



**FOR YOUR DIARY**

20.5	Disco: Years 1-4 from 5.30 - 6.45pm; Years 5-8 from 7-8.30pm
25.5	ICAS Computer Skills exam
25.5	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
26.5	Reuben Wiki visit
26.5	Motueka High School Band Visit, 10.20am
27.5	School Cross Country
28.5	Assembly, 2pm - Room 11 leading
1.6	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
7.6	Queen's Birthday - school closed
9.6	ICAS Science exam
10.6	Motueka Cluster Cross Country
11.6	Postponement date for Motueka Cluster Cross Country
11.6	Assembly, 2pm - Room 2 leading
22.6	ICAS Spelling exam; ICAS Writing exam
22.6	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
25.6	Assembly, 2pm - Room 7 leading
29.6	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm
30.6	Art Exhibition at school, 1 - 2.30pm
2.7	End of Term 2
19.7	Start of Term 3

Tena Koutou,

It's cross-country time again and I'm hoping that the rain we had over the weekend, as substantial as it was, is all that we are going to get when it comes to practice and race day! Despite the rain postponing work on the relocation of the adventure playground we are grateful to see the field watered finally at the end of what seemed to be a long drought. With the weeds sprayed and the grass fertilised it will be interesting to see how the current turf responds?

Congratulations to the PTA on the work done to date and this weekend's working-bee should see another big step taken in the development of the backfield. Thank you to all involved, your time, energy, and drive is appreciated.

We wish to warmly welcome new students Sara, Jake and Brooklyn. It is great to have you here at Mapua and we wish you and your family every success for the future.

A very sincere thank you goes out to all parents and teachers who recently offered themselves as candidates at the Board of Trustee elections. The skill level and personal attributes of all who stood left this community spoilt for choice and I believe each and every candidate would have served the children of this school very well. Congratulations to those who were elected and best wishes for the three years ahead. I look forward to serving on the Board with you.

Ruben Wiki, legendary Rugby League star is coming to Mapua School on Wednesday May 26 (next Wednesday) and we are very excited to have him as our guest for the day. His programme for the day is as follows:

**8.50am Assembly - welcome to Ruben by our house leaders followed by middle, senior, and intermediate teams Jump Jam session.**

9.05 am Ruben visiting Middle Teaching Team rooms (Rooms 1,4&6)

11.00 am Ruben visiting Senior Teaching Team rooms (Rooms 5,7&8)

11.45 am Ruben visiting Intermediate Teaching Team rooms (Rooms 7&11)

**12.30 pm Sausage Sizzle and Silent Auction – Parents, Friends, and Whanau most welcome to join us and catch up with Ruben. Come and bid on a Ruben Wiki autographed sports item!**

1.25 pm Ruben joining the Junior Teaching Team for their afternoon sport session.

Our sincere thanks to Sue Colquhoun and Alex for entering the competition that resulted in us having him joining us for the day.

Parents please note that assemblies will now be starting at 1.45pm every second Friday so we finish in plenty of time for bus students. During the two winter terms we hold assemblies outside the Room 5 area. We are trying to model appropriate whole school behaviour at assemblies and would appreciate your support in encouraging great behaviour, respect, and manners during this time.

If you haven't gone onto the school website and had a look at the class blog sites then I really encourage you to do so – they're impressive and informative.

Coming up, we are keen to review our numbering of classrooms and plan to brainstorm this with the school community. You might like to put your thinking caps on in regard to this and help us come up with a creative and interesting concept. More information will be forthcoming as to what we are looking for and how to submit ideas – watch this space!

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Nakua noa, na,

Neil Chalmers  
Principal

### MAPUA SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2010

We invite parents to come and watch their child 'Be All They Can' in our school cross country next Thursday morning.

Date: Thursday 27 May 2010

Briefing at 10.30 am;

Starting at 10.35 am;

Finishing at approx 12.00pm

#### Order of Events

Year 8 boys	3 big laps & 1 small	2300m
Year 8 girls	3 big laps & 1 small	2300m
Year 3 boys	2 big laps	1300m
Year 3 girls	2 big laps	1300m
Year 7 boys/girls	3 big laps	1950m
Year 4 boys	2 big laps	1300m
Year 4 girls	2 big laps	1300m
Year 6 boys	3 big laps	1950m
Year 6 girls	3 big laps	1950m
Year 5 boys	2 big laps & 1 small	1650m
Year 5 girls	2 big laps & 1 small	1650m
Year 0-1 boys	1 small lap	350m
Year 0-1 girls	1 small lap	350m
Year 2 boys	2 small laps	700m
Year 2 girls	2 small laps	700m

Please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing to run in and a spare change of clothing to change into upon their return to school.

