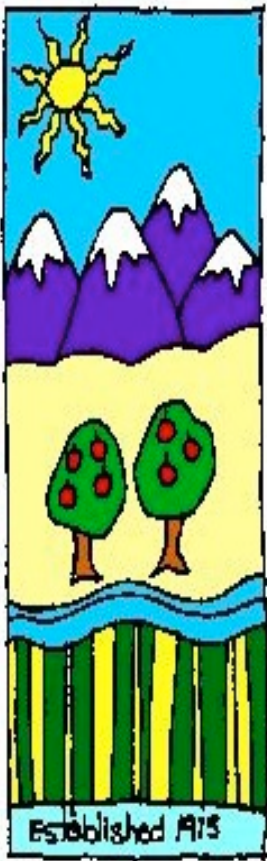


**Mahana School**



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1 July 2016

## Term 2 Events

1/7/16	Year 7/8 Nelson Cross Country
4/7/16	Year 5/6 Nelson Cross Country
8/7/16	Matariki Celebration/ Farewell for Eggers Family
8/7/16	Term 2 Ends
25/7/16	Term 3 Starts

## 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)

## Assembly Today

Yes, it is on today at 2.30pm.

## Toupee Tuesday (formerly Wig Wednesday)

Thanks for everyone's kind support of this day. We made \$672.80! That is a brilliant contribution. Fantastic! If you would like to find out more about CCF, go to <http://www.childcancer.org.nz/>

## What have we been learning?

**Pīwakawaka** – I've been writing and doing handwriting. We've been writing about Caroline the Cat, and we can write about what we like sometimes. **Will F.**

**Kererū** – We've been learning about Matariki and poi and neat handwriting and holding our pencils right. **Brooke P.**

**Kōtare** – We've been learning about fractions and ancient Greece. We've been using Khan Academy. It makes it easy to learn and it explains it really well. **Renee H.**

**Kōtuku** – We've been doing some singing for Matariki. We've been working on addition and subtraction in maths, and how to add decimals. An easy way to do  $6.2 + 3.8$  is add 0.2 to 3.8 to make 4, then take away 0.2 from 6.2 to make 6, then you have  $6 + 4 = 10$ . It's called tidy numbers. **Ella S**

## Health and Safety

- **Ice:** Be prepared for ice on our court and on the Kōtare deck. If icy, Kōtare students will be entering their class through the back door.
- **Car Park:** Please encourage your kids to wait for you above the path and not on the steps or on the footpath. Senior students may cross the road on their own, but younger children need adult supervision.

## Matariki

- ***Tēnā ngā kanohi kua tikona e Matariki = Matariki will keep you awake!***

This year we want to celebrate te tou hou Māori (the new year) in the morning! So on Friday 8 July (the last day of term) we want to...

### Kōtuku Class Sleep Over at School

Rest at school at 6.30am for a candle light walk to look out at the stars

Return to school for breakfast, waiata and a get together

Matariki activities and fun

We realise that this is early, and a bit different, but that's why we think it might be memorable. If you can't make the early start, you are still welcome to come for breakfast or just for the get-together. Remember to dress for extreme cold!

We would like to involve the kids in the breakfast making and serving, but we'd appreciate...

Adult help with breakfast

Donations of eggs, bacon, sausages and baked beans / spaghetti

Braziers (the warm burning things for outside)

If you are able to help, please email Jenny with 'Matariki Morning' in the subject line. To help us know quantities, please let Jenny know if you will be attending. Thanks.

## **BOT Spot**

The new Board of Trustees was officially established following triennial nominations early last month.

The Board had its first meeting on Monday 27 June and comprises:

Justin Neal – Principal

Jenny Robinson – Staff Representative

Nigel Brown – Chairman / Parent Representative

Andrew Gould – Parent Representative

Marika Kingan – Parent Representative

John Mace – Parent Representative

Wendy Van den Berg – Parent Representative

The new board would like to officially recognise the 8 years of work contributed by Lisa Gant who stepped down from the board prior to nominations. The board took the opportunity to welcome Marika Kingan as a new parent representative and we all feel very confident that the board will continue to strive for greater student achievement in line with the wants and needs of the community.

