



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

25.9	End of Term 3
12.10	Start of Term 4
16.10	Masked Parade
21.10	Touch starts
23.10	Assembly, 2pm - Room 10 leading
26.10	Labour Day - school closed
14.11	Moutere Hills Athletics Day
16.11	Postponement date - Athletics Day

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another school term is drawing to an end and we can reflect that it has been a very successful one with many significant indicators showing that the children of Mapua School are doing well. Reporting to families has concluded and we do trust that the process was informative and effective for parents. Changes were made to the reporting system in 2008 with a view to making our reports clear and a useful tool as to 'next steps' for students. We do appreciate feedback and therefore encourage you to speak with us regarding any aspects of the process you would like to reflect on.

The last week has involved some great events including the Motueka Schools Cluster Winter Sports Tournament, the PTA morning tea for new parents, the fabulous Passion For Plants evening, Cross Country runners did very well in the Nelson Regional event, Science Fair award winners were presented with their awards at a special function in Nelson, Sophie (see below) received her Aim High Award at another ceremony in Nelson, Bounce Early Learning Centre have visited, and the Board of Trustees have met, the new classroom building has progressed further and construction is to start very soon, and preparations for the Masked Parade are well under way with masks, shields, and choreography all coming together nicely.

Sophie is one star student. At the then tender age of seven she suggested to her family that she should make application to the 'Nelson Mail - Prices Pharmacy Aim High Awards' on behalf of the school asking for funding towards our future gymnasium so that Mapua children could 'Aim High' and 'Be All They Can'. Sophie's letter of application was well received by the judges and she became one of just 21 recipients of an Aim High Award. But her support of the school gets even better when you take into account the fact that Sophie not only gained \$200 for the school toward this important project but she has also donated her own share of award money (\$250) as well thus providing the school with a sound starting point to this project. Sophie, you are one special girl.



We wish everyone a great school holiday period with your children. They worked very hard this term and will be looking forward to a much-needed break from schooling, and like the staff team here, will return to the new term refreshed and ready to get into it all again.

Regards and best wishes for the next few weeks,

Neil Chalmers,
Principal

Masked Parade Practise in the Village

On Wednesday 14 October, Mapua School will be practising for the Port Nelson Masked Parade with a mini parade through the Mapua Village.

At 1.30pm, we will leave from the tennis courts walking down Aranui Road, left onto Toru Street, and left again onto Iwa Street. We will cross through the park on our way back to school. We would love to see parents, family and friends on the footpaths giving us their support. Many thanks to our Rural Community Constable, Grant Heney, and local business owners for their support of this.



“THANK YOU” to the PTA for all of their support for our ukulele orchestras. The kids are having a ball, learning quickly and some old dogs are learning new tricks too.

Room 10 has done some great writing they want to share with you

My house was flooded last night. I swept the water. I got wet. Dad got wet. Elise

My Dad has come back from Japan and he got me some more train tracks. Fergus made both train tracks. Lochie

One day my friends came over to have a sleepover. Their names are Holly and Matthew. We had fireworks. It was wonderful. Lucy

In 6 weeks I will be excited so much because Nana and Grandad are coming over. Anya

Today I am zooming to play on the playground. I am zooming to get on this swing. It is high. Sarsha

I was playing with my guitar at home. I like my guitar. Lenja

At my house a storm happened. I was scared. Ben

I went to the tennis court and I won a game and I was proud of myself. Flynn

I went to the fair. Michael

I stayed at home. I ran outside. I played. Sam

I saw a band and the guitar was red and yellow and orange. Rosie

I am going to Australia without my Dad only Mum is coming. I am going with my mum. Georgia.

I went to Penguins and I went on a ride. There were bumps. Anna

Me and my sister yesterday were sliding down this piece of cardboard. I was the champion surfer. We had fun. Shaun

In the weekend we might stay home and play. Jasmine

I rode to the park without Dad helping me. Josh

I am driving to the beach. I am zooming to make sandcastles. Isaac

PASSION FOR PLANTS EVENING

Mapua School would like to thank all the sponsors and supporters that have given time and or donations for the Passion for Plants Fundraising Evening. The Mapua School PTA organised the event and we thank the organising committee for all their time & efforts; Mary Duncan, Justine Millar, Leigh Gray, Jackie Hall and Lisa Dunn. The money is still being tallied but over \$7,000 has been raised which is being put towards grounds improvement at Mapua School.

Jack Hobbs, Vibrant Earth, Bay Nurseries, Ray White Real Estate Mapua, Ruby Bay Winery, Michael Stephenson and Keystone Builders, Mitre 10 Mega, Fairfax, Ben and Karla Thurlow, Overland Electrical, Redwood Cellars, Deli-cious, Bar Delicious, Prices Pharmacy, Cracker Jack Toys, Nelson City Council (Arts Festival), JKL Design, GHO Vinegars, Craig Potton Publishing, Aboki Hairdressers, Mark Jaime, The Body Shop Nelson, Tophouse Café, Hunters Marlborough Garden Show, Wilsons (Abel Tasman Boat Trip), Freshly Picked, Nelson Fruit and Vege, Todds Produce, Motueka New World, Mapua 4 Square, Cocoa, Sally Miller, Kerry Anne Nicholas Piñatas, DOC, Al and Lisa Dunn, ASB Aquatic Centre, The Bamfields, Up the Garden Path, Kristin Harrison Catering, Shanti Massage Therapy, Mitre 10 Motueka, Big Trees on Lansdowne, Premier Books, Wharfside, Ian Symonds—Gardener, The Lavender Room—Lisa Polak, Pomeroy's Coffee House, Mapua Country Trading Co., Glenis @Tessa Maes, Denise and Leigh @ Mapua School, Smokehouse, Richmond Hire, Tasman Bay Roses, Waimea Nurseries, Impact Plants, Canterbury Landscapes, Ravensdown Fertiliser, Abel Tasman Sky Dive, Rimu Grove Winery, Cave Wine Distributors, Baku, Goldpine, Bunnings Stoke, Honor Stephenson, Angela Fon, Richmond Hire, Moutere Gold and Neudorf Cheeses, Waimea Nurseries Mapua Country Trading Co., The pot painters from Mapua School.

