



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

3.4	"Go Green" - Junior & Middle Syndicates
3.4	Assembly, 2pm - Room 1 leading
6.4	Room 8 Camp
7.4	Year 7/8 Summer Tournament
7.4	PTA Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
9.4	Year 7/8 Summer Tournament postponement date
9.4	End of Term 1
12.4	EASTER FAIR
27.4	Start of Term 2
1 .5	Mad Hair Day
8 .5	Assembly, 2pm - Room 7 leading
11.5	Book Fair
22.5	Assembly, 2pm - Room 8 leading
28.5	Disco Years 1-4 5.30pm - 6.45pm; Years 5-8 7pm - 8.30pm
29.5	Teacher Only Day - school closed
1 .6	Queen's Birthday - school closed

Dear Parents

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Room 7 while they were on camp at Totaranui. They were having a fabulous time and learning much about living and working together. We cannot always assess the learning that takes place on such experiences but no one who attends would question for a moment the value of such an experience. The values and key competencies learnt are equally as important as the skills they develop in respect to kayaking, abseiling, bush walking etc.

This morning (Tuesday) Room 9 packed up a vast range of equipment and headed of to Lake Rotoiti for their class camp. Once again the children concerned are in for a great experience in a beautiful part of New Zealand. We wish them well.

Easter Fair is now very close and we encourage every parent to give us a hand in whatever way possible. With thanks to Sue Fox and the Easter Fair Team of 2008 the school received a cheque for \$18,440 last week. This is a substantial amount and will go far to providing top resources and experiences for our students. Angela Fon and this year's team are putting in huge hours to see that the 2009 fair is as good as any other year. Do consider how you can assist and give us a call. We'd love to hear from you.

We do hope that you had an opportunity during parent interviews to visit the Property Development Plan display that was presented in the foyer. If you did miss it then it remains on show at present and we welcome your having a look. We also hope that you took up the chance for a parent/teacher/child interview and found this informative and of value.

All the best to the Junior Teaching Team as they 'Go Green' both environmentally and physically this Friday.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Neil Chalmers
Principal

WHO AM I? POEMS

Original idea by Dr Seuss, poems by Room 4

Who am I?
My name is Hoof.
I don't like flies
on my roof.
I tried to get them
off my roof,
but they kept
coming back.
By James

Who am I?
My name is Ko.
My car goes so
very, very slow.
I tried to make
it go fast,
but I always come
so very last.
By Marco

Who am I?
My name is Max.
I have a lot of
car wax.
My children chat
and chat all the
way home.
I wish that I
could be alone!
By Zak

Who am I?
My name is Nussy.
I lost my teddy
and its name is Bussy.
One day I bought
a mouse.
And I bought it to my
house.
By Shiloh

Who am I?
My name is Toom.
My sister keeps
coming.
Into my room!
By Selena

Who am I?
My name is Jed.
Someone is sleeping
on my bed.
I do not care,
because there is dust
everywhere!
By Amelia

Swimming Pool Keys

Thanks to those parents who have returned their pool keys. We ask that outstanding keys be returned as early as possible please. Thanks for your assistance with this.

ICAS Exams

Next Wednesday is the cut off date for the entries. Please put the money in a named envelope and place in the box on the office counter.

FURNITURE FOR SALE

Rectangular Tables - Approximately 1 metre x 70 cm - blue tops and slides for tote trays underneath (tote trays available for these if required).

Teacher Desks x 2
Student desks x 5
Chairs - mixed x 3

ALL ON A BEST OFFER BASIS

BOT SPOT – TERM 1

For those new to Mapua School this year, the BoT Spot is the place for news regarding the activities of your Board of Trustees (the BoT). To give a summary of our work this term:

The Education Review Office visited the school in December and their draft report hit our mailboxes in the summer holidays. We have reviewed the written draft and given feedback to the Office, whose final report is imminent. The Board was very pleased with the observations made by ERO at the exit interview in December, and with a very positive draft report. Reading between the lines of review-speak, they think Mapua is a wonderful school, too! We look forward to sharing the report's results with you when published.

Amongst the first orders of business for the year was also the review of the school's Annual Budget. Many thanks to Treasurer Gary Breakspeare and Neil for their work in this area.

As many of you know, a focus for the Board since Term 3 of last year has been on establishing a Property Development Plan, which was recently finalised. Thank you to those who have taken time out to review the Plan in the foyer. This was a large and important project for the Board, with the purpose of providing a strong yet flexible backbone on which to structure Mapua School's growth, so it can be done in a considered, cohesive way.

To this end, members of the Board met for a brainstorming session on Sunday to review what projects are pending and to prioritise future spending. The greatest pending project is the establishment of a 10th classroom alongside Room 7, for which the Board has just appointed a Project Manager. This year will also see the conversion of the Library into a classroom and the start of the redevelopment of the Room 5 block into a Library and Resource Room facility, along with upgrades to Rooms 3 and 4. With these changes, the Board will be doing a separate review regarding the needs and desires for the field and playground areas.

A priority for us is the safety of our children. We have also been addressing issues of safer vehicle and pedestrian access to the school, and will continue to work on improvements here. Thank you for your patience as work is done on the overflow carpark.

Watch this space for Term 2 news, and all the best for the upcoming school holidays!

Kind regards,

Kim Francis
Trustee

EASTER FAIR UPDATE

Pre-loved Toys and Children's Books Stall

Many thanks to those who have donated goods for these stalls. We would still be grateful for more and these can be dropped off at the school office.

House Colour Raffles

You will notice in the foyer the coloured boxes to match house colours. We are asking that each family donates an item in their house colour. We will be raffling these at the fair so the brighter the better. Which house will have the biggest and brightest raffle?

Thanks again for supporting the Mapua Easter Fair 2009

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TASBAY KIDZ NEWS: Thanks to all those families who have supported the after school programme this term - we do different activities every day and have lots of fun - so if you are ever stuck for child care give us a call.

We have an awesome holiday programme organised running from Tuesday 14th April - Friday 24th April. Check out the Boredom Busters Mag when you get it from school or phone me, Sal on 027 406 8109 for further details. Have a good Easter.

Mapua and Districts Football Club Day - Sunday, 5th April, 12 noon, at the Domain. Sausage sizzle, games, photos. See you there....

Do you use the unsealed section of George Harvey Road, Mahana? If so, there is a submission to the TDC to have this road sealed in their 10 year plan. Please sign the sheet at the school office before 9 April so that this can be submitted. Many thanks.

Dramatix Theatre Development Trust presents Anzac Commemoration Weekend 2009. At Founders Heritage Park on 25th and 26th April. Daily displays and activities. \$2 entry to Founders Park.

Nelson Multi-Ethnic Council invites you to a Global Family Fun Day at Victory Square Park on ANZAC Day (25th April 2009), 1pm – 3.30pm. Families big & small join in the fun - Family relay race; Centipede race; Tug of peace; Fun activities for all ages. Cool prizes to be won! Ride your bikes and be in to win a spot prize! Catch the Big Red Bus from Richmond, Stoke, Tahunanui or Trafalgar Street. To book your seats on the bus, email info@nmec.org.nz or phone 539 0030 before 20/4/09. [All children under 8 yrs. must be accompanied by responsible adult over 16 yrs.]Nelson Multi-Ethnic Council.

Hockey: It is not too late to join Tasman Hockey for the 2009 season! We welcome players from all grades and abilities. Please contact Andrea McMahon 5444148 or Janet Burns 5441806. We would like to have you on the turf with us!

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