



Ngatimoti School Newsletter

Week Five, Term One 2025



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Term 1 Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT / SUN
NEXT WEEK Week 6		11 March Room 5 parent evening 5pm	12 March Interschool's swim sports for selected students	13 March	14 March Cakes & Juicies for sale	15/16 March – ATYA retreat
Week 7	17 March Sport Tasman ball skills training for R1 & R3	18 March	19 March Tryathlon PARENT GROUP AGM 3pm	20 March	21 March Moturoa Mission for Y5-8 enviroleaders	22/23 March
Week 8	24 March	25 March	26 March Board meeting	27 March	28 March	29/30 March
Week 9	31 March TEACHER ONLY DAY – no school	1 April	2 April	3 April	4 April	5/6 April
Week 10	7 April	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April Last day T1	12/13 April Holidays!

Thanks to so many parents for the support last week. The Rooms 1 and 3 class meeting was well attended - thank you for coming along! Thanks to all the parents who have met with a class teacher, to discuss your child's learning. Thanks also to Garrick and Catherine for oiling our waharoa (carving at the entrance). Your time and positive actions are most appreciated.



Our enviroleaders whizzed up amazing bike-powered fresh fruit smoothies for everyone last week, as a part of their first enviro-leaders' meeting. Jordan, Sahara, Connor, Shylo, Bella and Reign are pictured.

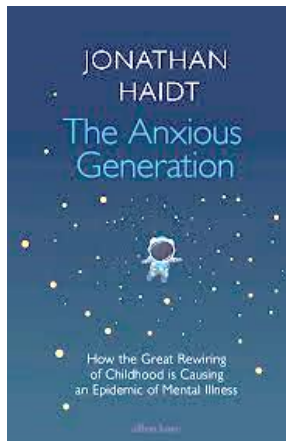


Announcing our 2025 Student Council: Congratulations to

Lucy, Stella, Pedro, Viggo, Leon, Eva, Tara, Alex, William, Lacie and Sam on being selected for this role, where you will take leadership roles, organise events, model the RIVER values and be a voice for others. The first Student Council meeting will be an opportunity to check the Emergency Evacuation Kit (E.E.K) and plan our Tryathlon! 😊

Thank you to those of you who have paid your Motec materials donation to school. Payments are now due of \$80 for the year for Year 7 & 8 students to Ngatimoti School BOT 03 1354 0359568 00 or with cash at the office.

WELCOME STELLA!
This week we have a teacher trainee from the University of Canterbury observing and helping in all classes. Welcome to Ngatimoti School Stella, we hope you are enjoying your week with us 😊



Recently I have been reading an interesting book about anxiety in children. There are many reasons that this could be on the increase, and in the book, there are many pearls of wisdom. One I am sharing today is:

Many of us are 'over protecting' our children in the real world while 'under protecting' them online.

To me, this could mean that we know, do and say a lot about physical safety e.g. wear your helmet, slow down, don't climb too high, be careful... but what do we know, do or say about what they might (often innocently) be exposed to online? Children's brains are being wired to learn to cope with the stresses of everyday living. They need some elements of physical risk to learn

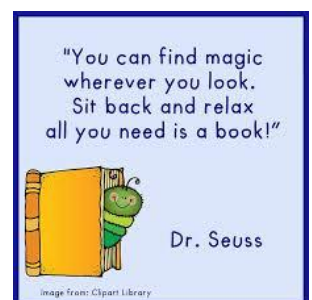
to cope, such as falling over when they are learning to walk. Online risks on the other hand can confuse the brain and upset the wiring. Children can become addicted very quickly to online experiences, they can see things that their brains are just not ready for, and this causes confusion, worry and sometimes shame. They do not have the communication skills to cope, and over time brains can be wired so that online lives become normalised. Please consider the quote above about 'under protecting' your children when online. If anyone is ever interested in reading this book, please let me know! Ali



Best Wishes to Sahara who will be 12 years old this Friday! Have a great day Sahara, from all of us here at School!

Librarians 2025 Our student Librarians for 2025 are:

- Room 3: River, Lacie, Poppy, Anna, Sol, Waiata
- Room 4: Ardy, Connor R, Silvanis, Castiel, Juniper, Amelia
- Room 5: Madi, Manu, Ari



Issue 2 of this year's book club brochures out now!

From every order placed, 20% of the value is credited to school for us to shop for library books. That's 20c for every dollar spent. Thank you for your orders! Brochures are available from the school office or library.



At the first meeting of our School Board, Andy McFarland agreed to continue as Presiding Member this year. Other board members are Andy Gaul, Chops Prouting, Rebecca Douglas, Rochelle Roberts is our Staff Rep, and Alison Turner, Principal.

