



Ngutunui Newsletter

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Kia ora whānau o te kura o Ngutunui,

And just like that, it's week 4! It was not the start of the term we were all expecting and very sad to have to postpone our school camp but it was the best call to ensure everyone's safety. I am excited to inform you that we have managed to get available space at Lake Okataina Education and Recreation Centre for 15-19 May (Week 4 Term 2), so mark the date on your calendar. We are very appreciative of the parents who volunteered their time to join us on camp, we will need parent support in May so please indicate your interest as soon as possible.

This week our students and teachers have their first full week in the classroom so ensuring structure and routines are set in place. The students have been extremely resilient with the news of camp being postponed and the interruption during the cyclone.

Ngutunui School will run a fundraising no uniform day (gold coin donation) and a \$2 sausage sizzle lunch on March 1st with all proceeds going to NZ Red Cross for their efforts in supporting families in Hawkes Bay and Gisborne/ East Cape areas affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. The loss and devastation being endured has been made clear to all of us.

Ngutunui School PC4L (Positive Culture for Learning)

Our focus to start the year is to revisit our school values so that students are living and understanding our values in the real world (in the classroom, the playground, on the bus, on outings etc)

- Be Respectful
- Be Kind
- Be Curious

We have started the term with a focus on RESPECT, what that looks like, sounds like and feels like. We would appreciate your support at home to identify RESPECT and celebrate this behaviour as our students show it.

Sunsmart

- all students require a wide-brim / bucket hat for use outside
- Sunscreen, please apply prior to coming to school & sunscreen is available to students during the day
- hydration - please ensure your child has their own named drink bottle for water



Waiwhakata Farm

This week we start our group trips to Waiwhakata Farm (Robertson Road). This term our focus is on pests so on these first visits the students will be laying tracking tunnels, which they will then collect and analyse the data from. You will be notified when your child's group is set to head off to the farm so please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear and clothing for walking on the farm. If you have any old pairs of gumboots laying around the house that are still in good nick and no longer need please send them along to school so we can have a bin of gumboots that kids could use when we are off to the farm (if they forgot their gumboots).

We have complied with health and safety guidelines for these EOTC trips, if you would like to view the RAMS forms please feel free to request these.

The students will all be given high-vis vests to wear while on the farm.

If for any reason you would prefer that your child does not participate in the local excursion please contact Sharyn at principal@ngutunui.school.nz

We are very excited to get our Waiwhakata Wednesdays underway and living our localised curriculum.

Reminders

- daily swimming: please ensure your child has a towel and togs daily
- please ensure all clothing is named, therefore easy to return to the rightful owner

What's coming up:

- Wed 22nd weekly group visits to Waiwhakata Farm start: EOTC
- Wed 1st March - NO UNIFORM Day fundraiser (GOLD COIN DONATION) & \$3 hot dog lunch - ALL PROCEEDS TO RED CROSS
- Wed 8th March Waikato Touch workshops
- Thurs 9th March Y7&8 weekly Exploration (Tech Arts) starts @ Pirongia School
- 14th March Kawhia Moana Swimming Sports Y4-8(those who qualify)
- 17th March Lower Waipa Swimming Sports (those who qualify)
- 6th April Last day Term 1
- Monday 24th April TOD (MOE Curric Refresh)
- Tuesday 25th ANZAC Day
- Wednesday 26th First Day Term 2
- 5th May School Photos
- 15-19th May School Camp (second time lucky)

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