

"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 8 .5 | Assembly, 2pm - Room 7 leading |
| 11.5 | Book Fair this week |
| 22.5 | Assembly, 2pm - Room 8 leading |
| 26.5 | Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm in the Staffroom |
| 27.5 | ICAS Computer Skills |
| 28.5 | Disco Years 1-4 5.30pm - 6.45pm; Years 5-8 7pm - 8.30pm |
| 29.5 | Teacher Only Day - school closed |
| 1 .6 | Queen's Birthday - school closed |
| 2.6 | PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in the Staffroom |

Dear Parents

On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of attending the PTA's monthly meeting where once again I was impressed with the strength of community that is so very evident in this area. As the success of the Easter Fair, assistance for families under pressure, and future community events were discussed the intent of those present to provide a caring and supportive environment for the people of this area was more than evident. Children brought up in such an environment can only be enriched by all that occurs around them.

Mad Hair Day similarly displayed the passion and enthusiasm that school community members put into celebrating and enjoying life. You just had to be impressed by the superb creations that adorned the heads of staff and children alike. Congratulations to all who participated and got into the spirit of the day.

Rairi Rairi, the Cook Islands principal who will be visiting our school has had to delay his visit a week or two due to a family bereavement. Our thanks to those parents who have kindly offered to host Rairi and we look forward to having him here in the school community. Our children are doing a great job of practising songs for his welcome – they are sounding fabulous.

Congratulations to the Hills Community Church on the opening of their new facilities last weekend. The new church and associated building will no doubt add considerably to the support and facilities available in Mapua.

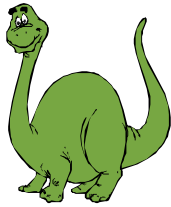
Next week the Jurassic Book Fair kicks off here at school. Come along at any point in the week and have a look at the great books on offer. Jan Egarr is looking for a few helpers to cover either a morning or afternoon time slot. If you can help 'man' the fair for one of these sessions she would love to hear from you.

It's great to see the new car park entrance working well for families. We realise that this area can become very muddy but do ask that parents avoid parking on the new sealed area as this prevents others entering. If we can keep the strip nearest the fence as an access way and park in the central area then we should see everyone safely coming and going. Thank you.

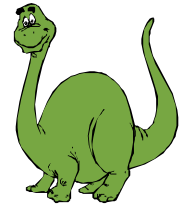
Finally we need to ask parents to inform us as to why students are absent. We are required by the Ministry of Education to record the reason for any absences and therefore ask that when you call, text, or fax regarding an absence that you include an explanation as to why. Thank you.

All the very best for the week ahead.

Neil Chalmers
Principal



BOOK FAIR



Next week we are having an

Ashton Scholastic Book Fair in our Library.

The theme is “Jurassic” and there will be several activities at school.

During Buddy time on Friday, we are having a dress-up day when everyone will be able to dress up as their favourite Book character or as a dinosaur.

The times of the Fair are advertised below and if you have half an hour or more to spare as a volunteer, please see the notice on the windows of Room 3 and talk to Jan Egarr.

Monday May 11 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm.

Tuesday May 12 - 8:30 - 9:30am; 3:pm - 5:00pm; 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

Wednesday May 13 - 8:30 - 9:30am; 3:pm - 5:00pm.

You are welcome to view the books to buy for your child/ren and if you have any spare money, a donated book for our Library would be welcome.

Room 5 - Overview of our Teaching and Learning Programme – Term 2

The four students who have written this article for the newsletter are the students from Room 5 who are going to be working on the school magazine for the rest of the year, so look out for their wonderful writing.....

Topic – Careers

We are learning more about careers as our topic this term to get an idea of what we might want to do when we are older; job, profession or occupation. However, firstly we are identifying our skills, qualities and attributes so we know what could possibly best suit our talents. We are linking this with our ICT focus this term by going on line to the careers website and doing a skills match quiz to see what jobs we would be better suited towards and then we will find out more about these jobs and present our findings as a keynote to the rest of the class. To help us experience more about the ‘World of Work’ we are all going to participate in a work experience day mid way through the term and hopefully have a careers expo later on in the term.

