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Trail Opening Big Day for Mapua



Mapua will be the centre of a happy occasion on Sunday 2 October which should go some way to countering the shock caused by the devastating fire at the wharf area earlier in September.

The occasion is the opening of the Rabbit Island to Mapua section of Tasman's "Great Taste Trail" and will feature the blessing of the Flat Bottom Fairy, pictured above, which will carry passengers and bikes across the channel.

The ferry has been a labour of love (although they hope to make it a paying business) by local men John Ward and Paul Nankivell. It was launched in early September from a Tahi Street property on the western side of the estuary after being pushed across a lawn on rollers by a truck, then the tide took over.

The boat is 12m long with a beam of 4m and can carry 50 passengers. It is powered with two 25hp four-stroke Yamaha outboard motors and if the weather is right will be able to make trips out into Ruby Bay and along Rabbit Island. There is a toilet onboard. It passed its sea trial and has been given a marine certificate.

As well as making channel crossings there will be excursions around the estuary as were done by the Flat Bottom Floozie, which incidentally is still in the estuary but it has been converted into a houseboat.

Until a swing bridge linking the cycle trail from Rough Island back to Richmond is completed next year the number of people using the cross-channel ferry service is not expected to be great but a summer frequency of two crossings in the mornings and three in the afternoons is envisaged.

The blessing of the ferry and the official opening of the trail on 2 October will take place on the recently built amphitheatre on the Mapua waterfront at 12 noon. People have been invited to make it a day out and enjoy what Mapua and Rabbit Island have to offer.

So whether you are a biker or a boatie or just a walker there will be something for you to do in Mapua on 2 October. Activities start at 9.30am and run to 5.30pm, but of course restaurants and shops will be open longer.

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Mapua Hall—A Day to Remember

September 10—a day to remember, as it marks the beginning to fund-raising for the 2012 upgrade of the Mapua Hall.

The day started with the Aranui Road Parade, complete with the Motueka Brass Band and a Pet Parade, ending at the Mapua Hall where the festive mood of the day was firmly set. There is nothing like a brass band to raise enthusiasm and set good happenings in motion.

The weather was perfect and it seemed that just about everyone turned up at one time or another. Some to help, some to admire the display of exquisite flowers and amazing paintings, others to sample the food that was on offer or to shop at one of the many stalls, or to just have a look at what was going on. One Australian visitor, who was passing by, stopped to ask if she could help and was promptly put in charge of the spur-of-the-moment Coffee and Cake sidewalk café that was set up by the Garden Club with support from The Tap.

Some of the stalls had record sales, and one took several forward orders for a beautifully handcrafted garden bench. The cakes and the plants sold well—this is the time to get them in the ground and have a cuppa and a good piece of cake to finish the job.

It is impossible to mention every single individual who made this day such a success, but special credit should go to the Garden Club and the Hall's Fundraising Committee. These wonderful people and their many, many helpers from the community had worked hard behind the scenes to ensure that this important day would be a winner.

It is on days like this when one realises how strong the Mapua community spirit is. We, like other small communities, have our measure of day-to-day disagreements, but when it counts, this community stands together.



one of the clever displays at Mapua's Spring Show.

Other events are being planned, and before long you will be able to get reports on how the fund-raising is progressing towards our goal of \$200,000.

If you weren't there, you missed a great community day. You might even have been lucky enough to win the Hall Committee's hamper that instead went to Bryan from Lionel Place.

So try not to miss the next fund-raising event that is already in the planning. If you know of a good fund-raising scheme, or if your club wants to hold its own event in support of our Hall, don't hesitate to get in touch with either Lisa Dunn ph 540-3466, or Tord Kjellstrom ph 540-3347 of the hall committee.

Yes, there is a wee way to go till we reach the \$200,000, but the journey could not have had a better beginning. There is no doubt that this community CAN DO IT, and the fact that on September 10 it raised \$5114.90 is an indisputable proof.

A well deserved 'thank you' to everyone.

Mapua Hall Committee.



Animal Health File

Dr. Paula Short, Tasman Bay Vets, 69 Aranui Road, Mapua, ph 540-2329

Keeping your pets flea-free this spring

Hasn't spring come around fast this year? There are plenty of baby lambs and calves cavorting in paddocks and already we are seeing plenty of fleas jumping around on local pets! As the weather warms up the flea life cycle speeds up. An adult female flea will normally lay 50 eggs a day and can live for up to a year. So 10 fleas on your pet can produce 3500 eggs in a week. The eggs drop into the environment and quickly develop into adult fleas.

The flea problem has taken on greater meaning for me this year as I have spent the past six months studying for a master's paper in dermatology. The importance of good flea control in our pets has become utterly clear during this study as the itching and scratching of pets with fleas is now considered the most common skin disease in our pets – and it is entirely preventable.

Fleas inject your pets with saliva before sucking their blood. This flea saliva can cause a lot of irritation and allergies. Cats are particularly prone to flea allergy dermatitis, which often presents as multiple small scabs all over the base of the tail and sometimes over the cat's whole body. This is generally treated with antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and, of course, flea control products such as Frontline and Advantage.

In dogs the self trauma caused by scratching can be considerable and can also lead to secondary

infections as well as making the flare-up of other underlying diseases such as atopy or allergic skin disease far more likely. While we recommend flea control in all pets it is extremely important to keep up regular, year-round flea control in pets with other skin diseases.

