



**"To Be All I Can"**

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

5.3	Assembly, 2pm - Room 6 leading
8.3	Rooms 11 and 7 Camp
9.3	Room 8 Camp
16.3	Room 5 Camp
19.3	Assembly, 2pm - Room 1 leading
23.3	Years 7 and 8 Summer Tournament
25.3	Years 7 and 8 Summer Tournament postponement date
26.3	House Leaders Presentation Assembly
30.3	PTA AGM at 7pm followed by meeting at 7.30pm
1.4	Last day of Term 1
4.4	EASTER FAIR
19.4	Start of Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Unbelievably we have reached the mid-point of this short first term of the year, and with all the normal events being packed into a relatively short period things have been, and are, certainly busy. However the teaching staff have focused in on student needs and establishing class routines. They report back that this process is going very well. This week students are being tested to establish a base line of their achievement from which goals for the year can be set and progress over the year measured.

Our very sincere congratulations goes out to all children who participated in either the senior and intermediate teaching team swimming sports, the junior and middle school swimming demonstrations, Sunday's 'tryathlon', or Tuesday's Motueka Area Schools' Swimming Sports. We wish to praise these students on the manner in which they performed, their positive 'can do' attitude, and the way they represented their classes, school, and community.

Camps are in full flight at this point in time and if the remainder are enjoyed and as educationally successful as Room 9's Wakamarina camp then they all will have played a very significant part in both the students' education and establishment of class links for the year ahead.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Neil Chalmers  
Principal

**The Mapua School P.T.A  
Annual General Meeting  
To be held at Mapua School  
7:00pm  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**All welcome**

**Mapua School Hats:** The small size hats are now available from the office and are \$11.50 each.

## Mapua School Swimming Sports - Reflections from some Room 8 students

I jumped up and headed for the pool. The water was as deep as 5 desks stacked on top of each other. I clung onto the side of the pool and slipped in.

“On your marks, get set, bang”. I swam as fast as an eel catching its prey. The water was so deep I couldn’t stand up. I swam and swam trying to take a breath. My heart was racing like a woodpecker’s beak.

I saw people stop. I must be at the end. I reached my hand out and smacked the wall. I was done.

Sophie

*I flinched over the pool side and splashed into the pool. The water was as warm and as inviting as a spa pool. When the race started I pushed off the wall. My heart was beating as fast as a cheetah chasing its prey.*

*I took a breath then kicked faster and faster. I zoomed through the water like a jet. I screamed inside my head, “Go faster! You’re halfway there!” I took another breath. I went faster and faster. My heart was beating as fast as it would go. Finally I reached the end of the pool. I came 2nd.*

Ellie

I was bobbing in the water at the start line and I could hear the crowd roaring “blue house, blue house!”

“Take your marks, boom!!!” I was off. I was going as fast as a snapper swimming away from a shark! I felt like I was going to burst. So close to the finish line I gave it one more heave to try to get into the interschools but I just came fourth.

I felt very sad that I didn’t get into the interschools. But I gave it all I could.

Daniel E

*On Monday I swam at Riwaka.*

Lochie

I was bobbing in the water like a floating head. “Take your marks, boom went the gun!” I was off to a good start...

I thought I was nearly there but I really wasn’t. I could faintly see splashes out of the corner of my eye...

The last six strokes, I sped up as fast as I could. I was waiting at the finish line for the school of tuna that were following me!

Analese

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Mapua and Districts Football Club Junior Football Registrations now open.** Registration forms are available from the school, or email [df911@xtra.co.nz](mailto:df911@xtra.co.nz) for an electronic copy. Registrations close March the 21<sup>st</sup> so don’t delay! Contact David Francis at [df911@xtra.co.nz](mailto:df911@xtra.co.nz) or 027 230 9942 if you have questions.”

**TENNIS - Representative Trials:** The Nelson Bays Tennis Association is currently selecting children for the Winter Regional Squad Training Programme. If anyone not already involved in the regional programme is wanting to trial out or have any enquiries about tennis in Nelson please contact Linnie Nevin - NBTA Development Officer on [lynnie@tennisnelson.co.nz](mailto:lynnie@tennisnelson.co.nz) or 0273 663 709.

**TENNIS - Lone Star Parent Child Tournament** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Tasman Tennis Centre in Richmond. You do not have to be a member of a club to play in this great fun tournament. You can play with your parent, grandparent or guardian. There are different age categories with the age limit to 18 years. For more information you can contact Linnie on [lynnie@tennisnelson.co.nz](mailto:lynnie@tennisnelson.co.nz) or entry forms can be downloaded off the [www.tennisnelson.co.nz](http://www.tennisnelson.co.nz) website.