Cards

Cards are now available for purchase from the school office.

Take time to look at these - all are designed by children from the school.

Packs of 10 are \$10.

There are 3 different themed packs - Gardening, Mapua and Christmas.

Great for gifts and for your use. Packs will also be available at selected Mapua stores.

Ruby Bay Wine Orders

This great deal is available to all Mapua School parents, friends, neighbours and workmates.

This is a limited offer and all orders must be at the school by this Thursday.

Please ask everyone you know to order through the school so we can make the most of this offer from Ruby Bay Wines. Perfect for long summer evenings and all those Christmas functions.

Orders will be available for collection after the school holidays in October.

Preserves

Preserved Lemons, Pickled Onions and Preserved Pears
in beautiful jars are available from the school office.

These have been made by Justine Millar and all money raised will go to Mapua School.

Another great gift idea.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PTA FOR ALL THAT YOU DO - it is appreciated.

Term 4 Timetable of Events: This was sent home with every student yesterday. Please keep it to refer to upcoming events during next term.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mapua Hall special public meeting on Wednesday, 14 October at 7.45pm to discuss the future of your hall.

Mapua Pirate Fun Day - 27 September at Mapua Wharf from 11 am - 3pm. Dress up and come down to enjoy the free entertainment - folk band, barrel rolling races, walking the plank, a treasure hunt and loads of spot prizes. You may get to see the old 'pirate ship' the "Steadfast" tied up at the wharf (tide and weather willing), watch the cannon being fired, have a horse and buggy and/or boat ride and sing a sea shanty or two. Bring some gold coins and support our local community groups and businesses.

TASBAY KIDZ: DON'T FORGET the awesome fun filled holiday programme! Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October, 8.30 - 4.30pm daily. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact Sal 0274068109 for further information.

AWESOME PARENTS WEEKEND WORKSHOP Lisa McKimm, from Parentingworx, is running a weekend parenting workshop right here in Mapua. The workshop covers the following and more: respect – how to gain it, and how to give it; the secrets of gaining a child's co-operation; rock solid self esteem building in children; understanding the impact of the words we use to our children; respectful responses in trying times; and insights from the 'Family Constellation' – where ever you are in a family affects the way you go about life and relationships.

Date: Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November 2009, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm both days at the Mapua School staff room. Please contact Michal Gray on 03 540 3460 or email richardandmichal@xnet.co.nz for more details or to book. You can also visit <http://www.parentingworx.co.nz> for more information on Lisa McKimm and Parentingworx.

Softball Skills Camp A two day skills camp will be held at the Moutere Hills sport field on 1 and 2 October from 10am - 3pm. This is for 4-13 year olds. Free entry for Rangers Softball Club registered players, \$30 for non registered. Contact Marty Grant for details: 021 490 738 or marty.grant@xtra.co.nz

CHILDREN S GYMNASTICS *Gymnastics and whole body movement sessions are designed to improve a child's strength, balance, coordination, spatial awareness and eye tracking by letting them climb, jump, spin, turn and crawl. We use hand apparatus, songs, and gym equipment to achieve this in a fun, positive learning environment.*

Thursdays @ The Old Church Hall, Hills Community Church, Mapua. Sessions for three months to nine years. Please ring Sam on 5402896.

Fridays @ Moutere Hills Community Centre, Upper Moutere. Sessions for two to eight year olds. Please ring Linda on 5466013.

Tennis Coaching Any children interested in tennis coaching beginning Term 4 on Friday afternoons at the Mapua Tennis Courts, please email Vanessa claybrookestate@xtra.co.nz. Registration essential!

Basketball

School Holiday Basketball Coaching at Jack Robins stadium on 6 and 7 October for Years 5 and 6 and Years 7 and 8 students. Years 5 and 6: 9am - 11.00 am; Years 7 and 8 from 1pm - 3pm. Cost \$30. Please contact Dallas Ward 547 6419 or email nnbasketball@xtra.co.nz. Forms available in the office.

Information sheets on Junior Open Summer League for Years 5 and 6 players; Small Ferns and Little Giants Basketball for Years 1 - 4 children and Mixed Summer League activities are available from the school office.

The artist Janet Marshall will run a drawing session on Monday 5th October from 10.30am to 12.00 noon for children aged 7 and over at the Mapua Library. Janet loves birds so this will be the focus of her class. Come along and enjoy some fun in the Library. All the necessary materials will be provided. There is no charge. Please phone Dot on 540 3276 or email dmoriarty@xtra.co.nz to reserve a place at this special class. Depending on the response a second class may be available during the afternoon.