Like so many things, prevention is the name of the game; animals need to be treated before they get infected. Once fleas are seen on your pet the environment is already overwhelmed with juvenile fleas. Fleas have been the bane of veterinary medicine in the past with so many formulations and collars being available to aid in the control of fleas. So many have been developed because none were really effective in killing fleas and many were toxic not only to the flea but also to the pet. The most effective and safest products on the market are Frontline, Advantage and Advocate. They work by interrupting a stage in the reproductive cycle of the flea which occurs only in fleas and not mammals—hence they are more effective and much safer.

If you haven't been treating over winter now is the time to get some flea prevention going. Just in time for spring. Frontline have a competition going where you can win a Dyson cordless vacuum cleaner and Tasman Bay Vets has one to give away. Just pop in and buy any pack of Frontline before the end of November.

MAPUA COMBINED PROBUS

The club's September meeting was a celebration of the club's 11th birthday. The guest speaker was Peta Raggett and her subject was historical sailing ships. Peta was able to display models of the barquentine Jasper, built in 1867, and the Bolton built in 1822. She also displayed several copies of her book *Square Rigged Ships from 1841 to 1867*. The Jasper was primarily a cargo vessel, while the Bolton a passenger ship.

Peta's interest in model-building started some 60 years ago. As well as ships she has built model aircraft. Her talk gave an insight in the construction of her ships, starting with historical drawings of the Bolton showing the side, the front an aerial plan of the ship. Her basic information and plans Peta obtained from the Board of Trade in London. On an average it takes her a year to obtain and research the required information. From there it is at least another year to construct the ship.

Peta showed the meeting a selection of wooden panel strips of about 1.5 metres long made from paulownia wood for the construction of the hull. This timber was more durable than balsa wood. The ship's sails were made from calico, which is more durable than cotton. The miniature life boats took many hours to perfect, as well as the miniature crew members placed around the deck of the boat.

She gave some interesting facts on the early sailing ships. Many of the ships were built at the Clyde in Scotland or at Liverpool in England. She estimated that it took close to 2000 trees to build one of these large ships. In the mid 1800s Nelson became a popular destination for migrants, with some 655 ships berthing at the port, many of the ships having two or three voyages into Nelson. The majority of the sailing ships carried both cargo and passengers. The living conditions were somewhat basic. Personal washing was by using a bucket on deck. Farm animals such as chickens, pigs and a cow, to supply milk, were kept in the hold of the ships as the main source of food. Lack of hygienic conditions was often the cause of illness and even death for many passengers and crew.

Peta finished her talk saying how her hobby has given her satisfaction over the years from her long involvement in building models in meticulous detail. She has supplied ship models to various museums including Founders Park and the Motueka Museum. For the club's 11th anniversary, Peta's talk would be one of the most memorable talks for many club members.

Mapua Plan Change 22

Hearing dates for submissions on Mapua Plan Change 22 are: Tuesday 15 November and Wednesday 16 November.

The Tasman District Council will send notices of hearing and hearing reports to those who made submissions.

Rose Biss, Policy Planner

For the rest of the afternoon club members supplied a magnificent afternoon tea, with the highlight of president Anne Evens having the honor of cutting the birthday cake made by Joy Sharman. A second rendering of *Happy Birthday* was given to Peta who had exceeded retirement age.

The next club meeting will be on Friday 4 November at 1.30pm.

David Higgs

MAPUA LIBRARY

We had a successful book and jigsaw sale at the Hall Society and Garden Club's Spring Fair. Many thanks to the volunteers who packed the books and manned the stall, and for the support from the readers of Mapua. I hope you all found some treasures among the books and jigsaws.

Congratulations to the Garden Club, It was a great show of flowers and arrangements

The display of children's paintings from Bounce which has engendered much interest finishes at the end of this month. Thank you to the Bounce children and teachers..

The next display starting early in October will be of the work and achievements of the Mapua Wetlands. These photographs, which are being set up by David Mitchell, will make a larger display than our usual space can accommodate, and so it will be set up at the Toru Street end of the library. Watch out for it.

Eileen Dobbie

Library Hours: Open every afternoon

Monday: 2–4.30pm

Tuesday: 2–4.30pm

Wednesday: 2—6 30pm

Thursday: 10.am-12.30pm; 2–4.30pm

Friday: 2–4.30pm

Saturday: 2–4.30pm

BOOK REVIEW

. La Rochelle's Road by Tanya Moir is reviewed by Joyce Bullock and is available in the Mapua Library

Author Tanya Moir lived on Banks Peninsula for four years and this outstanding new voice in historical fiction brings to life the story of early settlers to this area.

The Peterson family arrive on the ship Matoaka in 1866. While the characters are fictitious, the ship was real and attention to detail along with considerable research ensures that the reader is quickly enveloped in the plot. An intriguing frontispiece introduced before chapter one keeps the reader guessing while the story unfolds.

Daniel Peterson leaves a comfortable family life in London and plans to make a fortune growing grass seed. The realities of a remote country block are very different from the cozy imaginings of a man who had previously worked in an office. On arrival they travel to Pigeon Bay with scant savings, but confident that the home and land they have purchased will provide. At the mercy of the land, the weather, and an odd assortment of neighbours, the family faces many new and challenging circumstances.

Tragedy creates extreme hardships for the family and a writer, Fiona Farrell, notes that: "Human dramas

are played out against the looming splendour of Banks Peninsula." It becomes Hester and Robbie's story as they fight adversities with courage and conviction. Hester dares to journey on her personal road to discovery.

La Rochelle, after whom their road was named, had owned the Peterson's property and the finding of his journal reveals a sub-plot and an introduction to the wild and exotic Hine.

Tanya Moir worked in radio, print and TV in New Zealand and as a TV promo producer in London. In 2008, she received the inaugural Margaret Mahey award from the Hagley Writer's Institute in Christchurch. She said after this book was published that "I wrote it because I wanted to look at the ways in which our national character was shaped, but of course it became horribly more current."

