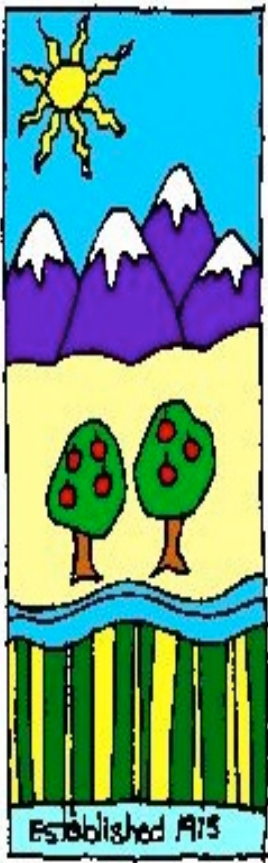


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Brilliant, Contributors

23 September 2016

Term 3 Events

23 September	Last Day of Term 3
10 October	Term 4 Starts
13 October	School Photos
21 October	Masked Parade

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

Assembly Today

Yes, it's on today at 2.30pm

What have we been learning?

Pīwakawaka – In writing I draw a picture then tell Ali what my story is. I have a partner who reads my book with me. Lillian

Kererū – We cut out waves and stuck them on our masks. When the glue was dried we painted them white. After it dries it'll be painted blue. Isla

Kōtare – For the masked parade I am in the water group. So far we've designed the mask then we painted it with a sponge. Mahana

Kōtuku – We've been making a taniwha mask and feet for the masked parade. We made a stencil and cut it out on foam mats. We then covered them in chicken wire. Millie
PS 2 cups of dye will stain your hands!!

Speeches

Well done Zeta for representing Mahana School so successfully at the Motueka Schools Competition.

NelsoMathix

Well done Yasmina, Jack Richards, Brad and Cody for their maths skills in the Year 7 competition, and to Kyla, Athena, Jonathan and Natalie for their skills in the Year 8 competition. It is a very competitive event and our teams did very well.

Ski Team

Fantastic effort Kyla, Athena, Jody, Nika, Yasmina, Caleb and Jayden! The senior team gained the silver medal overall!

Term Dates

Term 3 finishes today. Term 4 starts on 10 October.

Hats

Hats are required for all students in term 4. If you don't have one please see Jenny. \$10 per hat.

Reports

These will go home Friday 14 October. Family conferences (interviews) are Tuesday 18th. Booking information will be available during week 1 next term.

Comment

We hope enjoy the early spring. We're looking forward to term 4, with family conferences, the Masked Parade and our grounds development to kick things off. Have a safe and happy school holidays.

The Mahana School Team.

Playground Development

The first stage of our plans are on display in the office. We plan to get this underway early next term, and we need your help. This needs to be a real community effort that includes as many people as possible, so we plan to hold a working bee on Saturday 15 October at 9am. (There will be scones.)

To help reduce our costs we are looking for donations of...

- Logs 300mm - 450mm diameter, hard durable timber for cutting into rounds
- Big boulders
- Timber planks, 1.8m to 2.4m lengths from old buildings / fences for seating planks, 50mm thick, 400mm wide
- Big flitches, 50mm thick, 1.2 to 1.8m tall
- Any other timber useful for archways
- Poles, things suitable for sculpture

Bring your...

- Chainsaws
- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels
- Belt sander
- Drills

Or you might want donate...?

- Fruit trees
- Nut trees
- Grasses
- Hebes
- Koromiko trees
- Cabbage trees
- Herbs
- Mulch
- Compost

Working bees are fun!

Holiday Babysitter Available

Are the holidays panning out to be a babysitting nightmare?

Don't panic help is close at hand!

Harriet Webster (William Robinson's 18 year old sister) will be available all holidays to help you out!

Please phone or text Harriet direct on 027 371 1755 or 5432377

Thanks

BoT Spot

The last meeting of the BoT was held on September 19th when we had a chance to look at some of the preliminary data on student achievement for this year and noted there have been some very creditable improvements during the year. The bulk of the data will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Plans for the landscaping of the grounds are in the school office and we're about to get underway with some of the objectives which is going to be very exciting.

No doubt the parlous state of the carpet in Kotuku Room has been noticed and the Board would like to reassure everyone that the refurbishment of this room is going to happen. Progress has been slower than we would like because we are aware that some of our spaces don't work very well so we've been looking at the big picture and whether or not an opportunity exists to remodel the room, which could include some major works. Meanwhile we'll do something about the storage boxes outside Kereru Room to ensure that bags and belongings are not exposed to the weather. To all intents and purposes we will continue to have a 4th classroom in 2017 so what was a temporary arrangement will become something a little more permanent.

The new Cyber-safety policy has been completed and it is available for viewing at the office.

Community Notices

"**Activekidz Swim School**, based at Mapua Chalets, will be offering a **5 Day Intensive Course** during the second week of the holidays. The **Term 4 Program** is also ready to book on the website and begins on the 24th October. Ring Andy and Karen on 035403316 or go to the website at www.activekidzswimschool.co.nz"

Grand reopening of The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi o Whakatū, 11am Sunday 2 October, 208 Bridge Street, Nelson.

Everyone welcome to a day of family festivities. Explore the stunning new building, take part in art projects, enjoy the entertainment in the galleries, browse the activities in Queens Gardens and walk the sculpture trail.

Dress artfully – come as an artist, artwork or costume design of your choice. Plenty of surprises and spot prizes. Children's activities all day.

Celebrate with us!

PhoneArt Workshop

Friday 30th September, 11am – 1pm at Elma Turner Library (Activity Room), Nelson.

For ages 10 years and up. Please register at the library.

As part of Arts Council Nelson's PhoneArt project - come along and make a miniature work of art out of an old mobile phone or phone case! All materials provided.