



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

16.3	Room 5 Camp
19.3	Assembly, 2pm - Room 1 leading Go for Gold Costume Day
23.3	Years 7 and 8 Summer Tournament
23.3	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's a week of camps this week with three classes currently away – Rooms 7 and 11 at Bridge Valley, and Room 8 at Wakamarina. We wish all involved a great week, good weather, and the opportunity to grow in an environment of challenges and risk taking. Last week the Middle School Learning Team were involved in a 'Big Day Out' and had a fabulous time around and about the village and all the great facilities we have in this area.

Our thanks goes to Room 6 for running last week's assembly and congratulations to all those who received awards and acknowledgement for their fabulous swimming.

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
30th March 2010

All welcome**

The PTA has 1 kg packages of bacon remaining from the Ruby Bay Bypass Open Day. These are frozen and available for purchase at \$ 16 per pack. Anyone interested please contact Justine on 540 3779.

The plans for the development of the back field are progressing. We are ready to commence with the first stage, which is to relocate some of the senior playground equipment to the area beside Room 9 and develop a sandpit. Any volunteers to assist with the construction of this, please contact Justine on 540 3779 or Mary on 540 2992.

Motueka Interschool Swimming Sports

A big thank you to all the parents who helped transport and support the students at the Motueka Interschool Swimming Sports on Tuesday 2nd March, and the practise on Monday 1st March. The 45 strong team definitely lived up to the our vision 'To Be All I Can' and the school won the Schools' Trophy for most points gained – Go Mapua School!

Results from the finals:

Boys Open Championship:	1 st – Hayden
Girls 8 years Freestyle:	1 st – Isabel
Boys 8 years Freestyle:	1 st – Ben
Girls 9 years Freestyle:	3 rd – Maisie
Boys 10 years Freestyle:	2 nd – Robbie
Boys 12 years Freestyle:	2 nd – Hayden / 3 rd – Jake
Girls 12 years Freestyle:	1 st – Lydia
Girls 8 years Backstroke:	3 rd – Isabel
Boys 9 years Backstroke:	1 st – Ben
Girls 9 years Backstroke:	2 nd – Brooke / 3 rd – Maisie
Girls 10 years Backstroke:	1 st – Emma
Boys 11 years Backstroke:	1 st – Sam
Boys 12 years Backstroke:	2 nd – Hayden
Girls 10 years Butterfly:	3 rd – Katrina
Boys 12 years Butterfly:	2 nd – Hayden / 3 rd – Jake
Girls 12 years Butterfly:	1 st – Kaitlyn
Boys 9 years Breaststroke:	1 st – Ben / 2 nd – Kruz
Girls 9 years Breaststroke:	1 st – Maisie
Boys 10 years Breaststroke:	3 rd – Hugo
Girls 10 years Breaststroke:	1 st – Lara
Boys 11 years Breaststroke:	1 st – Sam
Boys 12 years Breaststroke:	1 st – Hayden / 3 rd – Jake

BOT SPOT – MARCH 2010

Welcome to this term's edition of BoT Spot, the place for news from your Board of Trustees (BoT).

While February saw our first meeting of the term, Trustees were in touch throughout the holidays to discuss matters regarding the school budget, property and employment. On that note, it's great to have Room 11 up and running and to welcome Simon Clearwater as our Room 5 teacher.

At our meeting, a subcommittee was formed involving representatives of the Board, staff and PTA to progress the Backfield Concept Plan, a subset of our overall Property Plan, which has been a key reference tool in managing the school's rapid growth. The review of our school's physical needs against available funding remains a key focus for the Board. As part of that review, Neil and Treasurer Gary Breakspeare presented our draft 2010 budget for discussion and we look forward to ratifying this at our March meeting.

This year is an election year for all school Boards, so we thought it would be a good idea to use this BoT Spot to elaborate on our role for those interested in contributing to our school in this important and rewarding way.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of seven members charged with the governance of our school: the Principal, five Trustees elected by the school community and one Trustee elected by school staff. Our current Trustees are: Neil Chalmers (Principal), Tony Jemmett (Chair), Fiona Bibby-Smith (Property/Health & Safety), Gary Breakspeare (Treasurer), Kim Francis (Correspondence Secretary), Aroha Hohepa (staff-elected Trustee), and Lynley Worsley (Meeting Secretary).

The role of the Board is to govern rather than manage the school, a distinction often and easily confused by both new and veteran Trustees. This means a focus on the 'big picture/behind-the-scenes' aspects of the school, such as employment, finance, curriculum delivery, property management, policy development and other requirements laid out by the Ministry of Education.

