



**"To Be All I Can"**

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

28.5	Disco Years 1-4 5.30pm - 6.45pm; Years 5-8 7pm - 8.30pm
29.5	Teacher Only Day - <b>school closed</b>
1 .6	<b>Queen's Birthday - school closed</b>
2.6	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm in the staffroom
10.6	ICAS Science
12.6	Assembly, 2pm - Room 6 leading
23.6	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
24.6	ICAS - Spelling/Writing
25.6	Gymnastics Grade A
26.6	Gymnastics Grade B
26.6	Assembly, 2pm - Room 2 leading
3.7	End of Term 2
20.7	Start of Term 3

Dear Parents

It is our real pleasure this week to have Papa Ra (Rairi Rairi) visiting our school from Nikao Maori School, Nikao Village, Rarotonga. Nikao Maori School is situated beside the airport runway (Papa Ra tells us that the children regularly wave to passengers as the planes arrive and depart) and close to the beautiful beach that surrounds Rarotonga. Papa Ra has been a teacher for a number of years but has also been involved in tourism, lectured at the University of The South Pacific, and was a CEO in the late Prime Minister's office. Approximately 9 months ago the Secretary of Education asked him to take up the principal's role at Nikao Maori School and ever since he has been busy ensuring that it is providing a great educational service to some 150 (Early Childhood and Full Primary) children from the Nikao Village area. While here Papa Ra and our staff are sharing our philosophies and methods of education and are each gaining from this experience. We look forward to an ongoing link and relationship with the children, staff, and parents of Nikao School. Our sincere thanks go to the Mytton and Endersby families for opening their homes to Papa Ra and hosting him during his stay.

Sadly we said goodbye to the Toms family yesterday as they headed from Mapua to Switzerland where they plan to live for the next few years. We wish them every success in life as they take up residence with family and friends in Switzerland.

A very warm welcome to new students Jasmin, Tuscan, and Anson who have arrived here in Mapua from South Africa and Takaka. We look forward to having you and your families here and wish you every success.

Congratulations to those who participated in the Year 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby tournament on Tuesday. Not only did teams play well, but also the attitude and behaviour of students impressed those who were there to support them. Well done.

Best wishes to students who sat ICAS – Computer Skills exams this week and our congratulations to them all on taking up this challenge.

Tonight is Disco Night and I'm sure that everyone attending is going to have a great time.

Tomorrow teaching staff are attending an In-service Day focusing on the Enterprise strand of the New Curriculum Document. We look forward to this important input and the gaining of a greater understanding of this area of the curriculum. Enterprise goes much wider than the great things achieved through Prep (Primary Enterprise Programme) and the superb market days that take place here. Enterprise can be an aspect of many parts of the curriculum and of the thinking children do when approaching their learning. We thank parents for arranging alternative care of children on this day and thus allowing our staff to train in this area.

Next week we have the Motueka High School Band entertaining us (Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. – N.B. Interval will be later on Tuesday morning), a PTA meeting on Tuesday evening where all parents are welcome, Room 5 are heading out for Work Experience on Wednesday, Year 7 & 8's are taking up tackle rugby on Thursday, and we have buddy time on Friday.

Best wishes for the long weekend, Monday being the Queen's Birthday public holiday, and enjoy 'Being All You Can'.

Neil Chalmers  
Principal

**Disco, Disco, Disco.... Tonight with a Black and White Theme**  
Juniors (Years 1-4) 5.30-6.45pm, Seniors (Years 5-8) 7.00-8.30pm

Looking forward to seeing you there!  
(Remember there will be no door sales)

**Room 8 are learning to write persuasively.** We heard the story of the Three Little Pigs and the true story of the 3 Little Pigs (written from the point of view from the wolf). We then came up with arguments from two different points of view. These are two of the statements that the police issued:

**Police Report**

In conclusion we are releasing Mr A.Wolf from jail. He showed us the hollow sugar cup that he brought to the pigs houses and the video camera he filmed of the pig saying your granny can sit on a pin! He showed us the extremely gruesome site of the pig with the razor stuck in his throat, with sticks piled on top of him. The sad wolf is very upset that the newspaper lied about his cold, all he wanted was a cup of sugar and that's the very true story of the poor wolf and the very rude pigs!!!

Sergeants Peckham, Reid, Smith, Coxy

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It was a windy day and the wolf knocked on the straw door and the wind blew it down. The wolf was sure that Bob landed on his head and broke his back and died but does not know where the pig's body is now.

