



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.

30 April 2018



## Principal's News

It is term 2 already. The leaves are down around the oak tree and the kids are amongst them already. Our theme this term is 'Safe and Sound'. We're learning about ways we as a community look after ourselves and each other. This includes the Life Education truck, Keeping Ourselves Safe and Fire Safety. We will also be learning about other things including how animals protect themselves and possibly even castles and armour. The staff met in the holidays to plan out ideas. One of our goals for the year is to plan together and make sure we're all heading in the same direction with our learning.

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## Keeping Ourselves Safe

Keeping Ourselves Safe enables children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Students recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and those who have been or are being abused are encouraged to seek help.

## Life Education

Today children and adolescents face a lot of challenges, including: obesity, substance use, mental health and well-being and bullying. The decisions we make as children can dramatically affect how we live our lives in the future – and this is why Life Education exists. Through education we help students to understand how decisions they make today can affect their future health and well-being.

## Assembly Dates This Term

- 11 May
- 25 May
- 08 June
- 22 June
- 06 July

## Cross Country

Please make sure our students come to school prepared to run. They will need clothes they can comfortably run in, as well as spare clothes as it is very muddy. Please take note of dates below.

## Clubs - Term 2

We will be starting clubs again this term on Friday mornings between 11am and 12.30pm beginning in Week 2 (11 May). Clubs are an opportunity for our kids to experience a diverse range of activities.

In order for this to happen optimally, we really need parents to help out where possible so that the groups can be smaller. We can tailor groups to suit your needs. We have a couple of options for you to opt in to.

1) If you have some spare time and are willing to help, we could give you a club idea to do with a small group of kids.

2) If you have a skill or interest you could do with a small group, that would be great too.

Either way, we'd love to hear from you as soon as possible so we can get the ball rolling with the kids next week. Please reply to Jane: [jane@mahana.school.nz](mailto:jane@mahana.school.nz)

## Important Dates This Term

30 April	Term 2 Starts
30 April - 1 May	Life Education at Mahana
2 May & 3 May	Year 8 Leadership Course at Whenua Iti
7-11 May	Keeping Ourselves Safe
11 May	Home & School AGM at 3 pm
14 May	Mahana Cross Country
16 May	Girls Rippa at Motueka
17 May	Moutere Hills Cross Country
19 May	Working Bee at School
23 May & 24 May	Year 8 Leadership Course at Whenua Iti
30 May	Girls Rugby at Motueka
30 May	Junior Cross Country at Dovedale
1 June	Motueka Cross Country
4 June	Queens Birthday
5 June	Y5/6 Rippa
19 June	B Grade Gymnastics
20 June	A Grade Gymnastics
29 June	School Disco
6 July	Term 2 Finishes