

Mapua School PTA

Term 2 - Newsletter

June 2006

Wow! What a busy term it has been. Although it has been busy, we have an awesome group of PTA committee members and some wonderful supporters willing to chip in where needed. Spreading the workload amongst a bigger group definitely has its benefits. Below is a summary of the term's activities and a little about what is coming up. Welcome to all our new Mapua school families - we hope you are settling in well!

Angela Fon, Chair

Chocolate Fundraiser

We are still finalizing the amount raised by the chocolate fundraiser.

Thank you to all those children and their parents/caregivers who were involved in this fundraiser and congratulations to the children who won the sports equipment.

We do have a number of the double packs of Moro bars still to sell, they can be purchased for \$2 directly from Jackie Hall.

Grounds Project

We are continuing to make progress on this, although so far much has been "behind the scenes". Work on the shade structure near the swimming pool should take place in the forthcoming vacation and we are about to purchase the first of some picnic tables. We are awaiting a report on the shade requirements for the School from a landscape architect and we are also beginning the process of grants applications for a

junior playground and upgrading the senior playground. So you may be able to start seeing progress very soon - we hope...!"

Phoenix Cards - Fundraiser

Phoenix Trading sells a fabulous range of greetings cards, gift-wrap, and related products, which cost up to half the price you'd pay for similar items in the shops.

Phoenix Trading has a long fund-raising history in the UK, working with school PTAs. A new Mum at Mapua school, Anna Crosbie, was the Treasurer of her school PTA in the UK, and saw first hand how popular their regular Phoenix events were (and became a regular Phoenix customer herself). Anna's arranged a similar Phoenix Trading fund-raising event for Mapua School. Come and take a look at the fab products on offer, and the school PTA will get 10% of the takings.

Anna will be in the library in the second week of term: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.30-9.45am, and 2.30-3.45pm.

Mid Winter Pot Luck

A smaller than usual group of hardy souls braved the cold weather to attend the Mid Winter Pot Luck dinner. Great food, mulled wine (supplied thanks to Redwood Cellars) and a good time was had by those who attended.

Production

Wasn't it amazing!! It was wonderful to see the whole school engaged in an event of this type and to see the faces of so many proud parents! Thank you to all those who contributed to the raffle, by donating prizes and/or buying tickets. Congratulations to all winners! Funds raised (\$410) were used to offset the cost of the production.

Car Boot Sales

After the success of the last sale, we decided to run two 'Car Boots' per term to get some continuity going. We also have an outstanding new banner, thanks to Don Bastion and Mary Duncan, to remind you all of the sales.

This is a small but important fundraiser and is one of the great social mornings in Mapua. The addition of bacon rolls to the coffee and sausage sizzle will hopefully attract more customers as the wonderful aroma wafts down Aranui Road and Stafford Drive!

We hope to see you there, and despite the chilly weather, you will find a warm welcome when you come to sell your wares or have a Sunday morning browse. Remember, somebody's junk could be your treasure! Car Boot enquiries to Sue Neal Ph 540 2353

MAGG (Meet and Greet Group)

We have had a busy second term welcoming 15 new students and their families to Mapua School. Our goal is to meet with each new student's parent and present a packet that welcomes them to our school, PTA and community. At the end of each term we enjoy a morning tea to round out our welcome and really get to know them. Morning Tea's are advised in the school newsletter and all Parents are welcome to attend.

PTA funds

After several successful fundraising initiatives at the end of last year and in term 1 and 2 of this year the PTA "coffers" are looking pretty good. The Kiwiana funds have been set aside for the "Grounds Project", as will the proceeds from the Chocolate fundraiser. They have been invested wisely to collect higher interest while project details are confirmed.

Additional funds (from Moosie sales, Calendars, car boot sales, etc) are earmarked for a new data projector for the school. Rob and the staff are currently investigating what best fits their needs.

What's Next?

Car boot sales will continue to run throughout Term 3 and 4 and we will once again be selling Juicies and Moosies at touch in term 4. We are also planning to put together a School recipe book for sale in Term 4 (ready for Xmas).

On the social front, we are contemplating an event involving the whole community in term 3 and of course an end of year BBQ for term 4. All events will be notified via the school newsletter and "PTA Pink" flyers.

The Committee

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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.