Now she divides her time between the hills near Pigeon Bay and Auckland, where she lives with her husband and an Irish wolfhound called Wrolf. (sic) This is her first historical novel; I hope there will be more.

Thoughts on Ruby Bay speed limit

Now that the road from the Ruby Bay by-pass turns off towards Mapua–Ruby Bay and continuing to Tasman has become a Tasman District Council-owned road and is no longer a national highway the issue of speed limits has come up.

As the Ruby Bay section is really a suburban precinct, it is logical to reduce the speed limit from 70kmh to 60kmh. The suggestion is also to reduce some of the 100kmh sections along the new "Scenic route" to 80kmh.

It is a good suggestion from the council to reduce the speed limits as it improves road safety, reduces traffic noise and carbon emissions from motor vehicles (the rule of thumb is: for every 1kmh speed reduction, the carbon emissions per kilometre are reduced by 1%). This stretch of road will be more attractive for bicyclists, and as it is a scenic route, vehicle occupants will get more chances to enjoy the scenery.

Some people have stated that speed limits should not be too strict; people should drive to the conditions; yes, the conditions of this road are such that 60kmh

for most of it would make total sense; there is no need to drive faster. The logical decision would be to make the stretch from the entrance to Mapua 60kmh all the way up to the top of the hill past McKee reserve as this is the most scenic part of the route. The sharp curves and the steep hill make the conditions such that 60kmh is a safe and appropriate speed in this section.

So, would you have second thoughts about changing the speed limits? Well, I thought the *seconds* were worth exploring, so I measured the difference between the driving time from the entrance to Mapua to Pine Hill reserve at 60 and 70kmh. The former speed takes you there in 2 minutes and 15 seconds, and the faster speed in 1 minute and 55 seconds—only 20 seconds difference! The difference between 60kmh and 80kmh going up to the top of the hill past McKee reserve is only 10 seconds!

These few seconds of longer driving time are hardly worth worrying about, when the gains from a 60kmh speed limit are important for us who live in Ruby Bay. Please support the proposals to create a safer and more pleasant road environment.

Tord Kjellstrom

Letters to the Editor...



Good news & not so good

The Good News—Tasman’s Great Taste Trail! On Sunday, 2 October. Hey, that’s very soon. The TDC, Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust in association with Estuary Adventures Ltd. and the Mapua & Districts Business Association invite us all to the opening of the Rabbit Island to Mapua section of Tasman’s Great Taste Trail. The official blessing of the ferry and opening of the trail on the Mapua waterfront will be at 12 noon. There is a flyer flying about. If you don’t have one look on the Mapua Store Bulletin Board or at the Library.

The Waterfront Park will be open to the public and the ceremonies conducted in the new amphitheatre. Cliff Fell will read his poetry intro etc. Are you going to enter the best dressed “Fairy” competition? Come along, ride the new ferry, bring a picnic. Hope for a sunny day!

More good news concerns the initial fund-raising event for the rebuild of the Mapua Community Hall. The Friday evening event on 3 September at the Tap kicked off by a “clever and original” hat show contest followed by music from Damon Ward and the commencement of a silent auction was a good prelude to the Mapua Garden Club’s Spring Show day on Saturday 10 September. Starting with the children’s parade in the morning and finishing at 4pm with the drawings of the raffles and the close of the silent auction. The flowers and art in the hall; the sausage sizzle and curry. We all owe a big “thank you” to the Garden Club members and the many others who volunteered time and effort to make the day a success. Elsewhere in the *Coastal News* will be all the statistics from the Hall Company. I hear a good few dollars were raised. A good start towards the \$200,000 needed to match the Tasman District Council’s contribution allocated in the 2012 spending budget. I hope you will all support this worthwhile community project however you can. “Wanted!” A generous sponsor or two!

And some More Good News: Work is finally going to start on the Mapua sewage pumping station at the port. The TDC has managed to issue a consent to itself (joke) and contractors, pricing etc. are all in hand. The plan is for construction to begin as soon as possible and continue right up to Christmas at which time work will stop! It will continue to a finish after (yes, I said after) the holiday period. Does that mean March? Let’s hope so. The bottom line good news here is that the

TDC has taken to heart the feelings of the community that we do not want the port area torn up and unuseable during the holidays. Hooray! They listened!

The not so good news was the torching of the Mapua Aquarium complex. Grievous personal loss to Murray Goss, Robin Simpson and Richard de Hamel. Grievous loss to our community. No words can adequately express the deep wound inflicted. Hopefully a “phoenix” will rise from the ashes.

Farewell: By the time you read this, the 28 September “Memorial” re the aquarium will be past history. A fitting tribute to what had become a local iconic fixture not only for Mapua but for an extended area in New Zealand and overseas as well. What will be coming in its place?

Catch Up: Last month I came up with an “intermission” for some local items. Here’s a couple of them: Nelson City-Tasman District Amalgamation. Submissions to the Local Government Commission Proposal have now been heard. Now we wait for the Commission to decide whether the proposal should proceed. It has three options: 1. To adopt the scheme as proposed. 2. To adopt the scheme as modified. 3. To not issue a final reorganisation scheme. If the Commission issues a final reorganisation scheme we go to the polls to vote on it. That will be early next year. To add to the confusion the TDC’s CEO, Paul Wiley, has resigned and our Mayor and Councillors are moving to find and appoint a replacement amidst calls of “What’s the hurry”, etc in view of a possible electoral vote on the amalgamation proposal. Great fodder for the local media, ie, *The Nelson Mail* and Letters to the Editor. Goody! Now I can add my own bits to the mix.