#### **The Wild Romp by Emily, Room 1**

A storm blows,  
Where wild things romp.  
Twisting and turning,  
The twister's starting.

Lightening,  
1! 2! 3! 4!  
Thunder,  
Rolling through the clouds

Wild things scream,  
At the sight of up rooting bushes.  
Rumbling, tumbling,  
In the rain go the wild things.

Scary roars fill the air,  
Until the sun comes up.  
Wild things laugh,  
At the sight of the forest.

**Flax needed for weaving in the Middle Syndicate.** We need about 50 shoots every week for our Smarties programme, starting next week. Carol Greenall is taking the weaving classes but needs someone to help provide the flax. It needs to be cut appropriately for weaving. If you want to learn how to do this, Carol will show you how. Just let me know. Thanks Aroha.

### **Board of Trustees Election - Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results**

Parent representative's votes:

Dunn, Lisa	116
Gray, Andrew	96
Gray, Richard	39
Harrison, Shane	51
Jemmett, Tony	100
Palmer, Andrew	54
Stephen-Pope, Kim	33
Thomas, Sally	94
Worsley, Lynley	102
Invalid Votes	6

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Dunn, Lisa  
Gray, Andrew  
Jemmett, Tony  
Thomas, Sally  
Worsley, Lynley

Declaration of Staff Election Results:

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare Teresa Hosie duly elected:

Jackie Hall  
Returning Officer

### **BOT SPOT MAY 2010**

This May edition of BoT Spot serves as both a Welcome and a Farewell.

First, a big thank you to all of those candidates who raised their hands to volunteer for the Board of Trustees. It was wonderful to see so many willing to take on such an important responsibility. We are lucky to have such a broad range of skills available to our school with the common goal of quality educational experiences for our children. It isn't easy to put oneself forward in such a public forum, so thank you, again, to all.

And welcome to the newly appointed Trustees. It will be great to tap into their skills and enthusiasm, as well as that of our incumbents who will be able to ensure a smooth transition, building upon the strong groundwork laid out by the previous Board.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank my fellow Trustees for the rewarding time I've had on the Board. It's been an amazing six years of change and progress, including three principals; two ERO visits; a rapidly growing student roll and staff list; substantial property development; and much more. It has been wonderful participating in our children's education in this way, and I look forward to volunteering in other ways.

At our last meeting, Trustee Aroha Hohepa talked about the good work she's been doing in encouraging greater use of Te Reo in our school, a long-running goal of ours that came from our last ERO review. My Te Reo is rubbish, but to that end, I'll finish with a favourite saying:

He aha te mea nui?

He tangata.

He tangata.

He tangata.

(What is the most important thing? It is people. It is people. It is people.)

Thank you to all at Mapua School for entrusting me to help with its stewardship, and best of luck to the new Board.

E noho ra,  
Kim Francis  
Trustee

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Mapua School is hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May in the staffroom where waffles, fruit, pancakes, muffins, Pomeroy's coffee and more tasty morsels will be served. Join us anytime from 7.30am to 9.30am for this \$5 per person breakfast, raising funds for The NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

Look out for your invite in your child's book bag, RSVP to Jackie Hall [jjflhall@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jjflhall@xtra.co.nz) 5402770, 027 4086219 or Angela Fon 5403135. You are welcome to invite friends and family.

**Imagine Theatre presents "The Voyage of the Jumblies"** at Motueka Memorial Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm; 29<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm and 7pm and 30<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. Tickets available from Motueka Unichem and Amcal Pharmacies from 10<sup>th</sup> May. Cash sales only - adults \$10 and children \$5.

### **Whenua Iti Outdoors - Explore the Outdoors Course 2 - Supporting young people in our community to be active... for Year 7 and Year 8 students.**

Duration: Running on Sundays - 4 half days (starting June 6<sup>th</sup>). 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 and Included in the cost is certified instructor, transport to and from activities, outdoor equipment. Enquiries to 03 526 7842 or [info@whenuaiti.org.nz](mailto:info@whenuaiti.org.nz)

### **GET COOKING - Learn how to cook healthy and on a budget, absolutely free!** (You even get a free meal on the day).

No-nonsense, low-tech, delicious and affordable. Sign up with a friend, a teenage son or daughter, or just yourself.

Venue: Motec, at Parklands School.

Course 3: 6 Wednesdays, from 4-6, starts 26 May

Course 4: 6 Mondays, from 4-6, starts 31 May

Forms available at Motueka Family Service Centre, 27 Talbot Street, Motueka 'behind' Parklands. Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30 pm.