

"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

16.3	Room 5 Camp
17.3	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
20.3	Assembly, 2pm - Room 9 leading
23.3	Room 7 Camp
24.3	PTA AGM, 7pm in the Staffroom
25.3	Parent Interviews and BOT display/consultation re grounds concept plan - school closed at 2pm
31.3	Room 9 Camp
1.4	New Parents Welcome Morning Tea, 9am in the Staffroom
1.4	Room 7 Parent Interviews
3.4	Assembly, 2pm - Room 1 leading
6.4	Room 8 Camp
9.4	End of Term 1
12.4	EASTER FAIR

Dear Parents

The last few weeks have seen our students assessed in a number of academic areas so that we may clarify their level of attainment and refine the programmes we are delivering to each individual. Further, when we use the information collectively, we are able to compare the progress of Mapua School, as a whole, against national norms and use this to focus our direction in respect to school wide development. When teachers report to parents toward the end of term they will be able to share individual results with you and when we, as a staff, report to the Board of Trustees the collective information gathered and analysed will form the basis of each such report.

The Education Review Office also takes a close look at the levels of achievement across the school, especially in the core areas of literacy and numeracy, and we are pleased to report that they found our levels to be high. Details of their review of the school will be published very soon and we look forward to their report both as a celebration of the school's current success and as a guide to areas where development would improve our delivery.

Trips and experiences beyond the school gate have been a feature of recent weeks and this continues from here on in until near the end of term as each of the senior and intermediate teaching team classes head off on camp. Each of the camps offer students valuable opportunities to enjoy and experience the 'great outdoors' in a safe and appropriate way. Many hours of preparation have gone into the planning of programmes, risk management, menus, accommodation, transport etc. Teachers are to be commended for their input to such events (trips, camps, etc), as are the many parents who put time into preparation activities, transport, and student supervision. Our thanks go to all involved for making these experiences possible.

Another group within the school that work hard to provide students with experiences and facilities is the PTA and I wish to commend them for the effort that is going into managing the 2009 Mapua Easter Fair. Angela Fon is in the Easter Fair CEO chair this year and doing a great job of what is one huge task. If you are able to help out in any shape or form then do please contact Angela (or complete a helpers form and drop it into our school office). The more we have helping for part or all of the day the easier the task is for everyone concerned.

Enjoy the remainder of the week and do have a great weekend.

Neil Chalmers

Principal

EASTER FAIR UPDATE

HELPERS

A big thank you to those families who have offered to help on Easter Fair Day! We really appreciate your help. We are endeavouring to allocate jobs and times as indicated on your forms and will contact you closer to the Fair to confirm where you need to be and when. We still need more helpers in order to make the fair a success, particularly later in the day. So if you haven't returned your form, please do so as soon as possible.

DONATIONS

House Colour Raffles: You might have seen in the foyer the bright, house colour boxes. This is where you can drop off your house colour raffle items. These might be food, linen, toys or household items - it really doesn't matter, simply place your item in the box that best matches the colour!

Pre-loved Toys and Children's Books: As part of the children's corner at the fair we will be having a children's stall selling good condition, pre-loved toys and children's books. If you are having a clean out and want to donate, please drop these into the office.

Thanks again for supporting Mapua Easter Fair 2009!

JUNIOR SYNDICATE WHEELS DAYS

The Junior Syndicate, Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, will change their Wheels days to Fridays, leaving Mondays for the Senior Syndicate only. The wheels area will be in front of the swimming pool. The children from Room 2 and 3 only will be able to use their bikes provided they wear a bike helmet.



ICAS COMPETITION TESTING We'd like to inform parents and students that the ICAS competition tests in a range of curriculum areas are coming up. Details as to the areas available, costs, and timeframes will be circulated soon.

***Congratulations to Hayden** who took part in the Andrew Jones Memorial Triathlon for the top of the South Island secondary schools. It was held at Rabbit Island on Tuesday with a 250m sea swim, 7k bike and 1.5k run. Hayden came 2nd in the Year 7 boys category and 5th in the Year 7 & 8 boys' individual category.*

Thanks to Fresh Choice Richmond who have donated \$100 as we were the recent weekly winner in their school support programme. Thanks too, to Fred Bannister who nominated us. All you have to do is write your name and the name of Mapua School on the back of your Fresh Choice till docket and put it in the entry box in the store.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TASBAY KIDZ NEWS: The holiday programme is sorted... it's awesome! Contact me for a sneak preview. (It will be in the Boredom Busters booklet coming out nearer the end of term.) It is running for the 2 weeks of the holidays, Tuesday 14th April - Friday 24th.

DANCE is starting next Friday, 13th March. To be held in Tasman School hall 3 - 4.30pm (with afternoon tea). Cost \$6.00 per session. Please contact Sal for further details on 027 406 8109.