This year is Board triennial election year, and the date of election has been agreed as 10 September. Although this is a while away, if you are considering joining the board you can see further information at

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

PARENT GROUP NEWS Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on **Wednesday 19 March** (to be confirmed) and this year there are several officer roles which will need to be re-elected. Our Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary are all parents of senior students, and it is time to hand over the reins to parents of the younger children at school. Also at the AGM, Parent Group will decide on the donations to be made from the 2024 Festival. This is an important meeting, and we encourage as many of you to attend as possible.

Cakes and Juicies for sale each Friday. Each Friday we have a parent baking roster to provide cakes for sale to our students. Funds raised go towards parent group funds. Watch out for your name on the termly roster and when it's your duty day we would appreciate you baking enough for approximately 30 pieces of cake/slice to sell for \$1 each. Please send your child with one dollar for a piece of cake and one dollar for a Juicie if you wish. They should also bring a healthy lunch on Fridays. Our Parents Group Cake Coordinator is Laura 022 084 2606

For the next few weeks:

7 March - Annie (Benji) & Candice (Te Rehua, Waiata)

Wk 6: 14 March - Jason (Amelia) & Charlie (Lucy)

Wk 7: 21 March - Amy (Eva) & Josh (Kaidyn)

Wk 8: 28 March - Laura (Thea, Maisey) & Tobias (Manu, Maya)

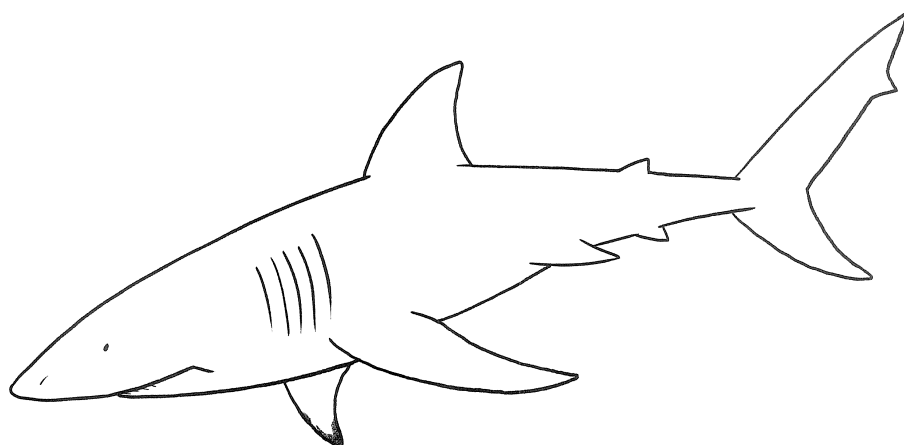
Wk 9: 4 April - Brooke (Xavier) & Sebastian (Marius)

Wk 10: 11 April - Greg (Silvanis) & Bex (Orianna, Milena)

**Wiltshire lambs for sale.
Call Andrea 021 104 2609**

**LOST SPARKLY OWL
KEYRING - Leon in Rm 4**

HAY BALES FOR SALE - Small bales \$7.75 each - Contact Davina 022 670 2281



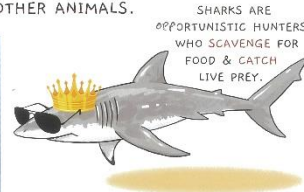
SURROUND THE SHARK WITH COLOURFUL FISH!

YUM!

The Great White Shark
APEX PREDATOR OF THE OCEAN

INTRODUCING... THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN, THE APEX PREDATOR... THE GREAT WHITE SHARK.
GREAT WHITES DON'T HAVE ANY ANIMALS HUNTING THEM, INSTEAD THEY ARE THE HUNTERS. THEIR ROLE IN THE **ECOSYSTEM** (WHICH INCLUDES ALL THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN AN AREA) IS TO KEEP THE BALANCE OF NATURE BY CONTROLLING THE POPULATION OF OTHER ANIMALS.

