



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

6. 11	Kapahaka Assembly, 2pm
10.11	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in the staffroom
14.11	Moutere Hills Athletics Day
16.11	Postponement date - Athletics Day
19.11	Disco
20.11	Assembly, 2pm - Room 9 leading
24.11	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
25.11	Talent Quest, 11am
1. 12	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
3.12	Aquatics Trip - whole school
8.12	Class and Responsibilities Assembly, 11am at Hills Community Church
10.12	Year 8 and Formal Awards Assembly, 11am at Hills Community Church
14.12	School closes at 12.30pm

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday (Tuesday) was one of those very special days when you see something that assures you that great things continue to happen in this world. Kate and Jamie, Michael, and Dan had their hair shaved completely off as a fundraiser for the Nelson Cancer Society. Within the space of 30 minutes these four were completely bald and the Cancer Society was \$2,400 plus better funded – a truly fabulous outcome and one for which all concerned need to be thoroughly congratulated. Fantastically this fundraiser was very much driven by the children concerned and was initiated by Jamie and Michael. With the support of their families they tirelessly approached people about sponsorship and badgered Kate, Jamie's mum, into joining them for the 'Hair today, gone tomorrow' event. As a result of this event, kindly supported by Mapua Hair, all 240 received a strong message as to the risk of cancer, especially melanoma, the importance of covering up, and how any one of us, through persistence and drive, can play a significant role in community support groups.

We are currently working our way through the establishment of classes for 2010 and wish to provide an opportunity to all families to contact us regarding any matters they would like us to take into account regarding student placement. We are not in a position to offer unlimited options but wish to provide this opportunity for families to inform us of matters that they would like considered. We would also like to hear of any planned arrivals and departures so that we may balance classes as carefully as possible. We therefore ask that you let us know of such matters, preferably in writing or by email (neilc@mapua.school.nz), as soon as possible and no later than Friday November 13th.

It's been a great fortnight of experiences and learning for children with classes involved in many stimulating and interesting activities including the Maths Roadshow, Room 10 running a great assembly, a fabulous Moutere Hills Cluster Year 7 and 8 sporting and social interaction event, Road Safety with Constable Gerry Tonkin, Puberty Change in the Intermediate classes, and the Kapahaka group performing at the Motueka Area Kapahaka Fun Day event (Wednesday).

Best wishes to everyone for the week ahead.

Neil Chalmers

Outstanding Fees: We are kindly requesting that those with outstanding fees to please pay these as soon as possible. For things like Maths Mate, Student Diary, MOTEC etc, the students have had the use of these throughout the year. Many thanks for your assistance with this as we would like to get these settled as soon as possible.

Over the last three weeks Room 8 have been investigating Fireworks night and designing a pamphlet explaining the history behind this night and safety around fireworks. Here is some information that we discovered.

Fireworks night is November the 5th. On November the 5th Guy Fawkes had a plan to overthrow Parliament and King James the 1st with 36 barrels of gun powder. He wanted to kill him because he wanted to make a law. (But he didn't want to be the king). The evening before lighting the gunpowder... HE GOT CAUGHT! For his punishment he got executed and chopped open and then his body was put on display.

A poem we learnt:

Remember, Remember
the 5th of November
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
We see no reason why
Gunpowder treason
should ever be forgot!

By Elena and Daniel



Year 7 and 8 Cluster 'Big Day Day'

Last Wednesday Mapua School hosted the Year 7 and 8 Cluster 'Big Day Out'.

Several schools came to participate in the team building activities such as toxic waste, tug-o-war, river crossing and many others. The schools that came were: Mahana, Lower Moutere, Upper Moutere, Ngatimoti, Tasman, Dovedale, St Peter Chanel and Tasman Bay Christian School. The schools were divided up and all the students were mixed with the other schools.

The day was brilliant and we made many new friends that we will see when we go to College next year.

Our favourite activity, in the morning, was the scooter one where we had to get to the bases (tyres) and get all our team to the tyre at the very end, with only one person allowed to go at a time and no one was allowed to touch the ground at all. Then we walked down to the beach for some more team building activities, like building a tsunami proof boat made only out of sticks and stones and building a tower out of stones that people could climb up if a tsunami were to come. These creations were judged by the many teachers from the schools.

A fantastic day was had by all and we look forward to the next day in Term One next year, hosted by a different school.

To look at some photos check out Room 5's blog.....

By Tarryn and Jade

Disco, disco, disco....

The disco is coming up in week 6 and will be held on Thursday, 19th November.

The times for juniors (Years 1-4) are 5.30-6.45pm and the senior (Years 5-8) times are 7.00-8.30pm.

Tickets will be sold before school outside the office during that week.

Remember the theme for this disco is '**Colourful with sunglasses**' so if you want, dress accordingly.

Parents, the canteen and security roster will be coming back with your child in week 5
- thanks for your help.

We all look forward to seeing you there!
(From the House Leaders)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FUNDRAISER at MAGICAL MAPUA SHOW, Mapua Hall, 14 - 15 November from 10am - 4.30pm. The proceeds of hand made greeting cards by 'Ella and Vesper' are being donated to Mapua School, Church, Hall and Library. They are priced from \$2 - \$4.