

The *Motueka Catchment Collective* has received funding for 8000 native trees

Thanks to the organisation *Trees That Count*, 5000 of these native trees will be planted at 11 community plantings across the catchment to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These public gatherings are great opportunities to meet up with the local community whilst supporting the Motueka Catchment Collective with positive actions on the ground.

All are welcome as we would love you to be involved. Come prepared for planting and bring your own spade!

Please use this link to pre-register your interest in participating in one or more of the community planting events. This will allow us to provide you with the physical address, more information on the individual project and to contact you if the event needs to be delayed due to rain etc.

You can also use this link to become part of the Motueka Catchment Collective and learn more about what we are doing.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKR25B8



Community Planting Days

Mytton Heights Saturday, 25th June, 10am

Tapawera-Baton Road *Thursday, 30th June, 12.30pm*

Brooklyn Monday, 4th July, 11am

Tadmor Road Saturday, 9th July, 10am

Stanley Brook Saturday, 23rd July, 10am

Woodstock Saturday, 23rd July, 10.30am

Upper Stanley Brook Road Tuesday, 26th July, 10am

Clarke Valley Road Saturday, 13th August, 10am

Shaggery Sunday, 14th August, 10.30am

Herring Stream Road Saturday, 27th August

Ngatimoti Community Planting Day

Despite drizzle, it was an inspiring turn-out for the Ngatimoti planting held on Saturday 18th June. Over 30 local residents, many from Greenhill Road, came to plant more than 400 native species on an area of private land by the Motueka river.









Sharing the Power of Music Through Movement

Movement is inherently embedded within music, you cannot have music without movement..."

says Marie Willis as she explains her work and joy.

Marie is a Music Educator and past Registered Music Therapist who recently moved to the valley from Auckland with her husband Kamal and their young child. She plays clarinet, piano, flute, recorder and saxophone, and has tutored each of these instruments, taking on her first student in Southampton, UK when she was 15 years old.

After completing her music degree with honours, Marie worked as a teacher aide, specialising in music at a school for children with Autism to gain experience of working with people in community, prior to embarking on further training in Music Therapy. It was during this time that she engaged in a music pedagogy training called Dalcroze Eurhythmics which had an enormous impact upon her, both as a musician and as a person.

Dalcroze Eurhythmics_is described as a form of education in music *through* music. Émile Jaques-Dalcroze (1865-1950), Swiss composer and educator, was the originator of this approach to learning and teaching music. Working with students of the Geneva Conservatoire who were technically advanced but whose playing lacked vitality and expressive musicianship, Dalcroze set about formulating an approach that developed a comprehensive array of musicianship skills using whole-body movement to music to train the instrument of the body, the voice, and the ear, and to develop creative improvisation skills.

Eurhythmics means 'economy of movement; good rhythm'. Dalcroze Eurhythmics is not to be confused with Steiner Eurythmy.

Of her training experience in Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Marie writes: "With 11 other University and Conservatoire music graduates, we began a journey of experiencing music and responding to music through our bodies...We marched and ran, leapt and rolled, skipped and shimmied, melted and froze in an instant; we rose and dropped, expanded and recoiled, we stamped and we tip-toed, we raced and lumbered, and we grew to understand music in all its expressive glory...".

Uprooting from London in 2007, Marie arrived in Auckland. There, she worked as a Registered Music Therapist for eight years alongside engaging with music tutoring roles. When she describes the work she is doing now, Marie exudes with warmth, enthusiasm, and zeal:

"My greatest passion at the moment is my 'Musical Moments' classes and I use some of the tools that come from my training in Dalcroze Eurhythmics with these classes."

As Marie explains, the classes are primarily for parents and other adult family members, with an emphasis on encouraging and empowering them to become musical cocreators with their children. Marie seeks to foster the adult's confidence as a musical being inspired to engage in creating a myriad of musical moments on a daily basis; for the joys of shared music-making, and for the numerous non-musical benefits for carer and for child development.

The hour classes follow a familiar structure, yet with scope for organic flow to suit the needs and inspiration of the moment. Classes begin with a welcome song followed by a warm-up for body and voice and a 'musical morsel':

"...a quote I have found, a nugget of inspiration or encouragement for families usually relating to the power of voice or power of song or lullabies, and is a way to encourage parents to sing with their children on a daily basis", Marie says, "Parents can reflect on this later in the session when there is a parent-sharing time".



Paying careful attention to matching movements to lyrics and musical elements, Marie offers songs or rhymes related to beat, pitch, positive touch, stimulation, calming; and a song for parents:

"...an encouraging, reassuring type song so when parents are fatigued and up in the middle of the night at 3 o'clock again, they can be singing or humming this song as a reassurance that: 'this too shall pass, there are other people in the world going through the same as what I'm going through, and I have support.' It's more of an adult song they can sing for themselves", Marie explains.

"The pitch, beat, and movement songs are there as frameworks for parents to use with their children. I encourage them to adapt and improvise with them and to engage in 'lyric substitution' which is where you take a familiar song and rewrite the words to suit the moment."

