

Mapua School PTA

☪ Newsletter Term One '06 ☪

A very warm welcome to the new year, especially to our new families. Also, welcome back Miss Arnold.

Grants Applications

Our biggest news to launch the year is that we were successful in our grants applications made late last year. We have received a cheque from *The Caversham Foundation* for \$10000 towards the paving extension outside rooms 6 and 7. This is a big boost towards the total needed and we are hoping that we can gather together the remainder in time to organise the paving before winter.

Eureka Trust has also sent us a cheque for over \$1000 to purchase replacement and additional sports equipment which is great news.

Nelson Mail Fundraiser

From 13 February for five weeks we are delivering free copies of Nelson Mail to local addresses (as a Nelson Mail promotion to non-subscribers). There are four delivery runs of approximately 50. We are advised that it will take 20-30 minutes per day. If you are happy to commit to a run either for a week or one day for five weeks please let Lynley know on 5402292 or Worsley@paradise.net.nz. We are hoping to raise approximately \$600 towards the paving extension.

Bottle Auction

This very social and enjoyable fundraiser is on the agenda again this year. Look out for the date and details in next week's newsletter (we will confirm them at the Tuesday meeting).

Car Boot Sale

This new fundraiser held in November was not as busy as we had hoped, but served as a trial run as we now have lots of ideas on how to finetune our organising and planning for the next sale. We are hoping to set this up regularly - perhaps once per term. We will keep you posted!

Pyjama Day - 15 November

What a fun day this was. Congratulations to all those who joined in the spirit of the day and well done to Room One students who had the highest representation of pyjamas.

AGM - 7 March

Please consider joining our committee. We have a number of members leaving the committee this year and would welcome some new ideas and input. It doesn't matter if you have no experience - enthusiasm is the main requirement! Our new committee will be elected at the AGM and then office bearers will be elected at the committee meeting immediately following.

You are very welcome to join us - as a committee member or just at a meeting. We generally meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. ☺