

☞ **Mapua School PTA Newsletter Term Two** ☜

After a busy Term One, the year seems to be flying by. We welcome all families new to the school, especially those new to the district. This term we once again plan a mix of social and fundraising activities, and we are also reconsidering reintroducing fortnightly Friday lunches. We have some new ideas under investigation. We will keep you posted!

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

This is our major fundraiser for the year and our term two fundraiser. The profit level, ease of sales, fact that the school pupils can participate in fundraising for things that directly benefit them, there is no cash outlay and it is based on sales-or-return continue to make this fundraiser practical and appealing. We plan to run this in weeks 7 and 8. Look out for the notices coming home.

Car Boot Sale

With the new format, we had a very successful day in March and after lots of requests for a repeat, we will run another sale on Sunday 11 June. So look out those bits and pieces that you no longer need, and set up a stall. Details will be in the school newsletter or you can ring Lorraine 5403740.

Pot Luck Dinner

The St Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner was lots of fun and we have decided to carry on the theme idea as it worked so well. (Congratulations to Tracy Duncan who won the Guinness t-shirt lucky door prize!) Our next pot luck dinner will be a Mid Winter theme and will be on 23 June at 6pm. Diary it now, and we will remind you nearer the time. All school families are welcome.

Spit Roast Social Night and Auction

We would like to run this event in Term Three at the Mapua Hall and would open it up to the whole Mapua community. However, with committee numbers fairly low, we feel unable to undertake this on our own. If you would be happy to be on the organising committee please contact any of the committee members and let them know.

Nelson Mail Fundraiser

As mentioned in the school Thursday newsletter, we raised \$750 from this activity. Once again, thanks again to all those families to helped out - it was a great team effort.

Easter Fair Fruit Kebab Stall

What a great day the Fair was! We were thrilled with our profit of \$1000. Thanks to the two families who donated fruit and to the willing helpers on the day prior to the fair as well as on fair day. Thanks to Mary and Sally who researched and planned so thoroughly that the stall had to be a success!

Paved Area

Following our successful grant application in December, we added \$2500 to the fund to enable the paving to happen before winter and the mud set in. It looks great and we are pleased to see the use the area is getting already.

Mini Fundraisers

We are inundated with fundraising mail every month, but we try to limit our fundraising to one main event per term. However, lots of ideas that add a few dollars here and there are about. Look at our notice board in the admin area for some of the promotions that we receive which have some great products for sale. Also, whenever you shop at Fresh Choice, remember to nominate Mapua School on your receipt before you put it in the prize draw box!

PTA Committee and Role

We would really welcome some more committee members. We have a small core of previous committee members and several new members and we have so many things we would like to achieve in the Mapua School Community! These are based around support and services, social objectives and fundraising activities. The brochure for new families, grants applications, Pot Luck Dinners, staffing the Book Fair, organising Friday school lunches are just some of the things we already have in place, but there are others that we would love to also see about the place. Note too, that we now have a page on the school website. If you are considering joining our committee, feel free to talk to any committee member or come along to a meeting. They are generally the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at school. Looking forward to seeing you!