My bits: Despite what Aldo Miccio would have us believe, there is not a good case to amalgamate Nelson

City and the Tasman District. The two separate entities are operating pretty darn well. The old adage “if it ain’t broke, don’t try to fix it” is certainly true in this case. There is more than ample evidence to back that up. If it comes to it “be careful how you vote, folks”.

Aranui Road Upgrade: The TDC is proposing to upgrade the western side of Aranui Road from Mapua Drive (the old State Highway) to the present existing kerbing at 85 Aranui Road. Plus, the re-alignment of the Aranui Road/Mapua Drive intersection. No more straight run into Mapua coming from Motueka. Hopefully the end of that very difficult and dangerous black spot.

Hugh Gordon



Amalgamation Issues

I refer to last month's *Coastal News* front page feature, "Ward (should be 'word') Proposals Divide and Fracture". Any concern over defining intra-communities of interest is, I suggest, a rhetorical red-herring!

The real issue is, that we as residents and ratepayers already pay too much for divisive administration and would rather see local government focus on providing regional core services, only, and pass the cost efficiencies back in the hands of the people who are being bled.

When our own Community Association (purporting to represent us) fails to define "effective" local government...then in the absence of any constructive recommendations submitted to the Local Government Commission only lip-service could be the expected outcome.

Bottom-line, if amalgamation won't deliver 'effective' local government through lower rates/charges, then what's the point of the exercise? And, if we don't go through the amalgamation exercise, we would have lost that opportunity to reveal, review and rejuvenate the existing administrations.

As if by consequence or coincidence, the CEO of the Tasman District Council has 'departed'...perhaps other sheep will follow? Appointment of a Clayton's caretaker doesn't make a lot of sense either, when the region is rich in experienced business heads that could volunteer a couple of hours a month to streamline the administration further.

I say, let the amalgamation review continue to a conclusion!

Ian U Endo (aka W K Darling)

MAPUA Bowling Club

As I write this the members of our club are looking forward to the new bowling season opening on Saturday 24 September. As you read, Opening Day will have happened with the first jack being placed by our patron Murray Welsh followed by some friendly play and an evening barbecue.

Two special presentations will have been made. Firstly to Michael Busby who has passed his Umpire's examination with flying colours and joins Jean Daubney and Frank Gibbison as qualified umpires in our club. Secondly, the members have honoured Colin Pryke with Life Membership for 30 years of loyal and meritorious service. Congratulations to them both.

The Mapua Wharf Precinct Advisory Group met at the beginning of September. Since the last meeting and the open meetings at the end of May 2011, the Tasman District Council has put together a discussion document giving a holistic overview of how the wharf area could be developed in the future.

We would like to stress that it is a discussion document and not a given at this moment in time. We would also like to point out that the document considers the scenarios and principles for development and not necessarily the finer detail, such as where bike racks will be located. The finer detail will most definitely be accounted for once a development plan has been agreed on.

This document can be viewed in the Mapua Community Library and the customer services area at TDC's Richmond office. We are giving the community the chance to provide us with feedback on this document until Monday 31 October 2011. Your comments can be posted to Sarah Downs at 189 Queen Street, Richmond, 7050. Alternatively, you can email your comments to sarah.downs@tasman.govt.nz

New members are always welcome and to encourage anyone who might be tempted to give the game of bowls a try the club will be open every Wednesday from 4pm during October. Equipment and some friendly faces will be on hand to help you get started. Mapua is also supporting the national 'HAVE A GO DAY' on Sunday 9 October from 1pm until 4pm, another opportunity to try your hand. Don't be shy; come and have a look at our lovely clubhouse if nothing else, you will all be made most welcome.

League Bowls will be starting again on Monday 31 October at 6pm. Bowls are available at the clubhouse but you will need flat shoes and a team of three. For more information please ring Don or Vicky on 540-2960.

For more information about trying bowls or any other bowling matter, please contact secretary Jean Daubney (543-2765) or president Dave England (540-2934).

Sue England

Mapua Health Centre

One of the additional services that we offer is biofeedback. This is an interactive programme using cardiac coherence to help you improve your general health and for specific health-related conditions (including depression, anxiety, and asthma). It's based on how the variability of the heart rate (HRV) is very important to health and how a number of simple practices, including breathing and stress-reduction exercises, can improve HRV and general well being.

One of the minor hassles that many suffer from time to time is blocked ears. Although our ears are continuously cleaning themselves by moving a thin layer of wax to the outside with debris on it, sometimes the hearing canal gets clogged up with wax. It may then be necessary to use some drops to loosen the wax (e.g., Cerumol or Waxol from the chemist). Only if this doesn't work is it necessary to consider getting the wax syringed out and an appointment with the practice nurse can be organised. There is a special service at the hospital ENT department that offers ear toileting (using a specialised suction device). For more information please contact the practice nurse.

This month's health and school events include:

October 1-31	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 1-31	Save Our Sight Month
October 1	International Day of Older Persons
October 8	Pink Ribbon Day – Breast Cancer
October 10-16	Mental Health Awareness week
October 20	World Osteoporosis Day
October 15-23	Bandana Week (Canteen)
October 22-28	Plunket Society Appeal Week
October 24	United Nations Day
October 25	Term 4 begins
October 29-2	Blind Appeal Week

In a city renowned for its love of food, it is only fitting that researchers presented the results of a new study in Paris, France, showing that chocolate is good for the heart and brain. In a presentation at the European Society of Cardiology 2011 Congress, British investigators reported that individuals who ate the most chocolate had a 37% lower risk of cardiovascular disease and a 29% lower risk of stroke compared with individuals who ate the least amount of chocolate (*BMJ* Aug 29, 2011). In another 'good-news' meta-analysis of 84 studies it was concluded that "light to moderate alcohol consumption is associated with a reduced risk of multiple cardiovascular outcomes" (*BMJ* Feb 22, 2011). Also good for the heart are vitamin D (*J Am Coll Cardiol.* Jul 5, 2011); CoEnzyme Q10 (Atherosclerosis. Jun 2, 2011); cruciferous vege's (Am J Clin Nutr July 2011); and Tai chi exercise may improve quality of life, mood, and exercise self-efficacy in patients with heart failure (*Arch Intern Med.* 2011).