MENU	
FISH	
DOLPHINS	
RAY'S	
SHARKS	
SEALS	
SEABIRDS	



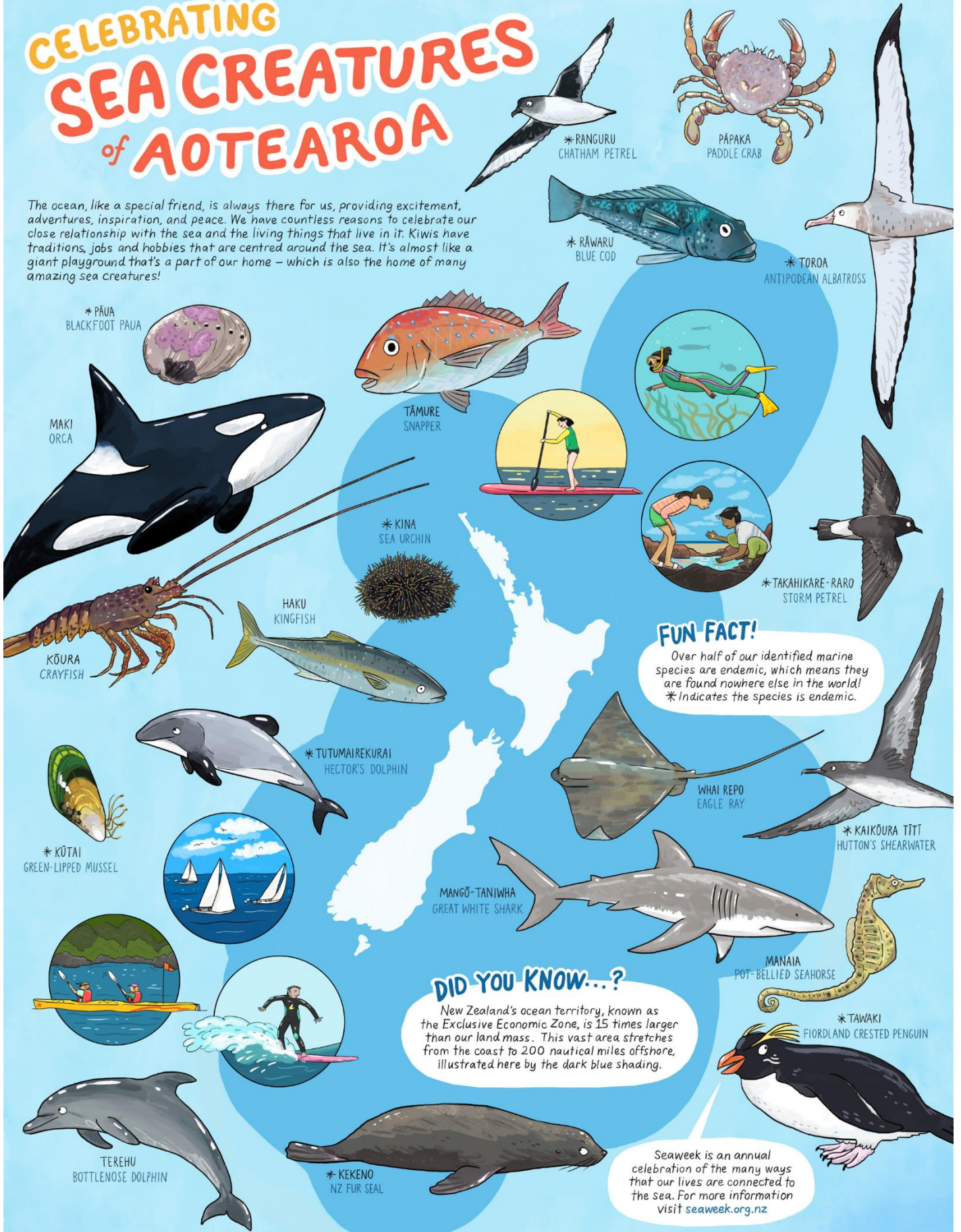
“EVEN THOUGH I HAVE 300 TEETH, I DO NOT CHEW MY FOOD. INSTEAD, MY SHARK FRIENDS AND I PREFER TO RIP OUR PREY INTO BITE-SIZED PIECES WHICH WE THEN GULP DOWN WHOLE.”

Seaweek Sea Creatures of Aotearoa



CELEBRATING SEA CREATURES of AOTEAROA

The ocean, like a special friend, is always there for us, providing excitement, adventures, inspiration, and peace. We have countless reasons to celebrate our close relationship with the sea and the living things that live in it. Kiwis have traditions, jobs and hobbies that are centred around the sea. It's almost like a giant playground that's a part of our home – which is also the home of many amazing sea creatures!



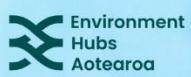
FUN FACT!

Over half of our identified marine species are endemic, which means they are found nowhere else in the world!
* Indicates the species is endemic.

DID YOU KNOW...?

New Zealand's ocean territory, known as the Exclusive Economic Zone, is 15 times larger than our land mass. This vast area stretches from the coast to 200 nautical miles offshore, illustrated here by the dark blue shading.

Seaweek is an annual celebration of the many ways that our lives are connected to the sea. For more information visit seaweek.org.nz



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