

Mapua Volunteer Fire Brigade

Station Open Day

Saturday, 1 November, 10am – 3pm
Mapua Fire Station, 3 Iwa St, Mapua

- 10am Fire extinguisher demonstration
- 11am **Helicopter + monsoon bucket display**
- 12pm Nelson specialist fire appliance display
- 1pm **Fire extinguisher demonstration**
- 1.30pm Motor vehicle accident rescue display

+ You too can have a go at being a Fire Fighter!

Heaps of things to see and do + prizes to be won!

Tasman Community Halloween

Friday October 31st – 6pm

Meet at Tasman shop

We are going to wander up towards Goddard Road / Dicker road.

Hopefully there will be balloons posted at letter boxes where visitors are welcome. There will be adult supervision for younger children, but parents are most welcome to come along.

Any questions – ring Wendy 526 6722.



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Well – what an action packed start to the term!

The first Friday of this term saw us take part in the Masked Parade where we made a real impact! Congratulations to the families who supported this event by transporting students and taking an active part. Particular thanks needs to be given to Geraldine Stones who masterminded the kotuku head and to Fred, Maggie, Chrissy, Noelle, Toni and all the others who worked quietly behind the scenes to help children and teachers weave their magic.

We won “Best Impact for Primary Schools” and eagerly await our \$150 prize.

There is much student discussion about how best to spend it!



The previous night the BoT received oral feedback from the Education Review Officers who were with us during the first week. It is a tribute to the children, staff

and community, (ably represented by your Board of Trustees) that this was so positive. They were impressed with the work we are doing (including the ongoing work based on the parent forum this year) and have even listed examples of teaching excellence, that they assured us was not their normal practice! I would like to note the significant work teachers undertook over the holiday break in order to ensure Tasman School was given the acknowledgement it deserved, and the support given by your Board, and yourselves. It is often easy to get caught up in the detail rather than looking at the whole picture, so it is great to get such affirmation of the direction and progress we continue to make, within a national context. Together we are a great team, and need to celebrate this in our wider community

Welcome...



Alice Campbell to Room Three - Alice has moved from the Steiner school to join her sister Hazel this term

...and to

Kaitlyn Bremner who joins her big brothers Tayne and Jordan as a new entrant in Room One.

We know you will both be wonderful members of our school family!

In Brief ...

“Mothers Raising Teenage Boys

Course held in Motueka High School staffroom commences Tuesday November 4th from 7 – 9pm and continues weekly for four weeks inclusive.

This course is heavily subsidised by the High School through a community services grant so the cost per person is only \$30 for the 4 weeks.

For all enquiries, please contact Claire Cameron on 528 9050 – extension 204.



“I want this one!” cried Ugly greedily as he galloped towards the bush. Meanwhile Uglier was sniffing out another bush and stumbled in the opposite direction. Suddenly PING the rope pulled tight. Both donkeys started straining harder on the rope. They felt like they were being strangled to death, their faces were going red, their eyes were bulging and they were frothing at the mouth. Ugly fainted because he couldn’t breath. Uglier tried to break the rope by chewing at it madly but it was too strong and he choked on a piece of string that had come free. Uglier sat down and sighed sadly. He though he had lost his best friend. He felt really chocked up. But suddenly Ugly jumped up, somehow he could see. “Oh my gosh I know why you are called Uglier now!” laughed Ugly. Uglier coughed angrily and the piece of string fell to the ground. “Well I may be ugly but I’m not dumb,” cried Uglier. “I’ve had a brilliant idea. Why don’t we go to one bush at a time and work together?” And from that day they learnt to work together. They even learnt to put on make up, (which is a little bit odd for an Ass, but never mind.) so they weren’t so hideously Ugly.

The End
By Sam and Hannah

"I would too. And I'm going tomorrow to prove it!" yelled Fizz defiantly.

"Sure. And when you come back twice as big, I'll know what happened!" teased Sizzle nastily.

Sizzle wasn't the best of friends, but was a friend all the same and an only friend at that. But despite this fact, Fizz Fatso was determined to see that fat camp for himself and begin a diet.

The next day, true to his word Fizz crawled painfully towards his target. In the far distance...(actually four metres away) he saw the camp, with its iron gates and spiked fences. Behind him he heard the rumble of a car getting closer.

Suddenly sizzle pulled up beside him in his twizzled-marshmallow mini.

"Come to tease me?" panted Fizz.

"No, I've come to apologise. I've been a real jerk and I want to say sorry."