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Mahana School

Being a successful person is usually depends on a combination of making good decisions at the right moment and taking opportunities when they present themselves. Everyone can think of the time when they decided to seize the moment and take a chance. It is these moments that often define a person's life.

Schools are places where risk-taking and seizing the moment happens every day. They are so much more than places where information is simply fed to a student with the intention of them regurgitating it later. Of course there are some things that students simply need to know and understand, but the key task for schools is to provide opportunities to learn through risk taking, being involved, working hard towards a goal, and taking opportunities.

At Mahana we have had a lot of examples lately of students successfully doing these things. These include learning to ski at Rainbow, being part of the Moutere Hills Nelsomathix team, the BP Technology Challenge, the Science Fair, learning to play volleyball and softball and then being part of school teams for both sports, and speeches. All of these activities require students to go just beyond their 'comfort zone' in order to learn or develop a new skill. All of these activities result in learning through research, conversation, practice, failure, and success. The confidence gained from these activities is priceless.

Encouraging kids to accept challenges and have a go is perhaps the greatest thing we can teach.

Justin Neal, Principal, Mahana School



Fire Brigade



June 11-September call-outs

Eighteen calls over last three months consisted of two alarm activations, five vehicle accidents, three tree fires/bonfires, vehicle fires, four others and four building fires.

There have been 45 calls this year year to date.

Safety Tips: Linseed oil – don't leave used rags screwed up in rubbish bins or cupboards. Clean chimneys.

Thanks to all the people who bought firewood this year. Hope to hear from you next year.



Piwakawaka

I have been learning about Canada and what type of food they have and how they swim. In maths I've been doing pluses and takeaways like $17+20$.

By Eva

Kereru

We have been learning structure in writing descriptions. We tried to put the ideas in order so they make sense and organise the ideas in paragraphs. In maths we've got charts with what level we are on for multiplication and division. If we get one like the 2x table right we get a sticker and the 10x and 5x and divided bys.

By Millie-Rose

Kotuku

I have been learning to measure volume and using *My Maths* to learn how to double and halve. We have also done speeches and mine was on Positivity. I have come up with one positive thing about everyone in the school.

By Luke

Mapua School



Dear Parents and Caregivers

At the last PTA meeting Allanah King, ICT Facilitator for the Nelson Link Learning Cluster, gave an informative presentation on the issues surrounding using digital technology.

Below is a summary of advice for parents to assist with teaching your children to be safe digital citizens.

Golden Rules for Internet Use

- Don't be scared to be a parent—you may not have technical knowledge but you do have life skills. Follow your gut instinct.
- Talk to your kids. Take an interest in what they are doing. Spend time online together so they learn from you.
- Have boundaries, discuss expectations and set sensible rules - just as you do for everything else in life.
- Discuss what to do if things go wrong—eg, escape routes, reporting abuse and telling an adult.
- Anyone important to you and your family will have your personal information. Protect this information from strangers. Have strong passwords and never share your password.
- Try to have internet access in a common area rather than in bedrooms.
- Help your kids understand the need to check out “friends” online as there are no clues by appearance or body language.
- Always respond strongly to cyberbullying!
- There are over six billion people watching—don't post anything you wouldn't want your grandmother to see.
- Make sure your firewall and filtering is always up-to-date. There are monitoring and software filters available too
- The internet should be a positive experience for kids. If not and conversations, comments and questions make them uncomfortable then we adults should be ready to step in to support and to expose!

If you would like to find out more, Allanah's presentation and supporting information can be found at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/cybersafetyresources/presentation>

Regards, Teressa Hosie and Struan McKenzie, ICT Coordinators

Sam's Spam

I'm sure many of you have heard about the controversial new Copyright Amendment Act which came into effect at the start of September.

I have summarised some of the main points of the law but for more details visit: <http://3strikes.net.nz>

The law is called the Copyright (Infringing File Sharing) Amendment Act 2011. It amends the Copyright Act 1994 to provide owners of copyrighted works such as movies, TV shows and music a quicker and easier way to penalise people infringing their copyright via online file sharing. The intention of the law changes is to crack down on peer-to-peer file-sharing.

You get two notices (warnings) and then, after the third notice, the copyright owner can take you to the Copyright Tribunal. Depending upon circumstances, generally the minimum penalty is \$275 and maximum \$15,000, payable to the copyright owner.

The person who owns the Internet account (account holder) is liable, even if he or she wasn't the person who broke the law. Allegations of copyright infringement made against you (the account holder) by the copyright owner are presumed to be correct unless you give evidence or reasons why you aren't guilty.

This means that websites such as YouTube and Grooveshark are still legal to use, but downloading illegal files through Peer-to-Peer networking is now a punishable offence.

For more information on the law go to <http://3strikes.net.nz>

Free Stuff of the Month: Fdeck

Fdeck is a graphically beautiful way to access all the good stuff about Facebook (even chat!) on the desktop, without the annoying apps (no Farmville!).

