



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 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,

Last weekend the Board of Trustees and staff met to review the past year at Mapua School and to establish aims, goals, and targets for the year ahead. It proved to be a valuable process and we are all now reflecting on the outcomes with a view to making 2010 a valuable and fabulous year for the children of this area. Can you remember the days when children went to school to eat their lunch, play rugby at break times, and avoid the strap at all costs? Schools have certainly evolved over the years and I believe that today's children are not only given a sound grasp of the core curriculum areas, but they are also given a vast array of opportunities that allows them 'To Be All They Can'.

If you attended last week's assembly I'm sure you will join me in congratulating the Kapahaka group for their fine, and stirring, performance. They were very well received at last week's Kapahaka Fun Day in Motueka and have set a high standard for groups to maintain over the years. Our thanks to Whaea Aroha, Malcolm, and tutor Aaron, for seeing this group develop and grow.

With Jump Jam a part of our morning fitness programme this term, a team of children attended a Jump Jam competition last week and, like the Kapahaka group, did very well. Congratulations to all members of this team and thanks to Tarnia Pilcher for the energy and skill she puts into this area. It's great to see a number of parents joining in on each morning's sessions. Parents, do feel free to come along Monday to Wednesday to join us for this 15-minute session.

A very warm welcome to new students Lily, Alfie and Jessica. We welcome you and your families to the school and community and wish you every success here.

This Saturday we would like to have every child participate in the Athletics Day at the Upper Moutere Domain. It's a fabulous day of sporting involvement as well as a commemoration of Armistice Day and brings together students and families of this area.

Safety is the focus of this term's Integrated Topic Programme and classes are covering a range of areas including Road and Fire Safety. We've had the police and fire brigade working with students and today (Wednesday) the junior and middle school teams are heading off to visit the fire station as well as test out boats they have made in regard to water safety. With all this in mind we are concerned by the number of children who are biking or riding scooters along the walkway section between Aranui Road and the back of Room 3. The number of children arriving and departing the school each day within 30 minutes of bells requires that everyone walks, and that scooters and bikes are wheeled, through this area. Similarly, for safety's sake, we must insist that no child rides their scooter or bike through the car park area. Students arriving and departing by car should only use this access route. We'd really appreciate your assistance and support with this matter. We do not want to see any child injured coming to, or departing, school.

See you Saturday,

Neil Chalmers
Principal



Room Two were talking about the letter "I".



We wrote stories about Yucky and Yummy ice creams.
Here are the Yucky stories. YUCK!!!

My yucky ice cream is spiders and worms. It is yucky because it is yuck. Paulina

My yucky ice cream is snakes and spiders. Seth

My yucky ice cream is purple slime and spiders. Ella

My yucky ice cream is blood and spiders. It is yucky because it has crunch in it.
Isabella

My yucky ice cream is spiders and snakes. It is yucky because it has slime and snakes. Rose

My yuck ice cream is yucky. It has snails. Kate

My yucky ice cream is spiders and porcupines. It is yucky because it has yucky creepy spiders. Megan

My yucky ice cream is snakes and slime. Caleb

My yucky ice cream is snake and spider and blood. It is yucky and slithery. Eden

My yucky ice cream is snakes and beetles. It tasted yucky because it was crunchy and slithery. Noah

TENT/MARQUEE SPONSORSHIP

We are hoping to purchase some portable and flexible marquees to help protect our children from the sun and rain, when participating in various events.

Are you able to help with some financial assistance towards the purchase of these? The Mapua School PTA has kindly agreed to fund the sign-writing of the sponsors' names on the tents to ensure promotion of your business or chosen benefactor.

If you might be interested, could you please contact Malcolm Hepburn (Room 9 teacher), to discuss further.

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.

HIP HOP DANCE AUDITION

Do you love hip hop and want to be part of a performance team? Are you aged 9 - 14 years? Come along and show us your stuff on Saturday 5th December from 9am - 10.30am. For more info and to book your place - email gemma@virtuecrew.com