Hockey Registrations for all grades is on Monday 9 March, 5.00 - 6.00 pm at Saxton Field Hockey Pavilion. Enquiries to Andrea McMahon 5444148 or email pa.mcmahon@paradise.net.nz.

Tasman Hockey Club Open Day, Sunday 15th March from 4.30pm - 6.00pm at Saxtons Hockey Fields. Bring your sticks for games. For further information please contact Jan Burns 544 1806.

Community Ripa Rugby Next Tuesday, 17th of March, the Tasman Rugby Union will be holding a Community Ripa Rugby Night at the Mapua Domain. It will run for 3 Tuesdays until 31st March. There is **no cost** - the kids just have to turn up and play (they will be put into teams) and the gear and refs will be provided. Times are: 3.30pm for Years 3, 4 and 5; and 4.00pm for Years 6,7 and 8. Any queries to Kahu Marfell, 5487030 ext 383, 027 249 2332 or www.makos.co.nz

The Port Nelson Kauri Kids Aquathon is coming. On the afternoon of Friday, 3rd April, Kauri Kids will gather at the Botanics in Nelson to dash up to the Kauri Tree and back, bounce through the NBS inflatable obstacle course and then finish with a splash in the Riverside pool. Kauri Kids have to be Years 4,5,6,7,or 8 and is open to individuals and teams. All will receive a T-Shirt commemorating their achievement and the chance to win some awesome prizes. Entry is \$20 per child, \$30 for a team. Entry is available online at <http://www.nelsonevents.co.nz/KauriKids.htm>

Mapua Boat Club Annual Children's Fishing Competition!!! The annual fishing competition will be held at the Mapua Wharf on Sunday 15th March from 10 a.m. till 1pm. Children under 12 must have an adult supervising them at all times. Free registration before 10 a.m. Three age groups 2-5, 6-11,12-16. Prizegiving approximately 1.15 p.m. A large and valuable prize pool for all sorts of things (kindness to others, most unusual object caught etc. as well as traditional categories). Sausage sizzle and a good time for everyone.

'Pee Wee' Family Fun Day aimed at learners, beginners or the less confident riders of 2 wheeler and quad bikes on Sunday 5th April from 10am - 2pm at Kevin King's farm, Stringers Rd (off Coastal Highway). This is for children 12 and under, \$10 per rider. Bring your own motorbike as there will be none for hire. For further information contact Nic Picard 540 3031 or 021 448571.

April School Holidays Football Camp, 13th - 17th April at Saxton Field Stoke. 9.00am - 1.00pm per day. Registration forms available from the Office. Enquiries to Conal Parkes 5488405 for more details.

School Holiday Basketball Coaching, 21 - 23 April at Jack Robins Stadium, Stoke for Years 5 - 8. Years 5 and 6 9am - 11am; Years 7 and 8 11am - 1pm. Registration forms at the school office. Enquiries to Dallas 5476419 or 027 2976017.

Small Ferns and Little Giants Basketball, for Years 1 - 4 at Jack Robins Stadium, Stoke. This will run from 4 May - 29 June. Registration forms available at the Office. Enquiries to Dallas 547 6419, 027 297 6017.

Mapua and Districts Netball Club Registration Day - Dovedale, Mahana, Mapua and Upper Moutere Schools

Attention all netballers! It is time to start thinking about winter sport! You are invited to our registration day where you can meet the coaches, team mates and club personnel. **Wednesday 18 March 3.30pm at Mapua School Court** followed by a very short meeting (AGM - to get the formalities out of the way for the year!) where parents/caregivers attendance would be most appreciated.

We hope to register teams in the following sections:

Future Ferns - 8 year olds and Years 5 and 6 girls and boys, a Wednesday (after school) team (mainly Year 5's) and a Saturday morning team (mainly Year 6's).

Intermediate - Years 7 and 8 girls - plays Saturday.

All games are played at Saxton Field Netball Courts and cover most of Terms 2 & 3. Practice days and the venue will be advised as soon as we know numbers of players but the practice will aim to cater for everybody - in particular the coach!

If you can't attend but would like to play, please phone or email your registration through - advising your name, school, year level and age, caregivers name and contact details and preferred team - to Lynley 540 2292, worsley@paradise.net.nz.

***Our Club is always looking for more committee members and coaches. If you are interested in either please let us know on contact details above. Committee meets 2-3 times a year. Coaches are supported by club - courses, materials etc.

TENNIS - The Nelson Bays Tennis Association is holding the "Lonestar Parent Child Tournament" on Sunday 5th April at the Tasman Tennis Centre in Richmond. There are two categories in the tournament: Child 12 under with parent or grandparent and Child 13-18 with parent or grandparent. This is a great family day, so be sure to get your entry off www.tennisnelson.co.nz and join in this great fun event. (Entries close 2nd April). For further information contact Lynnie Nevin on llynnie@tennisnelson.co.nz or 0273 663 709.