

Mapua School PTA

Term 4 - Newsletter

November 2007

2007 has been a very busy year for Mapua School and the PTA. We were pleased to be able to give the school two data projectors with funds raised this year.

Thanks to all the dedicated committee members and the parents who help out where they can. A big thanks to Rob and the staff, who have been very supportive of our ideas and initiatives this year. A very special thanks to Denise, for her ideas and help from collecting money to proofreading fliers!

Lastly good luck to those Year 8 children moving on to High School or College next year and thank you for your contribution to Mapua School.

Angela Fon, Chair

Car Boot Sales

The PTA Car Boot Sales are picking up after a quiet, chilly winter! Hopefully we will continue to increase our numbers of traders and customers during the summer months.

Perhaps a pre-Christmas clear out, making way for Santa's new deliveries, will inspire people to get down to Mapua School for the **next Car Boot Sale on 25 November**. It's a great start to a Sunday morning, chatting to the community, meeting new people and having a good giggle at some of the 'treasures' people are selling! Don't forget, we also make a mean bacon buttie and an equally tempting sausage sizzle! This once a term event helps to raise money for the PTA by collecting the trader's fees and selling the food and beverages. So come and support the Car Boot Sale!

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Family BBQ and Bottle Auction

The last hoorah for the year is the Family BBQ and Bottle Auction on Fri 14 Dec, 6pm at Mapua School. Please come and join us for this entertaining evening. It's BYO BBQ food (BBQs will be available), plates and cutlery.

You may also like to choose a bottle of something fun or interesting, wrap it up and donate it by dropping it off to school before **14 Dec**. All mystery bottles will be auction by our guest auctioneer at the BBQ, where the highest bidder wins!

Recipe Books

The Mapua School Community Recipe book has been the main fundraising achievement for the latter part of this year. Thanks to Leigh Gray for her tremendous effort organising this for us. If you don't have a copy or a looking for a gift for someone for Xmas, they are available from the school office. The price is \$15.

A special thanks to our sponsors, without their support we may not have had the funds for upfront printing. Please support their businesses in return - Touch the Sea Aquarium, The Naked Bun, Hamish's Café, Sunfrost, Pestells, Smythes Lawyers, The Village Inn, Talley's, Redwood Cellars and Mapua 4 Square.

Scholastic Book Fair/ Jump Rope

The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success and the PTA were pleased to help Jan Egarr by acting as cashiers! As a result the library has over \$1,000 worth of new books.

Jump Rope for Heart was also supported by the PTA, with Jacqui and Justin (of Redwood Cellars) arranging Tasbay Fruits to supply free Juicies for the children. Sponsorship money (totalling around \$2,000) was collated (thanks to Fiona BibbySmith and her mum Helen) for the Heart Foundation.

Grounds Project

We have improved the shade structure between the courts and the swimming pool. This now has better seating, an improved roof and a 'shop window' for playing at one end. Many thanks to Mark Jaines for his help with this, it has been much appreciated. The structure will be completed with painting and murals but we have been asked to leave this until the School has its forthcoming repaint.

We have now received the Shade Audit (thanks to Anna Caswell for her time and efforts in producing this) and we are actively planning improved shade areas for the grounds. This may include some shade sails but also some planting which will also improve the appearance of the School. Picnic tables are now being made and the first batch should be available for the children soon. We will then concentrate on the swimming pool area and hope that this may be completed over the summer.

Thanks to the generosity of the Canterbury Community Trust and funds from the PTA the junior playground should be ready for action at the start of the 2008 School year. Although we have been limited by site (and drainage pipes!) the playground design incorporates plenty of great activities for the youngest in the School and makes full use of the site.

We hope to achieve further projects next year and will be looking at more murals and artwork-especially around the new playground area, improving the senior playground (a major financial undertaking, but one we hope to achieve), and of course, we still have in mind a kitchen garden-so still lots to do!

MAGG (Meet and Greet Group)

The PTA's Meet And Greet Group welcomes each new family to Mapua school with a few handouts that provide information about the PTA, school activities, and community functions. At the time of this newsletter we have welcomed 12 new students from 11 families. Many are siblings to students already in Mapua School or children of long time residents of Mapua but we also see many families new to the area and would like to help them settle into community life.

If you feel that you would like to be a part of this group, love to share with these new families about our school, our PTA and our community please contact Debbi on 540-2942. And come along to help us welcome the new families at the next **Welcome New Families Tea on Dec 12th at 9 am** in the staff room.

The Committee

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You can contact us on the above numbers or by email: pta@mapua.school.nz. You are all very welcome to attend any of our meetings, normally held the first Tuesday of the Month - check the school newsletter for details.

Wishing you all and safe and happy Festive Season!