



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

10.2.09	Middle Syndicate Barbecue, 3.30pm
11.2	Meet the Teacher, Rooms 5,6,7 and 9 - 5.30 - 6pm
11.2	PTA Meeting, 7,30pm in the Staffroom
12.2	Triathlon practice, 1.30pm
13.2	School Triathlon
16.2	Wetlands visit, Room 5
17.2	School photos
17.2	Wetlands visit, Room 7
18.2	Wetlands visit, Room 6
18.2	Junior Syndicate visit to plant nursery
19.2	Wetlands Visit, Room 9
19.2	Middle Syndicate Trip to Quinney's Bush
20.2	Principal's assembly, 2pm
24.2	Mapua Swim Sports at Riwaka (Years 5 - 8)
25.2	Middle Syndicate Swimming Demonstration
26.2	Postponement date for Swimming sports
27.2	Junior Syndicate Swimming Demonstration

Dear Parents

The day dawned bright and clear on Tuesday this week and we were greeted by lots of smiling, keen and excited faces from both the staff and students! After a quick assembly the students were all in the care of the wonderful teachers we have at Mapua School to learn about the expectations, routines, new programmes, and opportunities available this year.

We have started off slowly, with only three days of teaching and learning this week, but enough time for the students to get settled back into schooling before having a slightly longer weekend and then back into a regular routine.

The great news that we have to share with you is that on Sunday night Bridget and Neil unexpectedly greeted a wee girl into this world. All the family is doing well with the baby in neo natal care having come earlier than expected, but all is looking very positive. Neil sends his best wishes from Dunedin to all the students and their families. Also Bridget Terry welcomed another boy into her family these holidays – congratulations!

Our overarching theme for the term is sustainability and with the school also focusing on Science for topic this also includes 'ecological sustainability'. We have four new habits of mind and key competencies that will be introduced and focused on during the year:

- Striving for accuracy – managing self
- Responding with wonderment and awe – participating and contributing
- Managing impulsivity – relating to others
- Remaining open to continuous learning – thinking
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These are all great habits to develop in students so they can participate in society as positive and open-minded citizens.

Next week we have our annual tryathlon on Friday starting at 12.50pm. The students will need to bring bikes in on the morning – we will start checking these at 8.00am with the helmets before racking them ready for the races in the afternoon. The students are practicing on Thursday afternoon and will walk the course sometime on Friday morning with their classroom teacher.

The Mapua Tryathlon is a wonderful opportunity for the students to show us that they are following the vision of the school ‘ To Be All I Can’ – we hope to see you there!

Enjoy the long weekend and return safely to us on Monday.

Kind regards

Mandy Stephens

Deputy Principal

Reminder about Parking: We have two disabled parks and we would ask parents to please respect the needs of students and families for whom these spaces are importantly necessary. Also, as there have been quite a few babies born to school families, we would also request that the stork parks are left for those with babies 6 months and under. Thank you for your kind consideration and assistance with this.

Congratulations to Libby and Hayden who have been swim training up to 5 days a week over the holidays. They both qualified and competed in the Canterbury A Championships in Christchurch over 5 days of competition. Libby swam extremely well achieving several personal bests. Hayden made 7 finals, winning the silver medal in the 50m breast stroke. They are both now training hard as they have qualified for the South Island Town and Country Championships later this month representing Nelson and Marlborough. Well done and good luck!

**PTA Meeting,
Wednesday, 11 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom.**

All are welcome. Any enquiries to Lisa 5403466.

2009 TERM DATES

Term 1	Tuesday, 3 February to Thursday, 9 April
Term 2	Monday, 27 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday, 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday, 12 October to Tuesday 15 December