"This is a joke, isn't it, because I don't have the time."

"No it's not, it's to ask: do you want a ride home buddy?"

"Yeah, okay."

And they lived happily ever after, and eventually lost weight on the weight watchers diet.

The End!

The Tale of Two Ugly Asses

Once upon a time there were two ugly asses.

They were soooo ugly when they were born they were tied together in a box.

They were named Ugly and Uglier, but didn't know why because they were blind.

Over time they got bigger and bigger and burst out of their box, which wasn't hard because their box was soggy for obvious reasons. They stumbled blindly into the wild, struggling because they couldn't see.

Luckily their noses were stronger than any other donkey and nearby they smelt some bushes and ran to them.

In Brief ...continued



Thanks again for supporting our trip to Nelson on Monday to make the most of **Arts Festival events**, and R2 & 3 **class visits to the aquarium** to support learning about sharks and rocky shores respectively. I believe the dissection of a shark was a big hit...Our children certainly enjoy the best of town and country!

We are focusing daily on Athletics activities in preparation for the **Moutere Hills Athletics day on Saturday 8 November**. For those of you new to this school, this occurs on the closest Saturday to Armistice Day and has been in operation since the 1920's.

It is treated as a school day, allowing us to finish on the 19th December this year instead of the 22nd.

It takes the form of an athletics day with children in the different year groups from all the schools in our Moutere cluster rotating around each of the events and culminating with fiercely contested relays. Families take the opportunity to meet up with friends and share picnic lunches.

The weather is usually perfect and we will look forward to another wonderful day this year. Very keen children may be training at home in anticipation!

Places in many of the events are highly sought – not the least the parents races!

Last Friday our **Teacher only day** focused on the new NZ Curriculum – particularly in regards to key competencies and the use of ICT to support learning. This will underpin planning for 2009

Planning for **Pet Day** is well underway thanks to Jolene, Tracy, and team. This is designed as a vehicle to **celebrate our community's roots!** You will receive a notice about this today. Ring November 14th in your diaries.

Keep the evening of Friday 5 December free for our **Christmas Quiz night ...** Those of you who are uber-competitive may start assembling your team now.

A reply slip about the **Australasian exams** is included in this newsletter.

Announcements

Terrific Touch Teams

Congratulation to our Touch Rugby Players! First match of the season and they are showing their style!

Results for October 29th:

Tasman Tigers -v- MS Stormers 3 - 1 win

Tasman Terrors -v- MS Shakers 5-0 win

Tasman Teens -v- Brooklyn Knights 3-1 win

Player of the Day : Tayne Lockwood (Terrors and Teens)

Junior Players of the Day – Piers Comins and Julia Mills

Congratulations to Celia McAlpine for achieving a Distinction in her recent Grade 5 violin exams. We look forward to hearing you play, Celia.

TASBAY KIDZ NEWS:

After school programme is running as usual from 3-5.30pm Mon – Fri.
Our daily charges are still set at \$6.00 from 3-4.30 and \$10.00 from 3-5.30.

After school clubs this term are as follows:

Mondays 'Arty Party' starts Mon 3rd November

Wednesdays 'Young Cooks' starts Weds 29th October

Fridays 'Dance Party' starts Fri 31st October

All clubs will run for 6 weeks from 3-4.30pm (tea included).

\$40.00 for each club (6 weeks).

Please phone Sal on 0274068109 for further details and bookings.

The Fat Bunny



By Grace

Once upon a time there was a bunny. But this was no ordinary bunny; this bunny was a puffa-bunny who had the unfortunate disability of becoming fat when terrified or threatened. This poor bunny went by the name of Fizz Fatso. Nobody except one person knew why he had this name; and this person was Sizzle. Sizzle knew it was because Fizz was addicted to Magic lemonade. Magic lemonade was specially formulated using magical twizzle lemons, only available to the Twizzle Village, to make the drinker not only on a serious sugar high, but completely... static!!!

Fizz and Sizzle were best friends who lived happily in the tiny Village of Twizzle Valley. One day Fizz saw an advertisement on the Poof Box.

"Do you have a magically fattening disability? Do you need to lose weight??! Well come to Ferg's Fat Camp and get rid of your obesity today!"

"Wow! That sounds cool! I wonder if I should go there?" squealed Fizz excitedly.

"Go where?" grumbled Sizzle arrogantly as he walked in to see what all the commotion was about.

"Ferg's Fat Camp! It's going to be awesome!" he squeaked enthusiastically.

"Whatever. You wouldn't last five minutes in that place."

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