



Mahana School

www.mahana.school.nz

Strong, Positive, Responsible,
Brilliant, Contributors

30 October 2017

Our School Online Kotuku

www.mahanakotuku.blogspot.com

Kotare

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

Facebook

www.facebook.com/MahanaSchool

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www.twitter.com/#!/MahanaSchool

Term 4 Events

8 Nov	BoT Meeting
11 Nov	Athletics Day
6 Dec	BoT Meeting
6/7 Dec	Potential Production Days
14 Dec	End of Year Assembly
19 or 20 Dec	School finishes – Date dependent on Athletics Day

ERO

The Education Review Office team is visiting us today until Wednesday. They'll be talking and listening and observing and will be able to give us some directions and pointers for improvement. We look forward to our ERO visits, and we consider them as opportunities to learn.

Athletics Day

This is Saturday 11 November. We'd like to emphasise again this is a school day, and we always get 100% attendance, so we're looking forward to keeping this going in 2017. This year is special, as the day coincides with the actual Armistice Day!

2018 Appointment

We are currently working through the process of selecting a teacher for Year 1 and 2 in 2018. We'll announce our selection as soon as the process is finalized.

Athletics Practice

Thanks to all our volunteer helpers for their work taking athletics practice!

Achievement Results

We have put together our achievement results for reading, writing, and mathematics. These areas are all assessed using National Standards. With the change of government it will be interesting to see what happens in the future, but for now here are some things to consider...

- writing is assessed by looking at a student's writing in class, and by talking to kids about what their goals are.
- reading and maths is based on testing, as well as how well a child is doing in class
- teachers make judgements called 'Overall Teacher Judgements', and these are what the National Standard are based on.
- we aim for 100%, and the National 'expectation' is 85%

Mahana Results for 2016 / 2017 – percentage of students achieving at or above the National Standard.

	2016	2017
Reading	86%	87%
Writing	63%	78%
Maths	75%	85%

Our Vision

While these results are important, and it is great that there is improvement, especially in writing, our main goal is to have kids who love learning and know how to learn. **We want our kids to be Strong, Positive, Responsible, Brilliant Contributors.**

Communitiy Notices

Country Kids

Celebrating
30 Years of Education and Care.

Join us for a
Birthday Celebration.

Featuring Kath Bee

Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides, Face Painting and other fun activities.

BBQ Lunch

18th November 2017

Country Kids

10am—2pm

All Welcome

RSVP

035432819 or office@countrykid.org.nz

Mapua Community Costume Carnival : Tuesday 31st Oct 5-7pm. Hills Community Church is holding its annual Costume Carnival at Aranui Park, Mapua on Tuesday 31st of October. The carnival is a highlight in the calendar for families in Mapua and the surrounding districts. It is run as a free gift to the community, a positive trick-or-treating alternative at Halloween. Children, (and adults too if they like) are encouraged to come dressed as fairies, pirates, superheroes, princesses, animals, All Blacks, etc. Prizes are given for the most creative costume to boys and girls in each age group (preschool, primary and teenagers, and adults). There will be a range of fun-filled games and activities to participate in. Have a go at Samurai noodle fighting, shoot a hoop, try out the life sized Hungry Hippos game or the human tank challenge. Each time you have a go earn a silver token to swap at the prize tent. Bring your children for a fabulous, fright-free evening of old fashioned games, sled rides, jumping on the bouncy castle, and a free sausage sizzle. <http://www.hillscommunitychurch.org.nz/>

Tamariki Toa Dress Rehearsal

Nelson College Hall - Thursday 2 November 6-7 pm

Door Sales only \$5 per person, \$15 per whānau (2 adults, 2 tamariki) Under 5's free