



"To Be All I Can"

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

11.8	Mot Cluster Cross Country
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14.8	<b>NO ASSEMBLY</b>
19.8	ICAS Mathematics
20.8	Intermediate/Senior Snow Day
<b>21.8</b>	<b>Assembly, 2pm - Room 4 leading</b> <b>Please note CHANGE OF DATE</b>
25.8	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
28.8	Assembly, 2pm - Room 5 leading
1.9	PTA Meeting in the Staffroom, 7.30pm
10.9	Parent Interviews, <b>school closes at 2pm</b>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Some weeks flow smoothly and others are more like a rollercoaster ride. This last week has been along the lines of Disney's Space Mountain ride and I'm thinking Friday and the last episode of 'The Bachelor' can't come quick enough. Not that I ever admit to watching such trash of course. But what's the twist? One just has to know! (and watching the AB's hasn't brought a great deal of joy lately).

Seriously though its been a busy week here at Mapua School and one that has presented a number of challenges. But then when you work with children that's the norm, rather than the exception, and we wouldn't be in this job if we didn't see such challenges as opportunities for growth in those we are charged to teach (and ourselves). The fact that we have such a great bunch of children to work with makes our jobs even more rewarding.

A very warm welcome to new student Emmie and her family. We wish you every success here at Mapua School and in the school community.

Congratulations to Oliver Sircombe-Kohen for his stunning achievement in poetry. Oliver has been placed as runner-up in the junior section of the New Zealand Poetry Society's International Poetry Competition for a poem, 'The Walk to Separation Point', written post camp 2009. We can't share the piece he submitted with you at this point as it is to be printed in an anthology that will be published later in the year. Well done Oliver, this is something to be very proud of.

Congratulations also to all who ran in the school's cross-country this week. You showed real determination and gave of your best. Best wishes to those who have been selected to run in school representative events over the next few weeks.

Year 8 reports went home last Friday, along with student folios, and it gives me real pleasure to not only congratulate these students on their successes, which are plentiful, but to also praise them on the quality of the work presented through their portfolios. Well done Year 8's, you're in a privileged position heading off to college in 2010, and congratulations to DP Mandy Stephens for her successful teaching of these children/teenagers.

Have a great weekend.

Neil Chalmers  
Principal



### Results from the Cross Country

Year 8 Boys

Thomas 1st, Henry 2nd, Haydn 3rd

Year 8 Girls

Kaisa 1st, Libby 2nd, Tarryn 3rd

Year 7 Boys

Sam 1st, Hayden 2nd, Patrick 3rd

Year 7 Girls

Alice 1st, Kaitlyn 2nd, Lydia 3rd

Year 6 Boys

Alex 1st, Jake 2nd, Zeb 3rd

Year 6 Girls

Emily 1st, Georgia 2nd, Aleisha 3rd

Year 5 Boys

Hugo 1st, James & Theo 2=, Oscar 3rd

Year 5 Girls

Lara 1st, Hannah 2nd, Georgia 3rd



### A Real Cross Country Experience....

It was bucketing down, it would take you 2 seconds to get drenched. When Mr Hepburn came in telling us that we were still running we were surprised, but it just made the day 10 times more fun!!! Before we knew it we were running as fast as we could. Mud was being splashed everywhere, shoes were getting stuck in the mud and a few people face planted in the wet mush. As I crossed the finish line I decided that was the most challenging, yet most enjoyable experience I had had whilst running!

By Georgia B

### Trash to Treasure

Thank you for all the treasure items which have been sent to school so far. We now have plenty of boxes and egg cartons and other glorious objects. We no longer need any more of these items.

If you have any toys or games which are no longer loved by your children, and you think they would be appropriate for 5 year olds - please send them along.

Many thanks, Room 10

**This week's Blog of the Week went to Room 4 again.** The students in Room 4 are very good at using the blog to communicate with the world. Check it out and leave a comment for them. (If you do not know how to comment on the blogs come and see Teresa Hosie or Leanne Hough for a lesson.)

Also check out Room 5's blog and watch the animations they created at the end of last term.



### **MAPUA SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL UKULELE ORCHESTRA**

The ukulele orchestras for both the Junior and Senior groups are about to begin - with approximately 60 children! Seniors (Years 4 - 8) meet on Mondays at lunchtime, and Juniors (Years 1 - 3) will be on Wednesdays at lunchtime. If anyone has any ukuleles that they would like to donate or sell to the school, please see Struan in Room 4.

### **CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have done well in sports**

Jake and Storm for their selection in the under 12's Country Rep team. They'll be competing for the Seddon Shield and playing against other teams from North Canterbury, West Coast and Marlborough.

Kurtis selected for the Under 11 Country Rugby Rep Team.

James and Josh selected for the Football Under 10 Nelson Soccer Reps with Kaleb First Reserve.

Samuel and Nikau selected for the Nelson Soccer 11th Grade A team.

Isaac, Kaleb, Flynn, Hayley and Lucy who are in the Tasman basketball team.

Tim who took part in the South Island Taekwando championships and came second in his division.

Lydia has been to Christchurch to attend the Canterbury Gymnastics Championships. Her team, the Nelson Gymnastics team, came home proudly bearing the silver medal.

Hayden, Patrick and Kurtis have been selected to be in the Under 11 Country Rep team.

Hayley and Lucy have been selected to be in the Tasman basketball team to play in the tournament on the 9th and 20th August.

Alice has taken an extension exam to assess her dance skills and achieved over 75% for her performance.

Jade and Tarryn are in the Motueka Rep Netball team.

Hayden is in the Nelson Hockey Rep team. He also gained a bronze medal in two top of south competitions and South Island Judo competitions.

Libby has been selected for the Rep Nelson/Marlborough swim team.

Kaisa is in the Rep Nelson Football team.

### ***COMMUNITY NOTICES***

Does your child wet the bed? Have daytime wetting? Or soiling? KEEA (Kiwi Enuresis and Encopresis Association) are running an information evening for parents on Thursday August 27 at 7.30 pm in Nick Smith's rooms, Annesbrook. Gold coin donation. Speakers include Jacqueline Brown (KEEA Co-ordinator) on Wetting and Soiling, Val Collie (Public Health Nurse) on Bed Alarm Programmes, Adele Tuckey (Psychologist) on Behavioural Aspects of Children's Continence.