Then Mr Wolf walked over to Gary Pig's stick house with his empty cup for the sugar he wanted. As he was just about to knock on the door to say "little pig, little pig, are you in?" he felt a sneeze coming on and just then the wind blew the house of sticks down and Mr Wolf found Gary with his shaver in his throat. He was just about to walk over to Alfred's house when he realised that Gary Pig was gone and he did not know where he was.

He knocked on the door and Mr Wolf said "little pig, little pig are you in?. "No, not of the hair's of my chinny chin chin". Then Mr Wolf said "please Alfred I need a cup of sugar for my granny's birthday". Mr Wolf did have the empty cup for the sugar but Alfred did not let Mr Wolf have a cup of sugar. After that Alfred said "Go away Mr Wolf, your old granny can sit on an old rusty pin" Mr Wolf went a little crazy because he did not like people talking about his grandma like that but did not do any harm.

Mr A.Wolf marked innocent.

By Sergeants Hansen, Wratt, Penfold and Smith

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**In response, the third little pig wrote to his lawyer:**

Dear Lawyer,

I would like to say HE IS NOT TELLING THE TRUTH! Mr A Wolf ate my brothers! I went to my brother's house and his razor is missing. Do you think straw could kill you? I didn't think so. I looked in the wolf's paw and, NO CUP! Mr A Wolf tried to blow down the door. He blew down my brothers houses and after that Mr A Wolf ate them! How much worse could this get? And now that he's out of prison he's going to track me down like a cat tracking down a mouse! I'm going to die! I'm too young to die!

Yours sincerely Alfred

*By Theo, Nicholas and Robbie*

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Dear Mikey

I am stunned the wolf is released, he even tried to kill my brothers Bob and Gary. He also tried to break into my house, what an outrage! And also how on earth could straw kill a pig? Straw could only harm a fly, a very unwell fly.

In the news Gary is cut by a razor blade, but that is not true, Gary does not even shave, He is just 12 years old.

Bob got crushed when the wolf huffed and puffed and blew the house to shreds and then the wolf ate Bob.

Please help me.

Yours sincerely Alfred

By Kruz and Asriel

# PINE CONES FOR SALE

On sale from Monday morning outside the front office.  
Only 50 cents a supermarket bag (bring your own or similar).

## *A note from Svetlana and the Young Family*

*“Many thanks for all that the school and the wider community  
are doing to help us at this time.*

*A special appreciation to Lisa Dunn for organising the helpers  
with the garden and the roster for meals.*

*No words can express how very grateful we are  
and we thank each and everyone of you”.*

*From Svetlana*

**Nelson Schools Cross-Country League** ‘The 2009 Nelson Schools Cross-Country League kicked off with a record turnout of 107 runners for the first race at Rabbit Island on Saturday. Fine conditions and a dry course saw some close racing and fast times. In the primary boys race, Ben Hazlett (Henley School) led from start to finish, completing the 1km distance in 3min 51sec. Chasing hard were Hugo Peckham (Mapua School, 3min 57sec) and Remus Courtenay (Mahana School, 4min 03sec)’ – Nelson Mail 25/05/09. Well done Hugo and best wishes for the next race.

These are a series of four races held on Saturday afternoons for primary, intermediate and college students. Venues for the next races are 30 May at Miyazu Park (corner Atawhai Drive and QE II Drive); 6 June at Saxton Field, 13 June (venue to be confirmed). All races start at 3pm, registration is not required and there is no entry fee. Trophies awarded for all grades. Any enquiries to Malcolm Hepburn.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **“AUGUST RUSH” (PG) – BRILLIANT FAMILY MOVIE**

Starring Robin Williams

Saturday the 6th June at Hills Community Church Mapua - 5.45-8.30pm  
(Movie begins at 6.30pm)

**FREE ENTRY**

**Food will be available for purchase** - Soup and a roll \$4.00; A cup of saveloys \$2.50; Cake and Coffee \$5.00; Slices \$2.50. Tea and Coffee \$2.50 (bottomless cup); Popcorn, Chocolate Bars, Drinks

**All proceeds from the sale of food will be donated to Ross Wilson for the purchase of communication equipment. Extra donations will be welcome.**

Creche for under 5s available for a gold coin donation

**NELSON REGIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA** A youth orchestra is starting up in Nelson catering for a wide range of abilities by forming “feeder” groups to the full orchestra. Weekly rehearsals started on Sunday, 24 May and weekly rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons between 1.30 - 2.30pm at Nelson College for Girls’. Application forms are available from the Office and further details are available from John Towse 5489352 or Joel Bolton 5469210.