Libby

Literacy – Argument

We are learning about argument & persuasion through the genre of expositions so we can persuade people to accept our point of view. We found out that the structure of an exposition starts with an introduction stating our point of view (for or against the issue), it is followed by a series of elaborated points to back up our point of view and finishes with a conclusion restating our point of view. In term one we wrote about who should choose where we sit, the teacher or us and then this was marked by the teacher and we got a console to show us our level of achievement for deeper and surface features. Later in the term we will do a post-test on argument to hopefully show our growth after focusing on this genre.

It is important to learn how to persuade so we can persuade our boss to give us a pay rise, or to persuade your parents to give us the latest mobile phone etc., etc....

Jade

Numeracy – Addition & Subtraction / Multiplication & Division

This term we are trying to learn and revise new and old strategies for addition and subtraction so we are able to do them in our head as well as in our books. To do this we are grouped in ability levels and the lessons are broken down into the teacher discussing the new strategy or knowledge to be developed with us and giving examples; we may use materials at times, then we go away to our desks to practice and cement our knowledge of the new concepts and sometimes, if we are lucky enough, we get to do a game like activity. This process will continue when we focus on multiplication and division later in the term.

Maddy

Thinking skills, cognitive organisers, Habits of Mind and Key Competencies

Our thinking skills focus for this term is Blooms Revised Taxonomy, this has six levels of thinking, of which there are three lower level thinking skills – remembering, understanding and applying and there are three higher level thinking skills – analysing, evaluating and creating. These are also known as HOTS (higher order thinking skills). We recently found out more about how to use these thinking skills in our learning and that we now have a revised version that uses verbs instead of nouns as thinking should be a ‘doing’ process. We are going to use these levels in our persuasive writing and reading units.

To compliment these thinking levels we are using a P.M.I. as our cognitive organiser this term, as this identifies the plus, minus and interesting points of the issue you are looking at.

The habits of mind this term we are focusing on are managing impulsivity (relating to others) and remaining open to continuous learning (thinking); I may have troubles with the former sometimes, but not the latter!!

Nina



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bike Wise Family Fun Ride

Get on your bike and take part in the ride on Saturday 23rd May. The ride starts at 10am from the Skate Park on Old Wharf Road. This is a scenic flat ride following the estuary and foreshore. The route is both on- and off-road, as well as on shared path. There is a short course option available. The ride is free and just by taking part you will be in with a chance of winning a new bike or one of the other spot prizes. So fasten your helmet and join other cyclists on the Bike Wise Family Ride. For more information contact Krista Hobday at Tasman District Council on 03 543 8551 or krista.hobday@tdc.govt.nz

WANTED House For Rent Professional family of 4 looking for a house in or around Mapua/Ruby Bay to rent for approximately two years. Requirements are 3 bedrooms and a large office or 4 bedrooms, double garage and must be warm and well insulated. Please phone Philip on 021419113.

The **Nelson Symphony Orchestra** with the help of Peta Spooner and her dancers are performing '**The Carnival of the Animals**' and '**Tubby the Tuba**' on Saturday, 16 May at the Nelson School of Music. There are four performances throughout the day and the cost is \$10 a person or \$36 for a family of four. Enquiries to Veronica at the Nelson School of Music.

Junior Winter Hockey: Thursday 14 May - Thursday 21 August at Saxtons Hockey Field. 4.30pm - 5.15pm for 4 - 7 year olds and 5.15pm - 6pm for 8 - 10 year olds and first time Intermediate players. Enquiries to Cherie 5479988 or nelsonhockey@xtra.co.nz

Flippa Ball (modified water polo) at the ASB Aquatic Centre. Years 5-6 at 4pm and Years 7-8 at 5pm Friday nights. Enquiries to Cherie Thomas 5439755 ext 3 or www.asbaquaticcentre.co.nz.

TASBAY KIDZ NEWSFLASH We have some awesome Clubs lined up this term SO if you are at a loose end or your parents are working, come and join in the fun! Please text Sal for further details on 027 406 8109.

Monday GAMES CLUB inside and outside fun!

Tuesday DANCE CLUB

Wednesday by popular request JUNK MIRRORS and MOBILES

Thursday ART and CRAFT

Friday CHOICE CLUB