Download it for free at: <http://www.telerik.com/products/fdeck.aspx>

Police Report

Hi all. A very sad time for the district as I write with the tragic fire at the Mapua aquarium. I spent two days at the site assisting fire investigators and gathering evidence. Very, very frustrating to now know the fire was deliberately lit. I know the loss the community is feeling and the outrage others have conveyed to me. Between us all I sincerely hope we can find the person responsible.

Thank you to all the many people who have come forward with information, we are now sifting through all of it and trying to work from there. As a close-knit community something good will come out of something bad, and it is positive to read that already replacement options are being discussed.

Grant Heney, Community Constable, Motueka

Mapua Occurrences

Aug 20: Domestic at Aporo Road

Aug 27: 27-year-old Motueka female drink-driving at Tasman. Licence suspended.

Burglary Stafford Drive. Leather jacket, size 12, purple/pink/black. Rebok shoes. white Macbook laptop and two cushions stolen.

Sep 1: 22-year-old Mapua male arrested for cannabis offences Tahi Street

Sep 8/9: 52-year-old Nelson male drink-driving on SH60. Car impounded. Domestic argument Iwa Street

Sep 15: Three suspicious fire overnight—Mapua aquarium, shed at tennis courts, rubbish bin on Iwa Street.

Sep 16: Two children's scooters left overnight at the skatepark. Damaged

Sep 17: Wallet stolen from car at Woollaston Winery

Under The Bonnet with Fred

Car parts, Junk Yards and Taxi Drivers

Finding mechanical parts for your car are easily available from the many after market Parts Dealers in Los Angeles. Finding body parts for your classic car which are special to that make and model which are no longer available from dealers requires a lucky dip search of the many junk (wreckers) yards of LA.

This time I made life easier for myself by requesting a taxi driver with knowledge of cars and parts. Juan turned up surprisingly in a Toyota van taxi which he told me they all had to buy to belong to his taxi group. (The big yellow American-made taxis that you see the dinosaurs eating on the movies are all but gone). Juan used to race stock cars so he was the right man. First stop was a junk yard in the Carson area where you pay an entrance fee and just help yourself then pay for what you have got on leaving. We couldn't find any Lincoln stuff but did come across an 84 Cadillac from which I took some body parts.

Then I remembered that my light switch on my car at home always rattled. Here was the chance to get a replacement. So standing in the confined space between the wrecked cars with the fat Cadillac door open, Juan and I were having turns with limited tools to remove the light switch. He called to two Spanish-Americans with more tools to have a go. Now we had four people standing in line between the other car and the Cadillac. I was at the back out of range and with the others speaking Spanish, I lost command. Despite my instructions not to cut any wires there was a loud crack as they broke off the corner of the dash and handed me my light switch, wires cut, dash included. I'll have to put up with that rattle for a while longer. All the parts at the gate cost \$15 so I can't complain. We did visit another junk yard to complete my bits and pieces for the Lincoln with a lot less drama.

Juan phoned his brother to find out the best place for transmission parts. When we arrived he told me not say anything and he would order what I wanted

in Spanish. The parts arrived and there was a bit of abrupt discussion and he said to me quietly in English "Give him \$50." The same part in the auto shop earlier they were asking \$175 because of my accent.



US car wreckers

The last stop was a Ford dealership. Big is the word. We walked past two lanes with six reception desks in the service entrance and looking across to the workshop there were 40 hoists. Everything was spotless. I thought the waiting room was a restaurant as it had its own chicken and salad bar for something to eat while you waited. The parts department had only two operators who stalled when I said I wanted parts for a 1988 car but I got my shiny Lincoln emblem off a later model car.

The showroom with all the new Ford, Mercury and Lincoln models on show was like a luxury hotel foyer. Being a country boy from Mapua wearing my summer sandals I was out of place, but sales staff were all very polite as they showed me around. There is no dress code in USA. I could have been a millionaire!

I noticed Juan had four cell phones and I asked why. He said he had three girl friends. One up the valley, one at the beach, one in the city and the last cell phone was his work phone. My thoughts were, "Juan one day you'll get those phones mixed up and you'll be in trouble." Juan was 62 years old.

After four and a half hours of touring around for parts shops, two junk yards, a transmission shop and a Ford dealer the cost was \$113 plus a tip of \$25. What good service I had from Juan the local taxi driver who knew all the locations and turned off the cab meter while we both looked for parts in the junk yards. Thank you Juan, you made that morning an interesting car adventure.

Fred Cassin

Garden Notes



October weather marks the high point of the spring flowering season. The soil begins to warm, plants produce a rush of flowers, veges put on a spurt of rapid growth. October/November are the two favourite months of mine—full colour has returned, and the weather is much more settled. Cherry blossom and crab apple are all in bloom, and all for our enjoyment.

Those pesky frosts now well gone. This makes one feel good to be alive. But there is always a down side, and it is the pests. As temperatures rise so do they—white fly, mealy bug and aphids to name a few. All need to be checked, most can be controlled with soapy water or a general insecticide such as Target.

If you grow delphiniums, watch out for snails and slugs, which can ruin a whole plant overnight. I put bait round all those areas and this works well.

Valuable cuttings can be struck from azaleas, fuchsias, and hydrangeas. Divisions of chrysanthemums, delphiniums, gerberas and violets will give you stock to give to friends.

Be sure to spray fruit trees against brown rot and leaf curl while the tree is in full bloom, preferably late in the day with no wind, so as to protect bees. A Yates product, Green Guard, I find very good because it is systemic.

Tuberous begonias and gloxinias can now be potted up for the next season.

Snails and slugs are on the war path; they just love that fresh tender growth, and pellets scattered round seems to keep them at bay.

