



**"To Be All I Can"**

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

26.3	House Leaders Presentation Assembly
30.3	PTA AGM at 7pm followed by meeting at 7.30pm
1.4	Last day of Term 1
4.4	EASTER FAIR
19.4	Start of Term 2
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,

As a relatively short term draws towards an end the staff team reflect on what has been a very busy but productive time for students. Camps, The Big Day Out, swimming, the tryathlon, and other sporting events have dominated the physical education and wider learning programme whilst there has been a strong push in class time towards the establishment of sound routines and solid learning in the core curriculum areas of English and mathematics. Alongside this the integrated learning theme, "It's not all about me", has focused classes on looking at the big picture around working with others whether we're considering group work, the class, the school, the local community, or society as a whole. An overwhelming reflection I have of this learning focus is that the children of Mapua School, whether in the classroom, playground, on school based activities, or involved in an EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) event have strong skills in the interdependence area. They relate well to each other, learn well together, and function effectively as groups. This community can be proud of its children and should accept a pat on the back for their efforts in raising children that will successfully play a positive role in society.

It's fabulous to see the Easter Fair fundraiser coming together and it's shaping up to be yet another fantastic event. Our best wishes go to everyone who is involved in any way, shape, or form. Working together in this way has a very positive spin-off for the school and we look forward to the resources and facilities that this fundraising provides. On Tuesday evening the Board of Trustees had a very busy meeting covering a large number of agenda items. These are exciting times as all the hard, back-room work that has gone into property development, whether in respect of physical amenities, or the recreational facilities associated with the grounds, has reached that point where the two dimensional plans will become real and usable. Further details of these developments will come out in the near future via a separate BOT publication.

Our Year 8 students have been busy post camp writing applications and planning speeches regarding the House Leader roles that are chosen at this time of the year. House leadership is a significant role in student leadership of the school and something that students aspire to achieve. We wish all applicants every success with their campaigns and look forward to having a great group of leaders take up the reins for 2010.

Best wishes for the last week of term,

Neil Chalmers  
Principal

**The Mapua School P.T.A  
Annual General Meeting  
To be held at Mapua School  
7:00pm on  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**All welcome**

## **EASTER FAIR UPDATE**

You may have noticed the Yellow, Red, Green and Blue boxes in the school foyer. These represent the four house colours of Mapua School. We are asking each family to donate an item in the colour your family belongs to (if you are unsure your child or their teacher can tell you!). These might be grocery items, cosmetics, household items - let your imagination lead you! Last year these raffles were eyecatching and very popular. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Children's Clothing, Pre-loved Toys and Children's Books**

We will be running a stall selling good condition children's clothing, pre-loved toys and children's books. If you have anything to donate to this - no matter how big or small - please drop them off to the office. Thank you to those who have already donated goods, however we would still be grateful for more.

**LOST:** A silver christening bracelet with a small cross and diamond was lost during the week of 15 March. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, please contact Sue Neal on 5402353.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Moutere Hills School Holiday Programme** Activities include: pottery, golf, sweet-making, baking, soccer, crafts, roller-skating climbing, Maori Culture day. April 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive, 8.30am - 3.30pm. 5 to 13 years. Cost: \$100.00 for the week, or \$25.00 per day for single day options. WINZ subsidies apply. Contact Michelle tel. 5432516 or email: [enquiries@mouterehills.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@mouterehills.org.nz)

**Tasman Rugby Union Community Ripa Rugby Nights at Mapua Domain**, each Tuesday until 6<sup>th</sup> April. (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the school holidays). There is NO COST. 3:30pm - Years 3,4,5 and 4.00pm for Years 6,7,8. Any queries to Kahu Marfell, Rugby Development Officer, Tasman Rugby Union on 546 3378, 548 7030 ext 378 or 027 249 2332.

**MAPUA COMMUNITY LIBRARY LITERARY FESTIVAL, 26 - 28 March 2010**  
**Especially for children and young adults on SATURDAY 27 MARCH 10.00AM - 4.00PM**

A full programme of readings and talks in the Mapua Community Hall, Aranui Road, Mapua from:

- 10.00am** **Margaret Mahy**, Festival Patron and Award Winning Children's Author  
**10.30am** **Matt Lawrey**, Nelson Journalist/Reviewer speaking on "Journalism as a Career"  
**11am** **Melanie Drewery**, Children's Author  
**midday** **Jillian Sullivan**, Children, Young Adults Author  
**12.30pm** **Nicholas Horgan**, Memoir Author  
**1pm** **Cliff Fell**, Author, Poet, Musician  
**1.15pm** **Lindy Kelly**, Journalist, Author  
**1.30pm** **Sue Gibbison**, Author, Travel Writer, Photographer  
**2.30pm** **Karen Phillips**, Katherine Mansfield Novice Winner  
**2.45pm** **Anna Crosbie**, Picture Book Author  
**3.00pm** **Barry Southam**, Author, Playwright, Reviewer

- Demonstrations by **Tracy Duncan** (Illustrator) and **Christine Carr** (bookbinder)
- Buy a book by one of the authors from our friendly retailer and get it signed
- Craft zone, home-made produce, raffles and refreshments

**PLUS**

- 11.30 am** **COSTUME PARADE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN** - prizes for the best dressed book character  
**2.00 pm** **RAP A BOOK FOR OLDER CHILDREN** - prizes for an individual or group giving us their take of a book in rap form  
**12.40 pm** **STARS ON STAGE** Children who deserve recognition for their achievements  
For further information please contact: Sue England phone 540 2934.

**CARDIO TENNIS** The latest fitness craze to hit Mapua is cardio tennis. This is a great workout to great music without any tennis ability required. We have classes already up and running but still have room for a few more people who are keen to up their fitness levels while having a whole lot of fun! For more info or to register email Vanessa at [claybrookestate@xtra.co.nz](mailto:claybrookestate@xtra.co.nz).

**BASKETBALL:**

**Small Ferns and Little Giants** Basketball afterschool programme for Years 1-4 at Stoke from 26 April - 21 June. Registration forms available in the Office.

**School Holiday Basketball Coaching** 12 - 14 April for Years 3-8. Information sheets and registration forms are available from the office.

**Getting Started in Coaching** Tuesday 23 April, 6pm – 9pm at Jack Robins Stadium. The cost is \$30. Further details from Dallas Ward 5476419.

**Junior Hockey Programme** 13th May - 19th August at Saxton's Field for 4 - 11 year olds. Information sheet available at the office.

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