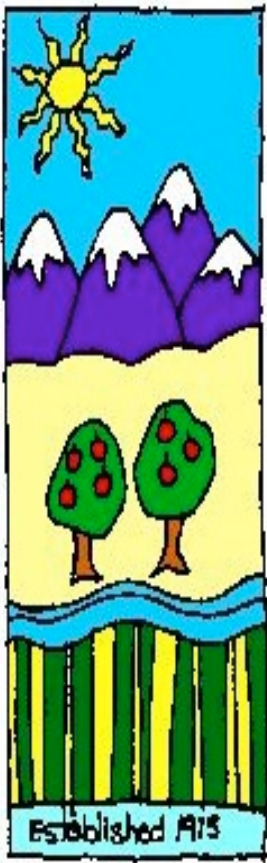


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Our School Online Kotuku

www.mahanakotuku.blogspot.com

Kotare

www.kotaremahana.blogspot.co.nz

Kereru

www.mahanakereru.blogspot.com

Piwakawaka

www.mahanapiwaka.blogspot.com

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Term 2 Events

20/5/16	BoT Nominations Close
20/5/16	BoT Meeting
23-27/5/16	Book Week
23/5/16	Mahana Cross Country
26/5/16	Moutere Hills Cross Country
27/5/16	Book Character Day
27/5/16	Home & School AGM
1/6/16	School Healthy Picnic Lunch
2/6/16	Motueka Cross Country
3/6/16	BoT Election Closing Day
9/6/16	Junior Cross Country @ Dovedale
14/6/16	Firewise – Piwakawaka/Kereru
22/6/16	Wig Wednesday – Child Cancer
23/6/16	Gymnastics – B Grade
24/6/16	Gymnastics – A Grade
28/6/16	Home & School Meeting
8/7/16	Term 2 Ends

Assembly Today

Yes, it's on! If raining it will be in Kōtuku Class.

Mahana Cross Country

The Mahana Cross Country has been postponed to 1.30pm, Monday 23rd May at Mahana Estates. There is some parking at the winery, other park at school please. Age groups and times are... (times are approximate)

- Race 1 1.30pm Year 7 / 8 – 2km
- Race 2 1.45pm Year 3 / 4 - 1.2km
- Race 3 2.00pm Year 5 / 6 - 2km
- Race 4 2.15pm Year 1 / 2 – 850m

Moutere Hills Cross Country

This event is for Year 5 to 8 students (and some Year 4s) and will happen Thursday 26th May at 12.30pm at Mahana Estates. Postponement day is Friday. Please park at school and walk to the track.

What have we been learning?

Pīwakawaka – We have been playing bingo with Ali. At the end you say 'bingo' - Vann

Kererū – In class we've been learning numbers in twos and we've been playing a game where if you say '20' you have to sit down. - Ruby

Kōtare – We've been playing a game with questions about maths. - Charlotte

Kōtuku – We've been building a bike jump on the bottom field at morning tea and lunchtime. It's going well, we have 4 jumps and a berm. - Jody

Community of Learning

The thirteen primary schools making up the Motueka Schools Cluster, along with Motueka High School, have been working collectively to establish a Community of Learning under the Ministry of Education's 'Investing in Educational Success Initiative'. The 'Initiative' was established by the Ministry with the aim of raising achievement levels across the country. Having considered all aspects of this programme we expressed interest to the Minister and this was formally accepted by the Honourable Heiki Parata recently. There is much to consider yet in regard to specific goals for our CoL (Community of Learning) and how it will function, but we are excited about the possibilities this opportunity will bring to the children of the wider Motueka area. We will bring you updates on progress and details of benefits this CoL will have for students as more details are finalised.

Netball

Thanks to Dayna Whiting from Netball Nelson for taking skills sessions each Friday morning. The kids have loved having Dayna at Mahana.

Scholastic Book Fair 23-27 May

Next week is our annual book fair in the school office.

This is a great fundraising opportunity for the school and a chance for you to buy quality books at a very good price.

As part of the book week celebrations, we will dress up as our favourite book character on Friday 27 May and have school wide activities for the day.

The book fair will be open for parents and whanau to view and purchase items from 3-3.30pm each day.

Last year we raised over \$879, which meant we could purchase \$240 worth of new and exciting books for the school. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you next week.

Lunches

Our students are learning about food and nutrition. It would be great if you had a conversation with your child about what is in his or her lunchbox and how it reflects what they are learning at school. If you are looking for ideas, try <http://www.healthyfood.co.nz/articles/2009/february/exciting-lunchbox-ideas>

Food Packets

We seem to have a lot of empty plastic food packets in the playground at the moment. It would be great if we could leave the packets at home, thanks.

Health and Safety

Measles: Please be aware there is a measles outbreak in some parts of New Zealand. This is a highly infectious disease that affects both adults and children and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, followed by a rash which tends to start on the face, before moving over the head and down the body. The rash develops about 3 days after the other symptoms start; more serious complications can develop.

Please ensure that immunisations are up to date. You can telephone your family doctor for more information and to check your immunisation record.

Stop the spread of flu germs;

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Put your used tissue in a lined rubbish bin or in a plastic bag
- Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand gel
- Stay away from others if you're sick
- If your child is displaying flu symptoms, please keep them at home to help suppress the spread of bugs – Thank you.

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'

Nelson Schools Cross Country League

This is an interschool event that happens over the next 2 Saturdays. It is becoming really popular and is a lot of fun. If you are interested, please follow the directions below.

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.

Races are at...

Moturoa / Rabbit Island

21st May 3pm

Miyazu Park (Atawhai)

28th May 3pm

Grades:

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

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

- * 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.