



Tae rawa te mahanatanga ki tou ngakau, ka haere ki te ao marama.

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Mahana School

Hold your mahanatanga in your heart, and go out into the world of light.

13 March 2018



Principal's News

You will have noticed in the news that National Standards have been removed from schools. When you receive your child's report you'll see that 'National Standards' has been replaced with 'NZ Curriculum.' We'd like to have a conversation with you about our assessment and reporting, and we'd like to ask you about what you'd like to see in your children's reports. To do this please come along to school at 5.30pm on Thursday 22 March. Have a cup of tea and join in the conversation. See you there.

Reports and Interviews

Reports will go home Friday 6th April. Interviews will be available from lunchtime on the 10th April.

Motueka / Moutere Schools Senior Swimming Sports

Well done Mahana! We really do have excellent swimmers at our school. They are a result of your efforts as parents, the teacher's work at school, and the community's commitment to our pool. All our swimmers did very well, and this is the first year ever that Mahana has won both senior freestyle events.

Motueka Results...

1st 12+ boys Freestyle John Brown

1st 12+ girls Freestyle Nicole Gray

1st 10 girls Butterfly Maria O'Connor

2nd 10 girls Freestyle Maria O'Connor

2nd 10 girls Backstroke Maria O'Connor

2nd 12+ girls Butterfly Nicole Gray

3rd 12+ girls Breaststroke Heidi Stephens

3rd 11 boys Butterfly Caleb Stow

1st Relay - John Brown, Nicole Gray, Maria O'Connor, Renee Huxford, Lily James, Ben Tyrrell, Caleb Stow, Olly Davies

Moutere Hills Results

1st Butterfly, 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke Nicole Gray

2nd Breaststroke Heidi Stephens

1st equal, Senior Relay - Nicole Gray, John Brown, Caleb Stow, Lani Adamson

2nd, Junior Relay - Maria O'Connor, Ben Tyrrell, Lily James, Olly Davies

Moutere Hills Junior Swimming Sports

This is happening at Mahana on Thursday 15 March, starting at 12.30pm. This is for 5 to 7 year old students. Please check Carolyn and Shaelea's notices sent earlier for more details.

Permission and Health Information Forms

We still have quite a lot of unreturned forms. These are really important as they keep us informed of any changes to your family situation and your children's health needs.

Assembly

We will have an assembly Friday 23 March.

Easter

This year Easter falls within the school term. This means that school will be closed Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April, and Tuesday 3 April.

Stationery

The accounts should have been sent home. Please pay Jenny as soon as you are able. Accounts can be paid online. Mahana School 06-0705-0401891-00 ANZ, Ref 'Family Name'

Home and School

Home and School would like to put on a sausage BBQ and Pool together for all the Mahana School Families. This is a relaxed informal get together at school for families from 3.00pm - 6.00pm on Friday 16th. This is a chance for the Home and School to introduce ourselves to new families, and explain a little about Home and School.

BOT Spot

The Board of Trustees for Mahana School had their first meeting for 2018 on February 27th. The board for 2018 includes Nigel Brown (Chair), Justin Neal (Principal), Jenny Robinson (Staff Rep), Marika Kingan, John Mace and Wendy Van den Berg (all Parent Representatives). Normally we would have 5 parent representatives on the board but sadly Andrew Gould resigned late last year. That means we will shortly be looking for nominations from everybody for a new board member so please give this some thought. A by-election will be held on April 5th.

The Board would like to formally take this opportunity to welcome Ms Shaelea Moorhead as the teacher for the new entrants' class, Piwakawaka. Everyone is very excited with her appointment and we have every confidence that Shaelea will be a wonderful addition to the team. Nau mai. Haere mai.

Kristy Bishop, mum of Imogen, Georgia, Harley and Paige has tendered her resignation as a teachers' aide to devote more time to her studies. Thank you for being there for so many children Kristy, your

work has been invaluable. No doubt we'll still see you around the school so this is certainly not farewell! Ka kite anō, kua haere ra!

The Board reviewed the draft charter for 2018 which will be available shortly for everyone to read. Following on from last year, our two targets for this year are in writing and science. The teachers are getting a good deal of external support to develop their skills and we're looking forward to seeing some exciting progression with the students in these two areas. We are also continuing with targeting the wellbeing of students. It is important that they continue to feel happy and confident while they are at school and that they build their resilience to some of the difficulties that they (and we all) face in life. Now that National Standards has ended, we are currently looking at benchmarks to be used to monitor student achievement. We are initially favouring a more holistic approach which will factor in whanaungatanga (our relationships and connections) and manaakitanga (our world and lives together). In other words how well social skills are developing with one another, how well care for others and our environment is acknowledged and how that ties in with achievement and progression in the subjects being learned in the classroom (ako).

The next planned meeting for the BOT is 3.30pm on Wednesday April 11th.

Board of Trustees

Nominations are now due for the vacant Board of Trustees position.

These close on 22 March at noon.

Community Notices – Information on the Office Noticeboard

Tasman School – Muddy Buddy -25 March

Tasman Hoops – Basketball – Thursdays 3:30-4:30 @ Moutere Hills Community Centre

Table Tennis – Coaching for beginners – Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 at Saxton Stadium

Guitar Lessons with Jim Young – Spaces available – Email – young.jj@xtra.co.nz

Kart Sport – Check out the race calendar www.kartsportnelson.co.nz

Little Picasso Art School – Term 1 5 March – 11 April

Ministry of Inspiration Holiday Programmes – Check out the notice

Saxton Velodrome – Students and Adults welcome each Sunday during March

NMTBC - Jelly Bean Alley – Rabbit Island 15 April

Family Fun Day @ Motueka Recreation Centre – 24 March

Mahana Waiata

Our song is pretty cool. It has been around for a while, and it was written by our friend Maihi Barber, our awesome kaiako Whaea Jane, and some senior students. The BOT chairman Nigel Brown asked if we could put it in the newsletter, so here it is with a translation so you get the meaning. It would be great if we all learned it. Give it a go, and we'll teach you the actions later. :)

He kura tiaki me te whakamarumaruru a Mahana.
This is the school that guards and protects, Mahana.

Ka mahanahana nga iwi o Mahana
This is the school that warms the people, Mahana.

He tamaiti whakamana i te tangata
The children are empowered to be great people

Ka awhina mātou o mātou hoa
With our help and support for our friends

Me akiaki tōku hoa i ngā wā katoa
We encourage our friends all the time

He iti, he pounamu,
Small yet precious

He iti, marohirohi
Small yet strong

He iti, mumumura
Small yet brilliant

He iti, MAHANA!