valley Association

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Everyone always welcome!

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