



# Mahana School

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Strong, Positive, Responsible,  
Brilliant, Contributors

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## 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

Seesaw - Download the app and  
keep up to date with your child's  
learning.

## 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)

## 2017

### Term Dates

Term 1 – 7 February – 13 April

Term 2 – 1 May – 7 July

Term 3 – 24 July – 29 September

Term 4 – 16 October – 20 December (this could  
be 19 December if Athletics Day is run)

### Term 2 Events

12 June	Gymnastics with Sam
15 June	Home & School AGM
21 June	Wig Wednesday for CCF
22 June	B Gymnastics
23 June	A Gymnastics
7 July	Term 2 Ends

**Home & School AGM**  
**7pm Thurs 15th June**  
**Come along and get involved!**  
**ALL WELCOME.**

## **What we have been learning...**

**Piwakawaka** - We do party trees. We write and draw pictures about them. Noah

**Kereru** - We have been asking questions then writing about ourselves. One of the questions was "what do you dream about doing when you're older?" Lucy T

**Kotare** - We have been learning how to group our ideas in a report. We have also been learning about knowledge in maths. Ben

**Kotuku** - We have been learning about specific nouns e.g. instead of saying the tree you would say the Oak tree. John

## **Gymnastics**

Next week our Year 4 – 8 students will participate in the Motueka Schools Gymnastics festival. Please look out for transport requests this week. The details are...

- B Grade, mostly Year 4, 5, 6      Thursday 22 June
- A Grade, mostly Year 7, 8              Friday 23 June
- Both days at Motueka Rec Centre

## **Writing Development**

Next week Di Skilton will be back in classes working with teachers and students on teaching and learning in writing. We are being challenged by ourselves and by Di to continue to seek improvement in writing. Last week we collectively looked at ways to improve planning where each teacher provided examples of how they go about preparing for learning. We've been encouraged to be very honest with ourselves about our effectiveness as teachers and it's really paying off. There is nothing better in any type of work than opening yourself up to honest appraisals by your peers and by yourself! The benefits will come in the improvement of our kid's writing.

## **Science Development**

Our science improvement continued today with Maree O'Boyle from UC Education working with Kōtare Class. Maree has run some excellent lessons with each class, and I know that teachers are super enthused, and so are the kids. The noticeable change is the amount of science that is happening in school, as well as the encouragement of so many questions and observations from the students.

## **Student Well-Being**

We are about two thirds through our survey of Year 4 – 8 students on how they feel about school. We really do have wonderful kids at our school who care for each other. Please make sure that you come in and talk to your child's teacher or to me should you have any concerns.

## **After school pick up**

We've had a few moments of concern lately involving after school arrangements. Here are some guidelines for you to follow. Thanks for your consideration...

- Make sure that after school arrangements are made the day before they happen
- Make sure that all caregivers are aware of the arrangements
- If your child is going home with a friend, please make sure the school knows who your child is going home with

## **AED Training**

Jennian Homes is organising a further free training day for the defibrillators on **Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> June** here at their office – 8 Champion Road

At this stage they are looking at a session at 10.00am, 1.00pm and another at 4.00pm. These usually take about ½ - ¾ of an hour and are conducted by the Zoll clinical nurse who is very knowledgeable and will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding using an AED and performing CPR.

If there is sufficient interest they could also do one at 5pm for those who find it difficult to get to the sessions during the day.

## **Home and School – Mid Winter Mingle and Movie Night at Mahana School**

Friday 23 June at 5:30 pm

Come along and meet other parents while the kids are entertained with a movie.

Drinks and Nibbles provided for adults plus some movie snacks for the kids!

**Found** – One Lord of the Rings Ring. Please see Jenny to collect

## Community Notices

**The Nelson Half** -Festival of Running is a community event raising funds for your school.

Through entries to a range of running and walking events, participants nominate a school to receive up to 50% of their entry fee.

You do not have to do anything to receive these funds, however, by simply promoting the event within your schools and wider communities, you stand to receive more funding.

These funds may be used for any project you may have in mind. Books, toys, sports gear, camp subsidies, travel funds, shoes.....

We will provide adverts to help you promote the event and ideas to help encourage students, families and whanau to get active and get involved.

### **Parkes Automotive – Motueka – Helping our local school campaign**

Have your WOF done at Motueka Auto Supper Shoppe (Parkes Automotive) in June, July or August and they will donate \$5 to a local participating school of YOUR choice.

“Fundraising Made Easy”