



Mahana School

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Strong, Positive, Responsible,
Brilliant, Contributors

1 April 2016

Term 1 Events

- 12/4/16 Mountain Biking Teams Practice
- 13/4/16 Bank Tellers Visit to ANZ
- 15/4/16 Motueka High School Music Tour
- 15/4/16 Term 1 Ends
- 2/5/16 Term 2 Starts
- 2-3/5/16 Life Education at Mahana

Our School Online Kotuku

www.mahanakotuku.blogspot.com

Kotare

www.kotaremahana.blogspot.co.nz

Kereru

www.mahanakereru.blogspot.com

Piwakawaka

www.mahanapiwaka.blogspot.com

Facebook

www.facebook.com/MahanaSchool

Twitter

www.twitter.com/#!/MahanaSchool

Grounds Development

Last night we held a thought provoking and productive meeting about how to continue to develop our grounds. We've come up with an idea that will allow you to have a say. Near the school entrance you will see a big outline of the school. It will be there to get you thinking, then on Monday 11 April (parent interview day) you'll be able to add you ideas. These will be put together and they'll give us some direction for future developments.

In the meantime, please email any ideas to office@mahana.school.nz

Wanted – Old tyres, pallets, rope, posts or anything that you don't want back that the children can use to create possible further development ideas or zones.

Our Beliefs

Respect and Care - 'treat others how you would like to be treated'

Environment - 'look after the earth, it's the only one we've got'

Curiosity - 'seek and you will find'

Resilience - 'kia kaha, stay strong, stay positive'

Diversity - 'everyone together makes life better'

Perseverance - 'be the little engine that could'

Honesty - 'do the right thing, even when no-one is looking'

Assembly Friday 8 April

There will not be a 'normal' assembly on the 8th. Instead, we want your children to take you on a tour of the school, focusing on the places they like to be in and the places they would like to improve. We'll provide you with a simple plan on the day, and you can learn something about how your children spend their time outside at school.

Mahana Targets

Each year we set targets for improvement. This year we have 3. These are based on assessment results and feedback from 2015. This year our targets are...

Maths - All our kids who need a boost in maths (measured by national standards) will improve by one stage in the maths number knowledge test.

- What does this really mean? – We have a group of kids who didn't quite achieve as well as we think they can last year. This group receives attention from our teacher aides and teachers. We'll assess them during the year and we use a number knowledge test to measure their success

Writing - 80% of the boys who need extra assistance in writing in Years 2 – 8 (measured by National Standards) will have improved by one level as measured by the Moutere Hills Writing Rubric.

- What does this really mean? – We have a group of boys who don't do as well in writing as they can. We'll focus on them in class and importantly, we're trying to get them to understand the areas they need to improve in. We use a set of criteria called a rubric to measure their writing with.

Student Well Being - 75% of Year 3 – 8 students will give the response 'always' or 'almost always' to the survey question 'at school I can talk to someone about how I feel.'

- What does this really mean? – Last year we surveyed every student about how they feel about school. From this we found that a reasonable amount of kids feel like they don't have someone to talk to about how they're feeling. (at school) We want to tackle this by helping all the kids notice when people need help and help them to make an effort to be supportive. By enabling the whole school we can help the small amount of kids who sometimes feel isolated.

What have we been learning?

Piwakawaka – We were doing maths. We put stuff in a letterbox. I've been learning about a, b, c. - Lexi

Kereru – We've been learning about groups in maths. In writing I've been writing about my best Christmas and birthday. – Georgia R

Kotare – We've been learning about Japan. I've learned how to speak a little bit of Japanese. - Jayden

Kotuku – We have been learning about punctuation. In maths we've been doing knowledge tests. In art we've been learning about shading and blending. - Kyla

Swimming

The Mahana School pool is now closed. Please make sure your keys are returned by the end of term one. Bonds will be returned to you once your keys are returned.

Community Notices

HOLIDAY CANOE CAMP

Thurs 28th - Sat 30th April 11-13 year olds (years 7 & 8)

3 days, 2 nights.

\$150 including gst, all food & transport & safety equipment.

The Wilderness Canoe Trust is a not for profit organisation & the places are heavily subsidised.

Please go to www.canoejourneys.co.nz for more details.

To book a place email info@canoejourneys.co.nz

Craft Potters

We will be holding Boredom Busters during the next school holidays, on April 20th and 27th, from 1.30 for 2 hours for children over 6, and their parents or caregivers (if they'd like to join in). Cost \$15 per participant per session, which included clay and one firing of the creations. After the firing, your pieces will be able to be taken home and painted. Please register by emailing Karin Roehling on info@kiwicampervans.co.nz or ringing or texting on 027 27478872, remembering to put your name, and which day you would like to do Boredom Busters.

The Teenage Brain

Motueka High School is very excited to invite you and your community to join us in an enlightening and entertaining presentation by **Nathan Wallis**. The presentation, "**The Teenage Brain**", will be held on **Thursday 7th April 2016 at the Motueka High School Hall**. Entry by gold coin donation.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL OFFER CHILDREN GO FREE.

Travel with Abel Tasman Sea Shuttle and view Split Apple Rock, the seal pups and bird life in the Abel Tasman National Park. Enjoy a bush walk or spend time on one of the beautiful beaches. (A great opportunity to walk from Awaroa to Onetahuti and check out the NEW board walk and bridges at Onetahuti Beach).

Take advantage of our "KIDS TRAVEL FREE" and enjoy the National Park. Parent, Grandparent or Guardian paying normal fares can take 14 and under year old dependent children FREE of charge on any of our Brochure Trips into the Abel Tasman National Park (Combos Not Included). This is a great opportunity to experience the Abel Tasman National Park by way of the new innovative "Abel Tasman Sea Shuttle" vessels doing what they were designed and built for.

Grow Harvest Preserve with Lynda Hallinan

At The Old Post Office Upper Moutere
Wednesday 13 April – Doors open at 6pm
Tickets \$25

To reserve your seats phone 5432780 or email joanne@mouteregold.co.nz

Possible Drummer Tutor

Is there anyone that would be interested in having drumming tuition?
Billy Bathgate Year 13 at Motueka High is interested in coming to Mahana School on Monday afternoons to tutor a minimum of 4 students for ½ hour lessons @ \$20 per ½ hour. He is part of the Motueka High School music tour coming to Mahana on 15 April so that will be a good opportunity for him to showcase his talents.

KIDZ KLUB AFTER 3 MASSIVE HOLIDAY FUN

Contact Name: Cindus Colonna
Phone: (03) 543 2033 / (027) 358 7233
Email: kidzklubafter3@gmail.com

Dates and Times:

18 April - 29 April **Hills Community Church Old Hall, Aranui Rd, Mapua**
8.30am- 3.30pm Ages: 5yrs - 13yrs

*Kidz Klub After 3 run CYF OSCAR approved after school and school holiday programmes .
Our activities are adapted to suit all ages to ensure everyone has fun!*

This autumn we are going to fill your kids days with lots of games, art, craft and cooking based on some of the following themes - Remember the Anzacs, Animal Adventures, Disney Day, Autumn Creations, Round and Round Circle Fun, Fear Factor Challenge, Trip to China, and a mystery outing plus loads more.

Contact us for a copy of our full programme brochure outlining what we will be up to each day!