



# Mahana School

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## Term 1 Events

2/5/16	Term 2 Starts
2-3/5/16	Life Education at Mahana
12/5/16	Rock da House Practice –TBCS
12/5/16	Museum Visit – Piwakawaka/Kereru
13/5/16	Museum Visit – Kotare/Kotuku
20/5/16	Mahana Cross Country
20/5/16	BoT Meeting
26/5/16	Moutere Hills Cross Country
2/6/16	Motueka Cross Country
9/6/16	Junior Cross Country @ Dovedale
23/6/16	Gymnastics – B Grade
24/6/16	Gymnastics – A Grade
8/7/16	Term 2 Ends

## Our School Online Kotuku

[www.mahanakotuku.blogspot.com](http://www.mahanakotuku.blogspot.com)

## Kotare

[www.kotaremahana.blogspot.co.nz](http://www.kotaremahana.blogspot.co.nz)

## Kereru

[www.mahanakereru.blogspot.com](http://www.mahanakereru.blogspot.com)

## Piwakawaka

[www.mahanapiwaka.blogspot.com](http://www.mahanapiwaka.blogspot.com)

## Facebook

[www.facebook.com/MahanaSchool](http://www.facebook.com/MahanaSchool)

## Twitter

[www.twitter.com/#!/MahanaSchool](http://www.twitter.com/#!/MahanaSchool)

## Board of Trustees Elections

Please keep a watch out for nomination forms arriving in the mail.

Nominations are due to the Returning Officer by 20/5/16.

“Make a difference – Become a School Trustee”

## Assembly Today

Yes, it's on!

## **Dates and Events**

We've added everything that we know about to the school web page and to FaceBook. We'll also make sure that dates are on newsletters and you can access these through the website as well. If all that fails, please ask, as you will occasionally need more detail.

## **Welcome Back Carolyn!**

It is really great to have Carolyn back. I've been in her class and it is great to see how she is bringing her literacy and numeracy skills to the group.

## **What have we been learning?**

**Piwakawaka** – I've been reading. I've been learning to climb trees. - Praise

**Kereru** – I've been learning about food. We made people out of food. We put all the vegetables together and all the fruit. – Harrison and Nico

**Kotare** – I've been learning about 'Growth Mindset' and 'Fixed Mindset' and the 'Dip'. Growth Mindset is about people who never give up. When they want to give up, they don't. Fixed Mindset is where you just give up. The Dip is where you start running and it's easy, and then it gets hard, and you don't give up. – Te Maire

**Kotuku** – I've been learning about how much sugar is in our food. We watched that Sugar Food, and learned about how to tell how much sugar, salt and fat is in our food. - Pip

## **Life Education**

Thanks to Ingrid, Harold and the re-furbished Life Ed truck for your time at Mahana this week.

## **Welcome**

Welcome to Shiah Maru-Bak and her parents Carmon and Joe Bak who have come to Mahana from Masterton. Shiah is in Year 4. It's great to have your whanau with us.

## **Rock-Da-House**

This is a children's massed choir event that is unique to Nelson schools and is very, very cool. All our Year 5 to 8 students are involved, and there is opportunity for some students to do a solo part. Next week we have a practice at Tasman Bay Christian School, and there will be other practices leading up the main event during the week 29 August to 2 September.

## **Health and Safety**

Due to the new regulations it is now necessary for everyone staying at school for an extended period to sign in at the office. (Baking, gardening, parent help, etc) Thanks Also all those taking transport on school trips will be required to show their current drivers licence and be able to show staff their current wof and registration details for their vehicle.

Thank you for your understanding as we try to make the world a safer place for your children.

## Cross Country

Please make sure your children come to school ready to run. They do need shoes as we practice on the Mahana Estates gravel track, as well as shorts and a t-shirt. The dates for each cross-country event are listed on Facebook, on the Mahana website, and in this newsletter. The first event is the Mahana event that involves all our students from year 1 to 8.

## Nelson Schools Cross Country League

This is an interschool event that happens over the next 4 Saturdays. It is becoming really popular and is a lot of fun. If you are interested, please follow the directions below. The beginnings of each event can be busy, so being early is very useful! WE LOVE TO COMPETE AGAINST ANYONE WHO CARES TO TAKE US ON, SO GIVE IT A GO. I will be there at races 2, 3 and 4.