At the initial meeting we set up 4 “subcommittees” whose roles are to oversee specific areas and share their information with the board and they consist of: Property; Justin, John, Nigel and Jenny. Finance; Andrew, Justin, Nigel and Jenny. Principal Appraisal; Justin, John and Nigel. Policies and Procedures; Justin, Marika and Nigel.

We also signed off on our new 2016 Health and Safety policy which will shortly be available to view on the website. Under the new regulations, the underlying theme is that health and safety is the responsibility of everybody. If you are aware of any areas of risk or danger, it is contingent upon you to advise a staff member. Property inspections are carried out frequently and regularly but we do not have the facility to do it every day. Your help is very much appreciated.

Brad, Zeta, Jonathon and Tristan from Kotuku made a video for the board about their thoughts and experiences using the new Chromebooks and the 1:1 devices-to-students capability of the school. Thanks guys, it's important that the board gets everyone's perspective on the new technology.

The next meeting will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm at the school and all are welcome to attend.

## 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'

## SPCA Bake Day

Wednesday 6th July

Baked goods are going to be sold for \$1

All proceeds are going to SPCA

Bring along money and support the animals!

## Maori Language Week

**Kia hiwa ra, kia hiwa ra, anei te wiki o te reo Māori!**

**Be ready, it's Māori Language Week!**

We want to be ready to 'ākina te reo' next week, so we have a simple plan that might be fun.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week I'll send a text to all our whānau with the question, 'He aha te rerenga korero o te ra?' ('What is the saying of the day?') The first person to text the correct answer back **to Jenny** at 0273517931 will win one of the following...

- a warrant of fitness from Parkes Automotive
- a \$50 petrol voucher
- a \$20 iTunes voucher

The answers are...

Tuesday (Ratu) – 'Ka pai hoki koe!' (Good on you!)

Wednesday (Raapa) - 'Ka wani ke!' (Awesome!)

Thursday (Rapare) - 'Kaore i tua atu i a koe!'  
(There's no one better than you!)

I will text the question around dinner time so you can have answers (and kids) at the ready. You may want to keep this newsletter somewhere handy.

Pai angitu! (Good luck!)

## Term Ends

Next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July is the last day of term 2. School ends at the normal time. Term 3 starts 25<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Community Notices**

### **Netball Festival**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Where: Christchurch

Who: Age categories are U/14, U/16, and U/18

***There will be 3 visiting teams from South Africa participating in this event***

### **"Activekidz Swim School @ Mapua Chalets**

Book online now at [www.activekidzswimschool.co.nz](http://www.activekidzswimschool.co.nz) for this holiday's intensive 5 day course and the Term 3 course. **Special Offer for Term 3** All Year 1 pupils can get a 10% discount off Term 3 lessons as well as the Holiday Intensive Course. "

### **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 years and under 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.

### **Tasman District Library – Holiday Programme**

July Holiday Programme is available on the office Noticeboard.

### **Paul Ifill Football Academy Holiday Programme**

12 -14 July 9 am – 12 pm @ Mapua Domain Register online at [www.paulifill.com](http://www.paulifill.com)

Details on the office Noticeboard

### **Warm Up Nelson – The Hits 89.6**

The Hits Nelson & Richmond Mall are collecting donations of warm clothing, blankets and shoes. Your donation could be the reason a Nelson child no longer walks to school in bare feet. Donation dates 27 June – 8 July

Contact [emma@thehits.co.nz](mailto:emma@thehits.co.nz) if you need your donation collected or leave it at the dedicated area at the Richmond Mall Information Centre.

### **Tasman Gymnastics Club**

Gymnastics and movement for babies to teens. Come and give it a try.

Learn to flip and tumble, walk on your hands and cartwheel around the room. Keeping kids fit and healthy.

Taking bookings for term 3, limited spaces.

Call Sam on 5432512 or email [tasmangymnasticsclub@gmail.com](mailto:tasmangymnasticsclub@gmail.com) for more information.

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