



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

30.7	Whole School practise for Cross Country
31.7	Assembly, 2pm - Room 3 leading
4.8	ICAS - English
4.8	School Cross Country
6.8	Postponement date for School Cross Country
11.8	Mot Cluster Cross Country
13.8	Postponement date Mot Cluster Cross Country
14.8	Assembly, 2pm - Room 4 leading

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A very warm welcome to the new school term. It's great to see all our students again and we are looking forward to a fabulous term. Coming up we have focused literacy and numeracy programmes for students along with the integrated theme of 'Unmasking Our World'. This theme leads us into performing and participating in the Masked Parade during Term IV. Also coming up this term we have school wide assessment, reporting to parents, and interviews, a Year 6 parent evening, GATE programmes in reading, writing, The Wetlands, and Mathix, ICAS exams in English and Mathematics, buddy times, tennis coaching, Snow Day, the Winter Sports Tournament, and cross country events at school, Motueka District, and Interschool levels. Opportunities and challenges galore!

We wish to welcome new and returning students Noah, Jack, and Lucy, Benjamin, Zak, Zane, and Zarek, Tony and Nicole, Brittany, and Trvae and Iszalea. We wish you every success in your schooling and welcome you and your family to the Mapua School community.

We are aware that numbers in some classes have risen lately and are doing everything possible to provide assistance to the teachers of these rooms.

The end of Term II saw the departure of two staff members from the school - Judy Lumsden, who had worked here as a Teacher Aide, and Gordon Worsley who had filled our Caretaker/Groundsperson role. Judy has transferred to Ngatimoti School (being next door to her home), and Gordon has handed over the school keys to Wolfgang on his (Wofgang's) return from visiting family and friends in Germany. Our sincere thanks go to both Judy and Gordon who have done great work within the school and will be sorely missed by all concerned. We welcome Wolfgang and his broad smile back to Mapua and wish to introduce newly appointed Teacher Aide Barbara Phipps to the school community. Barbara is a trained teacher and has recently moved into the Mapua area. Tarnia Pilcher has returned to school this term having been on Maternity Leave for the past year. With Oscar now in the good hands of husband Olin, Tarnia has returned to duties here at Mapua. We wish Wolfgang, Barbara, and Tarnia every success in their work and welcome them back, or into, the school community.

Recently Ian Twin, school parent and owner of Twin Residential builders, won the contract to upgrade our toilet lock. Twin Residential began work these holidays on the upgrade and will progress this work over the next term. With the toilets needed on a day-to-day basis much of this work will take place in weekends and later during the September holiday break. It's great to have Ian and his team on board and carrying out this upgrade.

Fiona Bibby-Smith and I, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, have been working steadily on several of the other building projects outlined in the school's Ten Year Property Plan. To date plans have been drawn up, consent received, and tenders called regarding a new classroom. This classroom will replace our current Room 5 that becomes a resource room later down the track. Plans have also been drawn up to extend the verandah along the full length of Room 6 & 7 to provide shade for these classes. Building of this structure should take place soon after construction of the new classroom. Plans are also being drawn up for the conversion of our current library into a classroom and planning for an upgrade of Rooms 3 & 4 has begun. Unfortunately we will need to close our library for a period of time but we have made contingency plans so that classes will still have plenty of reading and research material available to them. While they will not have direct access to the library, collections of books will be available to students via their classrooms.

Thanks to Ella and Grant Bessant the skyline above the pool area has drastically changed over the holiday period. You may not have noticed the change, but the pool shade structure has been removed. This structure, intended at the time to provide shading of the pool area, proved to be too effective and made swimming a cool experience. The shade cloth element was removed some time ago and Ella and Grant came to our assistance to remove the framing. Sincere thanks to Ella and Grant for the time and energy this took.

The swine flu has now become an everyday part of New Zealand life but we do need to take care with this virus, especially in respect to students (and adults) who have underlying health issues that may make them more vulnerable to serious illness. Should your child be unwell we do ask that they remain home until fully recovered.

The holiday break should have helped reduce incidences of head lice transmission between students. However we need to remain vigilant in respect of this health issue also and again I ask that parents check heads on a daily basis so that this issue can be minimised. Should you find head lice in your child's hair please treat it prior to the child's return to school. We would also appreciate being informed of any infestation so that we can track the extent of the problem in the school. Please remember that head lice are a normal part of any community and that their presence does not indicate a dirty head.

Best wishes for the remainder of the week, have a great weekend, and remember 'To Be All You Can'.

Regards,

Neil Chalmers
Principal

Yellow Pages Fundraiser

A big thank you to everyone involved in this fundraising event.

As always, a testament to the strength of our school community members; everyone was positive, supportive and willing to give up some of their time to help which collectively resulted in raising approximately \$600.00 for our school.

Strength in numbers!

(PS. A big thanks to Malcolm for co-ordinating this fundraiser)

Turn Your Trash into Room 10's Treasure.

