



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

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
24.3	Welcome to New Parents morning tea, 9am in the Staffroom
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,

By the time this newsletter gets to you, all students in our middle, senior, and intermediate learning teams will have been on either a 'Big Day Out', or four to five day camp. Such events provide valuable learning for the children concerned and it has become a feature of the school that all children in the middle, senior, and intermediate learning teams experience such an event each year. Learning in, and about, our outdoors, participating in individual and group challenges, stepping outside one's comfort zone, and working effectively with others, are all a part of such EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) activities. They support many 'Habits of the Mind', which is the means by which we teach and develop children's Key Competencies (Managing Self, Relating to Others, Participating and Contributing, Using Language Symbols and Texts, and Thinking).

We wish to thank all of the staff, parents, and community members who have supported this year's BDO and camp experiences. It's a huge commitment and takes considerable time to put together. Your efforts on behalf of Mapua children are appreciated.

Considerable effort is also currently going into the Easter Fair and I wish to encourage each and every one of you to give some time to this community event and significant school and Playcentre fundraiser. Fill in the help forms, give us a call here at school, or speak to Angela Fon directly if you can assist in any way at all.

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 on
30th March 2010**

All welcome



New Family Morning Coffee
next **Wednesday, 24 March at 9am** in the staffroom.
All new and returning families are welcome.



Motueka Interschool Swimming Sports

In the list of results published last week, Samuel was omitted. Our apologies.

Boys 11 years Freestyle: 1st Samuel

MAPUA EASTER FAIR UPDATE

Thanks to all those who have completed a volunteer form. The roster is near complete - you will be contacted shortly regarding your duty. There are a few spots to fill - so if you can help on the day and haven't let us know, please do so as soon as possible.

You may have noticed the Yellow, Red, Green and Blue boxes in the school foyer. These represent the four house colours of Mapua School. We are asking each family to donate an item in the colour your family belongs to (if you are unsure your child or their teacher can tell you!). These might be grocery items, cosmetics, household items - let your imagination lead you! Last year these raffles were eyecatching and very popular. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the fair - please do not hesitate to contact me on mapua.easterfair@mapua.school.nz or on phone 5403135.

HEALTH ALERT

Recently a child who attends Mapua School has been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever. While this is not a notifiable contagious disease we have contacted the Public Health Service and wish to recommend to parents that any child experiencing a sore throat and/or fever should be seen by a doctor. In the event of being diagnosed with an infected strep throat they should remain off school for at least 24 hours from the time antibiotics are first taken.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAPUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY LITERARY FESTIVAL

26 - 28 March 2010

Especially for children and young adults on **SATURDAY 27 MARCH 10.00AM - 4.00PM**

Cash prizes for short story/limerick/literary quiz.

Check out the website for details - closes 17th March

www.mapuacommunitylibrary.co.nz

A full programme of readings and talks in the Mapua Community Hall, Aranui Road, Mapua from:

10.00am Margaret Mahy, Festival Patron and Award Winning Children's Author
10.30am Matt Lawrey, Nelson Journalist/Reviewer speaking on "Journalism as a Career"
11am Melanie Drewery, Children's Author
midday Jillian Sullivan, Children, Young Adults Author
12.30pm Nicholas Horgan, Memoir Author
1pm Cliff Fell, Author, Poet, Musician
1.15pm Lindy Kelly, Journalist, Author
1.30pm Sue Gibbison, Author, Travel Writer, Photographer
2.30pm Karen Phillips, Katherine Mansfield Novice Winner
2.45pm Anna Crosbie, Picture Book Author
3.00pm Barry Southam, Author, Playwright, Reviewer

- Demonstrations by **Tracy Duncan** (Illustrator) and **Christine Carr** (bookbinder)
- Buy a book by one of the authors from our friendly retailer and get it signed
- Craft zone, home-made produce, raffles and refreshments

PLUS

11.30 am **COSTUME PARADE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN** - prizes for the best dressed book character

2.00 pm **RAP A BOOK FOR OLDER CHILDREN** - prizes for an individual or group giving us their take of a book in rap form

12.40 pm **STARS ON STAGE** Children who deserve recognition for their achievements

For further information please contact: Sue England phone 540 2934.

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 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.

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 Rippa Rugby Night at Mapua Domain, starting on Tuesday, 16th March. It will run for 4 Tuesdays until Tuesday 6th April. (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.

NB The dates underlined above are the correct ones - we were given the wrong information to put in last week's newsletter.

NETBALL - Social Women's Masters (over 35 years) Nelson Netball are running an indoor league using outdoor rules this year on a Thursday evening. The games will be played at Saxton Stadium. If you are interested in being part of a Mapua team then please contact Maree Gemmell for further information on 543 2247

Holiday Programmes The Motueka Recreation Centre will again run two holiday programmes this Easter. The Boredom Busters programme is for children aged 5 – 13 while the High Flyers programme is for children aged 9 – 13. Both programmes run from Tuesday 6th April – Friday 9th and Monday 12th till Friday the 16th Starting at 8:30am and finishing at 4pm. Cost is \$23 for the day. Winz subsidies available. To enrol please contact the Centre.

Suter Kids Club Kids being creative in an inspiring environment!

The Suter has places in our after school art programme for Term Two. Children have fun creating all sorts of art using our exhibitions as a springboard, under the guidance of a well qualified and experienced teacher.

Senior Mixed Media 8-12 years, Mondays 3.25– 4.30pm, \$85 for a 10 week term. Starts 19 April.

Junior Mixed Media 6-7 years, Tuesdays or Wednesdays 3.25– 4.30pm, \$93.50 for an 11 week term. Starts 20/21 April.

For bookings or queries please contact **The Suter** Tel (03) 5484 699 or email esther@thesuter.org.nz