

☞ Mapua School PTA Newsletter –Term Four ☞

Welcome and Farewell

A great big Mapua welcome to all of our new families. Farewell and best wishes to those students, families and staff who won't be with us next year.

Kiwiana Update

We are still in the planning stages for spending the funds raised on the night (\$7,557) in the general category of shade provision, seating and gardens/landscaping. A sub-committee has been formed and has visited some local primary schools. This has been quite inspirational - some great ideas are out there. These include a Kitchen Garden and a Gardening Club which have been successful elsewhere and which could be strongly educational whilst being lots of fun. We are conscious, however, that Rob Wemyss will be taking over from Hugh in the near future, so we will liaise with him as well as discuss things further with the BoT. We want to achieve the best that we can with the money that we have as well as looking at whether or not there will be other sources of funding available, such as grants. This does mean that things may take a little time to materialise, but please be assured that we are working on it! And of course if any of you out there would like to help or have ideas for us please do contact me, Sally Thomas 540 3973, or any one of the PTA.

Kiwiana Apology - the organisers' nightmare:- omitting a major donor from the thank you list! A big, belated thank you to Bevan Keys Mobile Spit Roast for a wonderful meal at a very reasonable rate!

Class Liaison

The classroom liaisons have been hard at work providing welcome packets to all new families. A morning tea for these new families is held each term to welcome them to the school and to provide a time for them to socialize and get acquainted. Our next morning tea is Wednesday 13 December - in the school staffroom. All families new to the school in the previous few months are very welcome to join us - and preschoolers can come too!

Calendars

Thanks for all the orders received. There were some wonderful calendars produced by the children. Another big thanks to the teachers for the work they put into this project too.

Mystery Bottle Auction - 27 October

What a fun night this was! And we raised \$271. The weather threatened all day, and then at 4.30 the skies cleared and sun came out and we had a lovely evening. Numbers were down a bit on previous years which we are curious to find out a little more about - was it the weather? the day of the week? the time of the year? something else? Please send your feedback to pta@mapua.school.nz. Once again, we thank and congratulate Paul Gurr for his fantastic auctioneering skills.

Car Boot Sale

The last sale on 29 October was postponed a week due to inclement weather, but the postponement sale went well. The final sale for the year will be on Sunday 17 December 8.30-11.30 (note time change) so start collecting up sale items - it costs only \$10 per site - and ring Lorraine, 5403740, and book your place. Thanks to our co-ordinator Lorraine.

Heartland

Have you been to visit www.heartland.co.nz/mapua yet? Have a look at the website and think about advertising your property, business, group or club there. Subscriptions received are shared with the school, so this is a great fundraiser for us.

Trillian Trust

A great big thanks to Trillian Trust for their grant of \$765.85 to the school for the purchase of a wide range of PE and sports gear. Mapua School equipment has heavy use through sports teams, PE time, kiwidex and the long hours that the PE shed is open. It is great to be able to support the 'something fun for everyone' philosophy of physical activity.

Couplands

Thanks to Couplands Bakery for the donation of 10 loaves of bread for our sausage sizzle fundraisers.

Events and Fundraising Summary

What a busy and productive year we have had! Highlights include:

Caversham Trust grant of \$10,000 received - donated for paved area

Eureka Trust grant of approx \$1100 received - donated for PE and sports gear

Nelson Mail delivery fundraiser - \$750 raised - donated for paved area

St Patricks Day pot luck dinner - 17 March

Car Boot Sale* - 26 March

Easter Fair Fresh Fruit Kebab stall raised \$1007 - \$750 donated for paved area

Another \$1000 donated for paved area

Signed up with Heartland

Co-ordinated staff for Scholastic Book Fair

Car Boot Sale* - 11 June

Chocolate Fundraiser - \$2006 raised - donated for reading, literacy and IT resources

Mid Winter Pot Luck Dinner - 23 June

Hamburger and Fruit Lunch + - 30 June

Hamburger and Fruit Lunch + - 4 August

Car Boot Sale* - 27 August

Kiwiana Spit Roast and Auction Night 16 September - \$7557 raised for shade/seating etc

New Family Morning Tea - 20 September

Hamburger and Fruit Lunch + - 22 September

BBQ and Mystery Bottle Auction - 27 October - raised \$271

Calendar fundraiser - proceeds to be finalised when all monies received

Car Boot Sale* - 5 November

Trillian Trust grant of over \$700 received - donated for PE and sports gear

Touch Rugby juicie and moosie sales - proceeds to be finalised when all monies received

*car boot sales have raised over \$900 this year

+ lunches have raised approx \$170

Web Site

We are currently updating our web site and incorporating more information about the PTA and its activities. If there is anything you would particularly like to see on there, please let us know. Call Lynley or email pta@mapua.school.nz.

Committee - remember this list is also on the school website. We are thrilled to welcome Sue Neal to our committee during this term. A reminder of our committee members:

Lynley Worsley	President	5402292	
Caroline Lusty	Secretary	5403722	
Lorraine Langridge	Treasurer	5403740	Boot Sale Co-ordinator
Michelle Hansen			
Leigh Gray		5403782	
Sally Thomas		5403973	Heartland Co-ordinator
Debbi Bamfield		5402942	Class Liaison/Noticeboard Co-ord
Julie Cox		540 2477	
Angela Fon		540 3135	
Sue Neal		5402353	

If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. We generally meet the first Tuesday of the month, but meetings are always advised in the school newsletter. Our AGM will be held in March 2007.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.