Schools may send any number of runners they wish. There is no lower age limit as long as the children are able to complete the course.

Grades:

- \* Primary: Boys race and Girls race – 1km
- \* Intermediate: Boys race and Girls race - 2km
- \* College: Boys race and Girls race - 3km

All runners will score points but the first 4 finishers from each school will count as the team score on the day.

Trophies will be awarded to the top school in each grade at the end of the four races.

### Registration

Children can just sign-in on the day from 2pm, but pre-registration via email is encouraged to reduce chaos at the event!

Please send the following details to... [nelsoncrosscountry@gmail.com](mailto:nelsoncrosscountry@gmail.com)

- \* Name
- School
- School year (NOT age)

A race number will be sent by return email.

This number must be written on the back of the left hand with marker pen so it is visible to recorders at the end of the race.

Registration only needs to occur once, as each runner will be given a unique number that they keep for the whole series.

Pre-registered runners do not need to sign-in again on the day.

There is no entry fee for this event.

## 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'

**School Lunches** – Thanks to all those that have ordered lunches so far. Due to Museum visits next week (13/5), the Home and School have decided to postpone next weeks lunch until next term, so all those that have already ordered will receive in Term 3. Thanks and Sorry!

### Museum Visit

The school will be visiting the museum next week. You can see details at <http://www.nelsonmuseum.co.nz/exhibitions/current.htm> Maths is one of target areas this year so this was too good to miss.

### Netball

It is so great to see so many Mahana kids playing netball this year. The season begins next week with the ANZ Netball Future FERNS Festival day on the 13th of May at Saxton Stadium. Year 1 & 2 are from 4-5pm and Year 3 - 6 are from 5.30 - 7pm. There will be Tactix (including Bayley Mes and Jess Moulds, New Zealand Silverfern players along Zoe Walker, our very own born and raised ex Nelson player who plays for the Tactix). Kids will get to play games, get autographs and have heaps of fun. We are also happy to have Dayna Whiting at Mahana today and for the next two Friday mornings.

### Urban

If you liked Urban, the band who played at our Fiesta, then you might want to attend their album launch at the Boat House, 5pm on the 13th of May. Doors open at 5pm with meals being served between 5pm and 8pm. Fantastic Nelson band Outlet will also be providing music. \$10 entry fee. \$15 for Urban's Everything Except Time CD. Facebook has more details.

### No Kid Left Inside

Karla Thurlow is continuing to work with our kids each Thursday morning. Karla is doing a great job and we love her work. I've included an article from last year that explains the programme if you aren't aware of just how cool it is. <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/67478054/sporting-dad-boosts--pupils-health>

### This Term's Focus

This term we are learning about food and nutrition. Food is a fun topic and hopefully the kids will bring their learning home with them. Food is a great dinner time conversation.

## Community Notices

### Brain Gym Nelson

#### IS SCHOOL A CHALLENGE FOR YOUR CHILD?

There are many reasons why a child struggles at learning, socially or emotionally. Those who do Brain Gym® consistently, notice learning is easier. Do you need your child assessed? Just 5 minutes a day makes all the difference?

Find out what my clients are saying. Look at the short videos about child development on my website [www.braingymnelson.co.nz](http://www.braingymnelson.co.nz)

Still not sure? Why not ring me and talk to me about your child?

Kerri Bainbridge [bainbridgeka@gmail.com](mailto:bainbridgeka@gmail.com) , M: [0210781336](tel:0210781336) or Ph: 03 540 2782

Appointments in Richmond or Mapua.

#### VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS for age 3yrs and up

Katie Dey teaches violin and piano by the Suzuki method, music theory and music reading. The Suzuki method is also known as the "mother tongue" method and involves learning initially by ear, so is ideal for young children. Both individual and group lessons are involved. Katie teaches in Nelson, Richmond and Motueka. Contact

[katieldey@gmail.com](mailto:katieldey@gmail.com)

#### What's on at the Motueka Recreation Centre for Term 2.

Starting first week back

Climbing to New Heights for Primary School Children. Cost \$5 per session.

We encourage all children to give it a go. It's challenging, it's fun and it builds confidence.

Held at the Centre Tues and Thurs 3.30 – 5pm.