When families have commenced the 10-class series

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Predator Trapping

Ngatimoti Community Room, Wednesday 13th July, 8pm

Aotearoa is planning to be predator-free by 2050. Many local communities around Aotearoa are working hard to get rid of possums, stoats, rats, feral cats and protect our native birdlife. Trapping sites can be found on TrapNZ website.

In the valley, many are experienced with trapping the predators knowing which trap to use, when and where. We are lucky to have Friends of Whio who have several trapping sites along Motueka River with the aim of protecting Whio and their nesting sites.



If you want to learn more about trapping come along to Ngatimoti Community Room where Scott Nicol, a passionate trapper and valley landowner together with Gerald Bruce-Smith from Friends of Flora will be presenting their trapping experiences and tips. They will bring a display of different traps as well and can answer any questions you may have about trapping.



Connect on Facebook:

Motueka Valley Community

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

Motueka Valley Residents Group

A group for people residing in the Motueka Valley area.

Sharing the Power of Music *Through* Movement

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they are sent a link to songs and additional resources as an aid to consolidating the class material. 'Musical Moments' is currently held at Imagine Theatre in Motueka. There is potential for a group in Ngatimoti if there is sufficient interest. For enquires about classes, private tutoring or workshops please email Marie on mariembagley@gmailcom

Fiona Nelson - Reporter

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Music classes for parents and baby to bond through music

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MUSIC THROUGH MOVEMENT

Group music classes for 5-6 year olds

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Enquires to Music Educator/Facilitator, Marie Willis on mariembaglev@gmail.com 021 0654 572

The next Musical Moments series is due to start in the final week of July. To register interest go to: https://forms.gle/nJF9eaygoKhGpnwo8

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Do you have local news or a valid community issue to raise?

Let us know! newsletter@mvz.org.nz

The Next MVA Meeting Is

Wednesday 13 July, 7.30pm Ngatimoti Community Rooms

All Welcome!

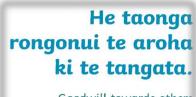
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Terms and Holiday Dates 2022

Term Two: 2 May - 8 July Queen's Birthday - Monday 6 June Matariki holiday - Friday 24 June

Term Three: 25 July - 30 September Term Four: 17 October - 15 December





Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

NGATIMOTI FESTIVAL DAY - SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER © Stall holder applications open in Term 3.

Please send expressions of interest to ngatimoti.school.nz We are optimistic that our 20th Festival is able to go ahead this year. Thank you for your continued support!



A few hardy students took the plunge for our annual mid-winter swim in the school pool recently!

We have enjoyed a lot of learning and celebrating around Matariki this year, with a fun and well supported disco, as well as our annual mid=winter swim. We have also had lots of learning about scooters, bikes and road safety, and enjoyed a great performance of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' from NZ Playhouse.



Swimming Pool Key holders If you have not yet done so, please return your pool key to the school office for your \$10 refund within school hours or contact the school to arrange. Thank you!

Our students have enjoyed a series of Environmental learning sessions in Term 2 where groups have monitored insect life, helped maintain the health of our local stream, investigated some of the Māori perspectives on environmental issues and planted some native trees up at Ed Stevens' place in Greenhill Road. Thanks Ed!

Left: Pete gives the thumbs up to our planting programme with Ed.

In Term 3 we look forward to more environmental education, including some outdoor cooking and learning about ecological buildings. We also have our 20th Festival to plan! Watch this space ©

New enrolments are welcome at Ngatimoti School. For more information please contact Alison Turner Tel: 03 526 8842. office@ngatimoti.school.nz www.ngatimoti.school.nz





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- Ngatimoti Community Rooms/Fire Station Motueka Valley Highway next to Ngatimoti School
- Pokororo Hall
 West Bank Road at corner of Graham Valley

Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group is a registered charity (CC50792). Donations towards the maintenance of the AEDs can be made to: Motueka Valley Defibrillator Group, NBS acc # 03-1354-0474291-00 or contact Gloria Anderson, chairperson, on 526 8644 for more information.



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> Sessions are free and teal and coffee is provided.

All are welcome so come along and join the tun!

For any encuiries contact Sophie 021 0220 6977

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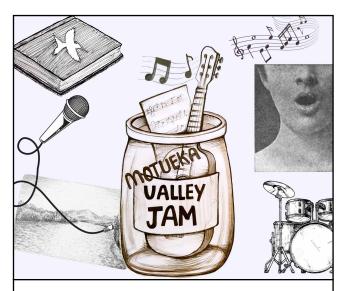
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Motueka Valley Open Mic

Come and check out our awesome valley's local musicians, storytellers, comedians and diverse folk for a night of whatever goes on the mic. All are welcome to participate

or just come and enjoy. The 2nd Thursday of every month, 7.30pm Proudly supported by Ngatimoti Hall Committee and the MVA. Koha Appreciated



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Motueka Valley Association

Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8pm (7.30pm in winter) in the Ngatimoti Community Rooms.

Everyone always welcome!

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

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