



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

1.4	Last day of Term 1
4.4	EASTER FAIR
19.4	Start of Term 2
20.4	PTA AGM at 7pm followed by meeting at 7.30pm
23.4	Mad Hair Day
27.4	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
30.4	Assembly, 2pm - Room 4 leading
6.5	Parent Interviews

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is difficult to comprehend that Gary Breakspeare, husband of Nyla, father to Daniel, Victoria, Aiden (AJ), & Kayla-Rose, and dedicated Board of Trustee Parent Representative and Treasurer is no longer with us. Only last Tuesday evening the Board met for its March meeting and at this Gary, as usual, was active in playing a very positive role in ensuring that we, the governors and management of the school, were both fully informed of financial matters and that we acted with due diligence in regard to expenditure! As a skilled and experienced accountant and business consultant Gary was very much the right person for the task and did a superb job on behalf of the children and families associated with Mapua School. His involvement in the school as both a parent and Board member will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family and we know that this community will support them in every way possible.

Our congratulations go out to those intermediate-team students who were successful in their campaign to become house leaders. They are Lucy (Leader – Green/Kaka), Nikau (Leader – Green/Kaka), Hayden (Deputy Leader – Green/Kaka), Alice (Leader – Red/Kea), Samuel (Leader – Red/Kea), Kynan (Deputy Leader – Red/Kea), Lydia (Leader – Yellow/Tui), Storm (Leader – Yellow/Tui), Lucy (Deputy Leader – Yellow/Tui), Ellie (Leader – Blue/Kiwi), Patrick (Leader – Blue/Kiwi), and Dan (Deputy Leader – Blue/Kiwi). We also wish to thank all students who stood for these positions for the quality of their applications and speeches.

We wish all our students a well deserved rest over the Easter break and term holiday period and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday April 19th. This holiday period is especially significant for two members of our staff team. Miss Hough is getting married and Mrs Hosie has taken extended leave to travel overseas. All very exciting and we wish them both the best of times.

Sadly the end of term sees three families leave the district and we wish the Sturm, Diack, and Peter families all the very best for the future.

Regards and best wishes,

Neil Chalmers
Principal

Alfie & family would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to help him 'Go for Gold'.

It was an awesome school and community effort.

We hope he will live up to the motto 'to be all I can' and put Mapua on the map...!!

Thanks again Jane, Sal, Jacob & Alfie.

EASTER FAIR UPDATE

Volunteers: Thank you to all the volunteers helping out for the Easter Fair. Please remember that Easter Sunday is the end of daylight saving - remember to turn your clocks back an hour, so you turn up at the right time to help!!!

We would really appreciate some helpers to help pack up tents, gazebos and hay on Sunday from 4 to 5pm.

There will be a volunteers "shout" at The Tap from 7pm on Sunday – hope to see you all there.

Lemons: More lemons are required for the lemonade stall – please drop at the office before lunch time on Thursday.

House Raffles: Please support the house raffles for Sunday by placing a donation co-ordinated with your child's house colour or simply pick something yellow, red, green or blue to donate - please drop at the office before Thursday after school.

Children's Clothing, Pre-loved Toys and Children's Books: We are still taking good condition children's clothing, pre-loved toys and children's books to sell at the Fair. If you have anything to donate please drop them off at the office.

Nominations have been invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Mapua School Board of Trustees. Nomination forms have been posted to all eligible voters, with additional nomination forms available at the school office. Nominations close at noon on April 23rd 2010.

Should voting be required this will be held as a postal vote, with voting papers posted to all eligible voters prior to the voting close off at noon on May 7th 2010.

If you have any queries regarding the process, please contact Jackie Hall, Returning Officer for Mapua School at jjflhall@xtra.co.nz or 5402770.

POPPIES

We have poppies available for a donation.

The House Leaders will be selling these before school outside the administration block.



ANZAC DAY - 25th April

11am at the Moutere Hills RSA Memorial Library, Mapua
Morning tea will follow the service, please bring a plate.

A warm welcome to all to attend.

Explore the Outdoors - Supporting young people in our community to be active... for Y7 + Y8 students.

Duration: Saturday or Sunday 4 half days (starting Term 2). Activities to include: High Ropes and Trapeze at Whenua Iti Outdoors, Canadian Canoeing at Kaiteriteri, Rock climbing/abseiling on Takaka Hill, Caving on Takaka Hill. Total cost: \$155.50 per student. Included in cost: certified instructor, transport to and from activities, outdoor equipment. Numbers: 8 students. If required the first session could be run in the April school holidays. Further information from info@whenuaiti.org.nz or 03 526 7842.