All vege plants can now safely be planted out except capsicums which require a warmer weather yet, and as I mentioned last year the only way I have success with them is to plant in bags which they love, in a warm spot and capsicums keep producing right through to June but not so in the open ground.

The feature tree for October is the magnolia. We have a lot of thanks to give to the Jury family for their Black Tulip, and Vulcan, just to name two of many. During past weeks I have seen many spectacular trees in this area. It was Black Tulip which won the supreme bloom at our recent Garden show at the Mapua Hall.

During the past few weeks there have been quite a few flower shows on in the Tasman area, and what amazing shows of daffodils there were; gone are the yellow only. Pure white, peach and pink. Large doubles down to the smallest little rock daffodil. We have a lot to thank Denise Mcquarrie from Greenhill's (a grower) who has supplied us with many new forms.

Spring is an exciting time to enjoy, so please do so.

Barry Highsted

Hills Community Church

Happening @ Hills—We are a community-based, multi-denominational church with historical roots in the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Pentecostal traditions. We offer both traditional and contemporary worship in an informal and relaxed style. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome.

Upcoming Event:

Annual All Saints Costume Carnival, Monday, 31 October at 5pm to 7pm in Aranui Park. This is a “Family Friendly” event with carnival games, sausage sizzle, treasure hunt and costume award.

Sunday Worship: Traditional service 9am, Contemporary service & Children’s programme including crèche 10:30am; Holy Communion celebrated at both services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays with morning tea in between. 1st Sunday

of each month: one family-style service @ 10:30am followed by a shared lunch.

Weekly Calendar:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 12:15pm—NZ Prayer Book Communion service followed by intercessory prayer
Wednesdays: 10am-noon—Kidz n Koffee Open to parents/caregivers/pre-K kids—a great way to make new friends!

Fridays: 10am-noon—Craft n Coffee—learn a craft & share a laugh! Open to all, crèche provided
Drop-off For Area Food Bank – Bring your non-perishable food items to the church (122 Aranui Road) on Friday mornings between 9am & noon.
We also offer numerous home groups and youth activities. Contact 540-3848 for more information on our ministries.

Mapua Spring Fling BBQ

Work is well under way for the 5th Spring Fling on Thursday 27th October from 5pm to 7pm. This year will be the best as we are able to hold the BBQ in the new Mapua Waterfront Park. After four successful years we just had to do it again and what's more it is free!

It is an event that grew from a group working to acknowledge importance of community and partnerships to support the belief that “It takes a village to raise a child”. The “Spring Fling BBQ” is a proactive action to develop a greater sense of community as a core value of where we live to ensure everyone is included, valued and supported. It's about making connections in the community we live in.

Once again we have enlisted volunteers so there will be lots of fun things to do during the fling and the atmosphere just buzzes. All the participants in these activities create the success. The past years have been well supported and we know this year will surpass previous years. It is wonderful to see members of the community sharing their tea time together enjoying a sausage sizzle, ice cream in a cone and home-made lemonade. We have always been lucky to have donations that help this event to happen.

Put it on your calendar NOW and keep free Thursday 27th of October between 5pm and 7pm.

For more information or you want to help in any way please contact: Tina Johansson tina.john@clear.net.nz or phone 540-3377; Rose Barnes barnes126@xtra.co.nz, ph 540-3600.

Applications for Grants

Voluntary organisations are invited to apply to the Mapua/Ruby Bay and District Community Trust for a grant. Applications will be considered in November and should be in by 26 October. Application forms can be obtained from the secretary (ph 540-3203) or the treasurer (ph 540-3642) and returned to PO Box 19, Mapua 7048.

Grants will usually be less than \$300 but this may be varied at the discretion of the trustees.

Thank you from Bounce!

What a great Mapua event!

The Spring Show gave our Bounce children, families and teachers a wonderful opportunity to explore and extend the children's interests in gardens and to showcase their creativity to a very supportive community!

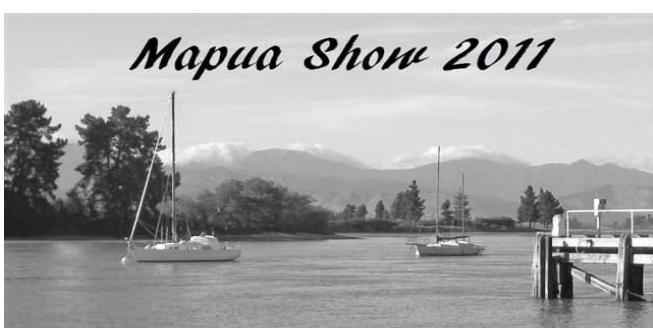
The miniature fairy garden, dinosaur worlds, Jack and his Beanstalk garden and the Mapua wharf 'playscapes' seemed to attract lots of interest from the very young as well as many older members of our community. Lots of the Bounce "B" babies (the grasshead variety) seemed to find good homes to go to as well!

Our congratulations to the hard-working Coastal Garden Group as well as Hall Committee members for organising this most successful event and helping to encourage our budding young gardeners in this way.

We look forward to next year's Spring Show!



Mapua Show 2011



Mark Your Calendars!

Only one more month until the Mapua Show—the largest showcase of arts and fine crafts ever held in the area.

Come and view the works of Mapua artists—including ceramics, art glass, broken-tile mosaics, sculpture, fiber arts, floral arrangements, and paintings in pastels, oil, and acrylics, plus demonstrations and workshops at artists' studios.

Start at the historic Mapua Hall on Aranui Road where the works of dozens of artists will be on display. Then pick up your map and continue on the Art Trail through the entire village, including the popular wharf.

Highlights of the trail include: Oamaru Stone Carving Workshop; Ceramics Demonstration; Garden Art from discarded timbers, scrap metal, and found objects; Painting Demonstration & Workshop; Crafts For Kids.