For more information, feel free to chat to one of us, visit us on the Mapua School website--www.mapuaboardoftrustees.blogspot.com--or attend one of our monthly meetings. Elections are to take place on 7 May. Stay tuned for more details regarding the elections from election officer Jackie Hall, who will be sending out a call for nominations shortly.

But enough about us. We also wanted to take this opportunity to thank the PTA and the NZTA for the recent Bypass Open Day event. A tremendous amount of planning and effort went into this day, and it was yet another illustration of the tremendous volunteering spirit of our community.

We also want to recognise the amount of work that has gone into the Camp weeks by staff, parents and children alike. Whether it is selling lemonade or raffle tickets, planning menus or baking, or organising a raft of educational experiences for our children, it all is an integral part of raising fabulous Kiwi kids. Both events are also great examples of the extended learning opportunities available to the students at our school.

All the best for Term 1,
Kim Francis
Trustee

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAR BOOT SALE

Mapua School car park on Sunday 21st March from 9am - 12.30pm.
\$10 per car. Sausage sizzle. Sellers to arrive from 8.15am and no later than 9am.
Bring along your unwanted treasures and help us to raise funds to send athletes to the South Island Independence Games in Christchurch.
Contact Jane on 5403808 for further information.

Mapua and Districts Football Club Junior Football Registrations now open. Registration forms are available from the school, or email df911@xtra.co.nz for an electronic copy. Registrations close March the 21st so don't delay! Contact David Francis at df911@xtra.co.nz or 027 230 9942 if you have questions.

Tasman Rugby Union will be holding a Community Ripa Rugby Night at Mapua Domain, starting on Tuesday, 16th April. It will run for 4 Tuesdays until Tuesday 6th March. (1st Tuesday of the school holidays). There is NO COST. Just turn up and you will be put into teams, gear and refs will be provided. Please note the times for the different year levels: 3:30pm – Years 3,4,5 and 4.00pm for Years 6,7,8. Any queries to Kahu Marfell, Rugby Development Officer, Tasman Rugby Union on 546 3378, 548 7030 ext 378 or 027 249 2332.

KIWI CONSERVATION CLUB

Sunday March 7th Rabbit Island SEAWEEK "Arty Party"

For Seaweeek this year we will join with Forest & Bird and learn a little about tides and what lives in the intertidal zone. Fun with sand sculptures and other beachcrafts. It is Children's Day today!! Meet at 3.30 pm at the far western end (towards Mapua) of Rabbit Island carpark. There will be a sunset barbecue afterwards. Bring barbecue food and utensils, firewood, paper and lighters (TDC have gas barbecues but we can't guarantee that we will be able to "claim" one of these, sunhat, sunscreen, personal first aid kit, togs, wet weather and warm weather clothing. Contact Stephen and Liz Wynne-Jones 548 5026

Sunday March 14th Monarch Butterflies

Kath Widdowson breeds and nurtures monarchs and has invited us to come and learn about them and their lifecycle. How many of you grow swan plants and have these beautiful insects in your garden? Kath has invited us for a barbecue and swim in her pool afterwards too. Meet at 2 pm at 18 Farnham Drive, Richmond (just off Washbourne Drive). Bring sunhat, sunscreen, personal first aid kit, togs, barbecue food to share. Contact Kath Widdowson 544 8377.

Race Unity Day - "It's About Us: Whanau", Sunday 21 March from 11am to 4pm at Victory Square Park. Wet or fine. Gold coin donation. Music, Dance, Art, Ethnic Food. Come and celebrate Nelson's diverse culture.

Awesome! Awesome! Awesome!
Mapua Medical Centre is turning twenty years old!
Saturday 20th March is our birthday!

Birthday Parade begins at 12 noon and will be followed by nibbles.

Free registration at 11 a.m. Great prizes for places. A small prize to everyone who enters.

Parade categories:

- (1) **Patient injuries** (broken arms etc) and **diseases** (measles etc)
- (2) **Doctors and nurses**
- (3) **Medical equipment of the past, present, future. Medical anything**

Judges: our local doctors.

It's amazing what a small community like ours can do!. Did you know that our medical centre was organised by a group of local volunteers, who, twenty years ago, wanted a medical centre, got together to raise money, bought the old post office... the rest is history. We invite you to our birthday to find out the whole story. 11 a.m start. Displayed models of anatomical parts, videos, a chance to get into the hyperbaric unit, information, freebies, community history. 12 noon parade (Children and adults. 12:30 nibbles and catch up with friends.