



# Mahana School

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Strong, Positive, Responsible,  
Brilliant, Contributors

## 13 November 2017

### 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)

### Term 4 Events

15 Nov	Year 8 Tile Making
17 Nov	College Orientation Days
24 Nov	A & P Show Entries
30 Nov	Y5/6 Technology Challenge
1 Dec	Y7/8 Technology Challenge
6 Dec	Ki O Rahi Tournament
6 Dec	BoT Meeting
7 Dec	Y8 Hui @ Ngatimoti
12 Dec	Dress Rehearsal Production
13 Dec	Matinee/Evening Production
18 Dec	End of Year Assembly
19 Dec	School finishes

### 2018

7 Feb	School Starts
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## **ERO**

The Education Review Office recently visited us. It is a reasonably intense time, but it is time well spent as it provides time to focus on the things we can do better as well as feel good about the things we do well. We don't have the final outcomes yet, but as soon as we do we'll share them with you.

## **Athletics Day**

Well done to all our athletes for Saturday. We had 93% attendance, and everyone gave it heaps. A special mention to Rosie for winning the Taylor – Martin trophy for the fastest girl, and to our long and high jumpers for winning the Harakeke Shield. It was particularly nice to see so many families and 'old' students there to support the kids.

## **Our Vision**

Our big idea is to have kids who love learning and know how to learn. We want our kids to be Strong, Positive, Responsible, Brilliant Contributors.

## **Hats**

It would be great if your children's hats could stay at school. A lot of kids tell us that their hats are at home. We care about keeping your kids safe in the sun.

## **Production**

We will be holding our school production during week 8. Keep an eye on notices requesting costumes and transport requirements. Thanks

## **Plastic Business**

We need your help:

In Kōtuku we have been learning about the effect of plastic on our environment and we are doing multiple things to help people use less in their everyday life.

Some kids are making mesh bags to put fruit and veggies in. Some are making honey wraps for covering leftovers, and some are experimenting with harakeke containers.

If anyone has:

- spare mesh fabric (curtain netting) for fruit and vege bags
- Beeswax
- Other fabric for honeywraps

they are willing to donate, could you please bring in to Kōtuku by Wednesday.

Also we are trying to raise some money to purchase resources to make the above items, so there will be brownie for sale on Wednesday, and also some baking for sale on Friday this week. Gold coin donations would be much appreciated.

Thanks from Kōtuku

## **BoT SPOT**

This last week we have been audited by the Education Review Office (ERO) whose job it is to determine how well the school is doing for its students. I think the staff and Board alike all felt like students at exam time ourselves; anxious yet philosophical that we'd done our homework and revised our notes. As Justin said just before they arrived, "we've done all we could and should, it's game-on time"! The official written review won't appear for a few weeks yet but we feel confident that ERO saw and met some fairly amazing kids. And throughout the process we hope they saw our culture of healthy well-being leading to academic achievement combined with community, cultural, sport and arts participation. As a board, we'd like to thank all the staff for their cooperation and dedication to achieving these aims. We'd also like to thank Home and School committee for their efforts in fund-raising which assist us to have resources comparable to most schools in New Zealand. I think it's fair to say that, with the wonderful job parents are doing raising and guiding their children, as a team we presented a very dynamic school.

The school is moving!!! Yes, after 100 years, the school is finally moving to a new address. Well, technically the address is moving and we're staying still. The council has come to the conclusion that there are too many roads in the district called "School Road", so the name of the road is to be changed to "Mahana School Road". If students claim they are late to school because they got lost, this excuse will no longer be acceptable.

The annual "Community-Nominated Young Achievers Award" for 2017 is coming up. Please keep an eye out for nomination forms which will be emailed, posted or sent home with students.

Nigel Brown  
Chairperson

## Communtiy 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

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSIE

### Fastest 100m Girl – Winner of the Taylor-Martin Trophy

