



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

- 10.2 Intermediate Team - Meet the Teacher, 5.30 - 6pm
Senior Syndicate Camp Night, 7pm
- 12.2 School Tryathlon
- 16.2 School Photos
- 17.2 Middle Syndicate - Meet the Teacher BBQ, 5pm
- 19.2 Principal's Assembly, 2.15pm
- 22.2 Swimming Sports - Senior/Intermediate Syndicates 9am - 1pm
- 23.2 Room 9 Camp
- 24.2 Middle Syndicate Swimming Demonstration
- 25.2 Postponement date for Senior Swimming Sports
- 26.2 Junior Syndicate Swimming Demonstration

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new term and school year. We're looking forward to a fantastic and successful year and wish to work with you to make this the best year ever for your children. The weather's great, the children even better, we have a fabulous staff team on board, the PTA and BOT are enthusiastic, and the Mapua School community are a wonderful bunch of people – what more could be done to make this a great year?!

We wish to very warmly welcome all students to this new year and add a special note to new pupils and their families. We know that Mapua will welcome you with open arms and simply ask that you keep us in touch with your thoughts and ideas regarding the educational experience delivered here. Together we can make this not only good, but great! Also a very warm welcome to new members of the staff team. Simon Clearwater has been appointed teacher of Room 5 and Lorraine Powers is relieving as Teacher Aide Special Needs in Room 8. It's great to have these two skilled people on-board and we know that Mapua School will be that much richer for their input.

If you venture around the corner to where the adventure playground used to be you'll find our newest classroom – Room 11. This is where Mandy Stephens and the Year 8's are based for the 2010 year and it's looking great. Our thanks to Opus International, Trubet Holdings, and all the firms and trades people associated with this project.

We are very aware that this first project of the Property Development Plan has taken longer to complete than we first imagined, but wish to assure the school community that the Board are working hard to see a number of other projects completed this school year including another classroom, a verandah outside Rooms 6 and 7, a library and resource room, upgrading of Rooms 3 and 4, the extension of Room 10, etc. There's much to be done and we are very excited by the prospect and enthusiastic to have these facilities up and running for students.

This term presents a number of interesting events and experiences for our students and the school community. Coming up we have a visit to the school by the Variety Bash, the annual school tryathlon, meet the teacher opportunities, school photos, senior swimming sports, Room 5,8,9,7, and 11 camps, a Big Day Out for the senior learning team, swimming demonstration days by the middle and junior learning teams, school wide assessment, the Motueka Area swimming sports, Kiwidex fitness, senior school sports, house leader selection and presentations, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Ruby Bay By Pass Open Day organised by the PTA, and to cap it all off the annual Easter Fair which is also organised through the PTA and led, in this instance, by Easter Fair Trust Fair Coordinator, Angela Fon.

Class programmes are up and running and aside from core numeracy/mathematics and literacy teaching, classes and learning teams will be focusing on this term's integrated topic "It's not just about me" where a focus on community (class, school and wider) and shared responsibility will feature.

Best wishes to everyone for the year ahead. Together we aim to ensure that Mapua School students will 'Be All They Can'.

Neil Chalmers,
Principal

Room 11's Views on the New Classroom

We are very fortunate to have a brand new classroom for our Year 8 students. It has been purpose built with them in mind and these are Room 11's thoughts on it after Day One:

- It's spacious for Year 8 students who take up more room. (Kynan)
- The air conditioning unit helps us focus on a hot day. (Keegan)
- Having the cloak bay outside means there is more room for us inside. (Brittany)
- It feels like it's a lighter atmosphere with all the colours and windows. (Lucy S)
- It is right next to the playground so we can get there first! (Laura)
- The sliding doors make for easy access and are easy to use. (Lucy H)
- The verandah is a big area so we can work outside effectively. (Keegan)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Gymnastics and Movement Sessions - A notice was sent home yesterday with the youngest and only children in each family.

Creative Kidz - Creative Drama and Movement Programme - A notice regarding this was also sent home yesterday with the youngest and only children in each family.

Oamaru Stone Sculpture classes @ Fouracre Park

Create your own stone sculpture in a weekend, just bring yourself and your lunch. Karyn Deck is running a two-day workshop at her house in Tasman. Come and indulge yourself in a weekend of creativity. Class numbers restricted to 10 people. ALL material provided, including stone, tools, mason sealer, safety glasses. Morning and afternoon tea provided with home-baking. 10am - 3pm, Saturday and Sunday (27-28 February) at 30 Permin Road, Tasman. Cost: \$110.00 - registration confirmed on receipt on payment. Contact Karyn on 03 5402 756 or email on richard@fouracre.co.nz

Find your wellbeing at Harmony class, a blend of yoga, pilates and chiball Starts term 1 on Wednesday 9:30am at the Playhouse. For information call Caroline 540 3315 or see www.nzharmony.com