So don't miss out. Mark your calendars now for the 12th and 13th of November.

PANZ

This past month has been a case of returning to basics and making sure that some of our newer members were aware of some of the basic tips and tricks of working with pastel. There are many options open to us with this medium and sometimes we have to be reminded of these so that the "rut" doesn't set in.

We also exhibited at the Coastal Garden Group Spring Fair. This was a first and we joined forces with the Mapua Art Group and Adrian Barrett to produce a display of fine art works. We will also be exhibiting at the Mapua Show in November with smaller works for a "cash-and-carry" event.

For those of you who are new to the area, this group meets in the supper room of the Mapua Hall each Tuesday from 9am to noon. You are most welcome to come and join us and try your hand at using pastel as a painting medium, or just come and see what we do.

Enquiries to Glenys Forbes 03 540-3388



Waiting. The Flat Bottom Fairy waiting for the tide to float her off.

Noticeboard

Dance @ Mapua Hall Saturday 15 October - Spring Theme. Live Music \$6 and a plate please. 7:30 - 11pm. All welcome. Motueka Social Dance Group

All Boat Owners: Mapua Boat Club is looking at options to improve boat ramp facilities in Mapua and invites all boat owners, past and present with an interest in launching their boat at Mapua to participate in the process. To register your interest, please email the Club at: mapuabootclub@gmail.com with your contact details.

Housesitter: Experienced, respectful professional female. Quality care, includes pets. Glowing references. Available 21 October - 20 December. Ph 021 145 3027
Coastal Connections Social Group: The next lunchtime gathering is at UP THE GARDEN PATH, 473 High Street, Motueka on 13 October. Looking forward to seeing you all. Julie Haliday, 540 3533

Dance @ Mapua Hall Saturday 29 October, excellent tape music, \$3 and a plate please. 7:30 - 11pm. All welcome. Motueka Social Dance Group

Ruby Coast Newcomers Coffee Group: If you are new to the area – or even if you have been here a while - and would like to meet new people and make new friends, please join our Ruby Coast Newcomers Group. We meet on the last Friday of every month at Jester House Café, Aporo Rd, Tasman at 10am. Info: Fiona 526 6840, fiona.oliver@xtra.co.nz or just turn up. Everyone is very welcome.

Skye Harvest Extra Virgin Olive Oil 2011 harvest available fresh from the producer. 750ml \$20. Ph 540 2698, email mcleodsarah@xtra.co.nz. Orders delivered or call in 113 Seaton Valley Rd Mapua.

Coastal Garden Group meet first Thursdays, 1.15pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Members, guests & visitors welcome. Barry Highsted 540 3139.

Mapua Hills Rose Society (est 1949) meets 1st Mondays (except J months) 7.45pm, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Rose lovers, growers, visitors and guests very welcome. Enquiries: Letty Thawley, 540 2876, Margaret Sinclair 03 528 8477.

Genealogy Computer Discussion Group: This year our bimonthly meeting will be 1.30pm on Saturdays, on the following dates: 8 Oct and 10 Dec. Info: Val 540 3931 or Peter 540 2686.

Women's Recreation Group - meets outside Mapua Mall Thursday mornings. Leaves 9.15am for 1½ hour walk. Route varies. Join us whenever you can. Some members may cycle. Info Lynley 540 2292.

Spinners, Knitters, Weavers – Wool Gatherers meet at Mapua Hall, second Tuesdays, 10am. All welcome.

PANZ (pastel artists of NZ) meet each Tuesday, Mapua Hall, 9am-noon. If you are interested in trying pastels as a painting medium, please join us. Glenys Forbes 540-3388.

Mapua Art Group: Painting/Drawing Thursdays 9-12.30, Supper Room, Mapua Hall. Like-minded artists get together to paint and help each other in a fun, social environment. All levels & media welcome. \$4 session includes morning tea. Tables, chairs provided. Lisa Chandler, 540 3933

Need technical help? Can't connect your DVD player? Don't know how to download photos from your digital camera? Computer running slowly? Local help is at hand! Average job price only \$20! Basic web design also available - pages start from just \$35. Call Sam, 540 2804. – sambennett@live.jp

Friendship Club meets third Thursdays 2pm, Supper room at the Hall. Indoor bowls followed by afternoon tea (please bring a plate). \$2 door charge and 20¢ raffle. We are a group of friendly people who enjoy a good laugh (some of us are not good bowlers). We welcome new members. Val Roche 540-3685

Toy Library: extensive selection of toys, puzzles & videos for children 0-5yrs. Behind Mapua Hall every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10-11.30am & 6.30-7.30pm. Phone Anja, 544 8733, about membership or casual hire.

RSA Meetings: RSA room, Mapua Library, 2pm, second Mondays, refreshments served at the close.

Kidz 'n' Koffee playgroup: 10am – noon, Wednesdays during school term at Old Church Hall, Aranui Rd. All parents and caregivers welcome, we cater for 0-6 yrs. Gold coin donation for a delicious morning tea. Come and make some new friends. Info: Anja, 544 8733

Fair Exchange: We meet the second & fourth Wednesdays of the month. 9am at the Smokehouse to exchange homemade or homegrown items. Info: Debbi, 540-2942 or DLBamfield@gmail.com.

Probus Club meets first Fridays, Mapua Hall 1.30pm. All retirees most welcome. Enquiries to Pres. Anne Evans; 540 3070, Secr. Margaret Butchart 5402686

Massage for Health (Ruby Bay): 03 970 0960 (local call) or 02102 55 65 25, amanda.stevens824@gmail.com NZQA Qualified

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