



FOR YOUR DIARY

30.7	Assembly, 2pm - Room 9 leading
3.8	ICAS English exam
3.8	Maori Consultation meeting, 6pm
7.8	PTA Working Bee
12.8	Takaka Sports Exchange
12.8	Intermediate Winter Tournament
13.8	Intermediate Winter Tournament
13.8	Assembly, 2pm - Room 8 leading

Tena kotou,

Welcome to the new term and all it holds for your children and their schooling. We have a great term planned which includes sound literacy and mathematics programmes, a topic focus on child safety with the catch phrase 'Safe As', and a range of interesting events including Snow Day, Winter Tournaments, The Takaka School Sports Exchange, Gymnastics Competitions, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programmes in conjunction with Motueka High School in Forensic Science, Debating, Investigative Science, Young Author Writing, and Film Editing, further planting at Tane's Ark, development of the school's Rock Band, Otago Mathematics Problem Solving, Mathex, SmARTies, Speech Competitions, Maori Consultation, Maori Language Week, Kapahaka Performances, ICAS testing in English and Maths, Tennis in Schools, the Year 6 Parent Evening, visits to the Mapua Community Library, and fortnightly assemblies led by class groups ... and time to breathe I'm hoping!

A special welcome this term to new students Mia, Mitchell, and Eleanor and their families. We wish you every success here at Mapua School and in the wonderful Mapua Community. A special welcome also to Elo Stephens who has taken up Tarnia Pilcher's class for Term III whilst Tarnia is away having a new addition to the Pilcher family.

Our thanks to those who have kindly contributed to our class renaming file and a final invite to families to add any further ideas should you have been pondering this challenge. Any suggestions may be forwarded to me at principal@mapua.school.nz.

Next month (Tuesday August 3rd at 6.00 p.m.) we are holding a consultation meeting here at school regarding things Maori and the programmes we provide to Maori students. We invite all interested parents to join us on that evening so that we may share and consider this school's contribution to the education of Maori children. Where possible it would be great if you could RSVP your intention to attend this meeting to principal@mapua.school.nz or via the school office.

Best wishes for the week and term ahead.

Naku noa, na,

Neil Chalmers
Principal

Room 11's Sports Activities during the July Holidays

Lydia - Competed at the Top of the South Gymnastics Tournament and scored her best score on the floor discipline.

Nikau - Flew to Auckland with the Suburbs Stingrays to play the top four Auckland sides, and participated in the 82 academy training at Suburbs soccer.

Sam - Participated in the 82 academy training at Suburbs soccer.

Hayden - Competed in a short course duathlon at Rabbit Island and finished second in his age group and sixth overall.

Alice - Competed in the South Island Cross Country Championships and enjoyed the challenge.

Patrick - Competed in a rugby tournament and was part of the second placed team.

Ellie, Laura and Lucy H - On the first Saturday the Moutere Hill netball won convincingly.

UNPAID FEES

The school runs on very limited funding and struggles to cover unpaid amounts for Maths Mates, Diaries, and/or MOTEC while maintaining a quality programme for all students. As we are into Term 3, it would be appreciated if outstanding amounts could now be paid. An automatic payment can be set up to our bank account (Westpac Richmond: 030751 0223766 00 50) and use your child's name as a reference. Alternatively, some parents have chosen to make regular part-payments directly to the school office. We would appreciate your assistance with this.

PTA NEWS

Gorgeous Mapua School Tea Towels are now available!

Fantastic posting presents and a great keepsake for the budding artists.

Linen tea towel with **Blue** Portraits for the Junior School

Linen tea towel with **Green** Portraits for the Senior School.

\$10 each or \$18 for 2.

Available for sale after school. Alternatively, you may include payment with order, noting either Junior or Senior towel(s) in an envelope marked PTA order and send to the office.

Tea towels are on display next to the notice board. All enquiries to Honor Stephenson 5403418.

Fundraiser organised by the Mapua School PTA.

Progress with our Sandpit

The first Saturday of the holiday we made great progress towards building the sandpit area.

A big thank you to Ed Dean, Eddie Shields, Andrew Palmer, Ian Langridge, Mary Duncan, Phil Jones, Rob Smith, Paul Mephan, Justine Millar, Lawrence McCann, Belinda Barden and Charlie Squance for all the work you did.

The sandpit is now all boarded up, and there is a fabulous smart deck protecting our specimen tree in the playground area. One day it will provide much needed summer shade to this area. Your efforts achieved so much. Thank you, and thank you to your families for giving you up for this time - we all know that time is precious.

Our next task is to put up the poles for the shade sails over the sandpit. We have been most fortunate to have Tranzpower and Electronet donate the enormous poles now lying near the sandpit. The intention is for these to become works of art in the future as the children get to decorate them. Also very kindly donated by Taylors Contracting are some wonderful large rocks that will be used to landscape the area behind and to the side of the sandpit.

A great big thanks to super Dads - Lian Polak and Neil Porter for the herculean effort required delivering the massive poles to the school.

We will also be finishing the decking and playhouse around the sandpit. Around the field perimeter some of the fitness trail structures have been built and should be finished for use soon.

And last but not least, if you are keen to be involved in the next working bee on Saturday 7 August please keep the date free. If you are not available on that day but would like to help on another date, or provide a donation, that will also be thoroughly appreciated.

Many thanks, from Justine and Mary

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Manāki Whānau No Sweat Parenting – (a Parents Inc. initiative) in partnership with Te Awhina Marae Motueka are proud to host two No Sweat Parenting events presented by Pio Terei and his mate John Cowan on Tuesday 3 August 2010. If you miss the morning event go to the evening one. Better still go to both and bring your whānau and friends. Be quick, seats are limited. Food and prizes contribute to a relaxed atmosphere for learning in which an amazing amount of valuable information is passed on. Come early to get a place and be prepared to be entertained!

Te Awhina Marae 133 Pah Street,
Motueka Memorial Hall Pah Street

Powhiri 9:30am Presentation 10:30pm – 12:30pm
Presentation 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Motueka Library is pleased to host Nelson author Anne Harvey on Tuesday 27th July at 7pm. Anne will be talking about her latest book **“Sons to men: a mother's guide”**. As a mother of four sons and with a background in life coaching and education, Anne knows firsthand how challenging it is to hold your tongue and maintain your sense of humour around teenage boys. For more information phone Helen McCubbin at Motueka Library 528 1047.