If you are having a clean out in your house over the next few weeks, then please keep us in mind. Room 10 will be opening in Week 6 of this term and we need a collection of items for a variety of reasons.

egg cartons	balls of wool	paper plates/bowls/cups	newspaper
wrapping paper	magazines	ice cream containers	ribbon
cushions	beads	duraseal scraps	lego
small cars	dress up costumes	cotton reels	pipe cleaners
magnetic letters	drinking straws	building blocks	
small toy animals	cereal boxes (not collapsed)		

If you have any of the listed items, can you please bring them to school and put in the box in the photocopy room in the administration block. Thank you in advance.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY this Friday, 24 July

All children welcome to come to the Mapua Library at 3.15pm and have some fun with poetry.

Motueka High School Open Evening, Thursday 30 July 2009, 7.00 - 9.00pm in the school hall.

A warm welcome is extended to all parents and Year 8 students. Come and see our facilities and meet our staff and students.

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Room 5's Take on our Careers Expo

Wow, what an experience! The Careers Expo was held yesterday, and it was a very inspirational and motivating afternoon. We were put into groups based on our interests and rotated around three of the six parents that told us about their work life. Elspeth Collier is a freelance photographer and she told us about how she became a photographer and how you can become a photographer. We learnt about cameras and photos in the 80's and how she discovered her passion in photography. She became involved with photography through the film industry then went to London to get a degree. She showed us some cool photos and gave us lots of tips we can use when taking photos. Thanks Elspeth!

By Libby

Yesterday was a blast! It was really cool having Pam Stinton come in and talk to us about her job as a personal assistant in the hospital. First, Pam introduced herself and then told us about her daily routines; such as organising meetings for surgeons and nurses; making sure that when her boss goes to a meeting he has all the right papers. She also deals with complaints from patients and then has to deliver the message to the doctor or nurse and try to fix it. Pam talked about the special requirements you need for administration; like how you have to be a fast typist, have sound literacy skills, and have good people skills. Thank you Pam for telling us about what personal assistants do, we really enjoyed it!

By Laura

What a great day! Yesterday we had the careers expo, six parents came to talk about their jobs. We got to choose three jobs we were most interested in. There was photography, food/marketing, computers/electronics, science-marine biology, dentistry and admin. I had computers/electronics with Eric as one of my options, we learnt about radio waves and how things like televisions, computers, cameras and electronics games work and it was very interesting to learn about how they work and about mega pixels.

By Tarryn

The careers expo was a fun and exciting experience! We had many parents come in to talk to us about the different careers that they are currently working in or have worked in. The first career that I looked at was in Room 9 with Leigh Gray speaking about food/marketing. She explained what food/marketing is and about the previous jobs she had working with Cadbury and Watties. She also talked about the skills and entry requirements we needed to have. We asked as many questions as we could and filled our pages with lots of information that we needed to report back on. Thank you Leigh for all the valuable information you gave us, we appreciated you coming in and we learnt a lot - the chocolate was yummy!

By Jade

On Thursday we were given the opportunity to be spoken to by parents explaining their previous careers. I listened to Richard De Hamel talk about Marine Biology and how he came into this line of work. He told us that he had been interested in animals since he was a kid and did some jobs for a family friend who works in the animal section in a museum. After a while a job came up to be a trainee ranger but then he was told that he was over qualified, and would be better off going to university. So that's what he did and just before he finished his degree he was asked to teach some people about marine birds.

After all of this he works with our very own Mapua Aquarium and was involved with the public dissection of the large mako that had washed up in Mapua.

Thank you Richard for sharing your experiences with us!

By Maddy

Yesterday afternoon we had a careers expo with six parents coming in and talking to us about their jobs. One of them was Sybille Podlucky who talked to us about dentistry. She discussed with us the skills and experience that you need to be a dental assistant and said that one of the most important things is to keep clean and sterile. Everything else has to be clean as well or else you could spread or catch germs, so the tools have to be constantly sterilized.

Thank you Sybille for sharing this information with us.

By Molly and Kaisa

COMMUNITY NOTICES

EXCITING CHANGES AT MAPUA PLAYCENTRE

Playcentre is an early childhood education organisation which is family based. It is a family co-operative where we share in providing sessions for children where they play and learn. We also share in providing support and learning opportunities for adults. We are very lucky to have an active and vibrant Playcentre right here in Mapua.

At Mapua Playcentre we have recognised the changing needs of parents in our community and have made some changes to our centre recently. We are pleased to have employed an administrator to take much of the administration pressure off the parents. We have changed our sessions to being parent run, so we are actively involved with our children. If you want to have fun with your children then come and take a look at Mapua Playcentre and see the support and friendships which develop in a parent run environment.

Our sessions are open for all children between birth and six years old on Mondays and Fridays 9:30 till 12:00. Our fees are free for under two year olds or \$50 per term per family. Everyone is entitled to three free no-obligation visits. So pop down during one of our sessions or call Michal on 540 3460 if you would like any more information about what Playcentre can offer you and your family.