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Easter Fair

## The Good News is In..... by Sharon Prestidge

When the Māpua Easter Fair Trust was sitting at my house on Good Friday making contingency plans for the weather, and everything around the district was being cancelled, things were looking pretty grim! [Read more](#)



## School Board Election Results

We have two new parent reps and a new staff rep on our School Board.

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## Year 7 & 8 Winter Sports Tournament

Fun, Fair Play, and a Dash of Competition

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## Engineering Excellence: Maunga and Moana Teams Tackle the EPro8 Challenge

The classrooms were buzzing this week with excitement as the Maunga and Moana teams dove...

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## Have You Heard of Tetrahedrons, Cuboids, Cones and Cylinders?

Kōwhai learns about 3D shapes!

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## Māpua take out 3rd in The Great Tasman Quiz

"Who invented the telephone?" was the question that sealed the deal for Harrison and Beau and placed...

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## Year 8 Careers Expo!

As part of their Rangitiratanga program this year, the Year 8's have been looking at what careers interes...

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When teaching consider: posture, paper position, pencil grip, the descriptions used, modelling showing consistency of movement/shape/sizes, self/peer/teacher evaluation			
Letter formation: letters are formed by combining common shapes. These are described below...			
Letter	Formation	Letter	Formation
a	Open mouth, short stick	b	Tall stick, tunnel and close
c	Open mouth	d	Open mouth, tall stick, down
e	Line (towards the sun), up and open mouth	f	Hook at the top, tall stick
g	Open mouth, monkey tail	h	Tall stick, tunnel
i	Short stick, dot	j	Monkey tail, dot
k	Tall stick, up half way, make a loop, leg	l	Tall stick
m	Short stick, tunnel, tunnel	n	Short stick, tunnel
o	Open mouth, close it	p	Hanging stick, back up, tunnel and close
q	Open mouth, hanging stick and flick	r	Short stick, start a tunnel and stop
s	Start an open mouth, slide and around (like a snake)	t	Tall stick cross
u	Open cup, short stick	v	Sloping stick down and up
w	Open cup, open cup	x	Sloping stick cross
y	Open cup, monkey tail	z	Line (towards the sun), sloping stick line

## Did You Know Handwriting Is An Important Part of Structured Literacy?

There is a big emphasis on correct letter formation and instant recall (automaticity) of how to record th...

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## Author Visits Māpua School

A leading New Zealand author visited the Moana and Maunga teams to share her wisdom about writing...

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## Times Tables Rock Stars Competition

The very first NZ Times Tables Rock Stars competition was held on 7 August, and Māpua...

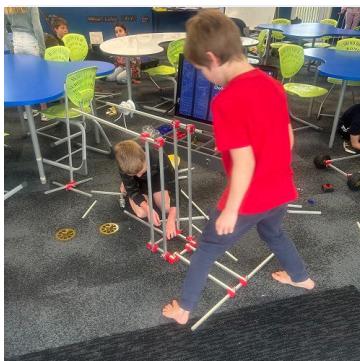
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## What Kind Of Wild And Whacky Creation Could You Make If....

...you were asked to invent a new type of flying machine.

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## Seniors Meet the EPro8 Challenge

Last week amidst the excitement of moving classrooms and getting cool new carpet, came...

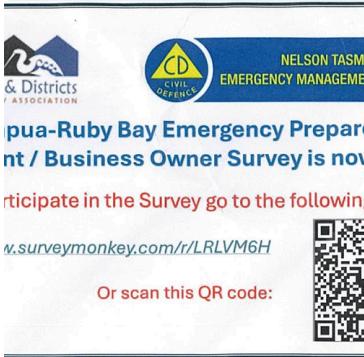
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## We Love our Fantastic New Carpet!

We have been like worker ants moving furniture in and out of classrooms (and 'camping' in Mahoe an...

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