



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.



18 February 2019

Principal's News

We are now three weeks in and there is a happy buzz around the school. Our Rangatira (leaders) are stepping up and our *Mahanatanga* is evident in classrooms and on the playground. This week children will be assessed in reading, writing, maths and we are also surveying some children on how they feel about school this term. These are all areas we will be working on during the year. Once our data has been analysed we will share what our specific school goals are.

Class Names

We are still in the process of discussing options. If you have any suggestions please email them through.

Mahana Tryathlon

This Friday we are holding our Annual Mahana Tryathlon - rain or shine. Everyone is welcome so come prepared to run, bike or swim. This event is always held near the Weetbix Tryathlon so children know what to expect on the day and others have a taster so they know what to expect for next year if they want to enter.

Start time: 1.45pm

First race: Individuals followed by the Team events.

Age Groups: 5-7 year olds

8-9 year olds

10+

Children will be competing in the event as an individual as well as in a team (selected by the teachers)

All children will need a bike, helmet and their togs - If your child does not have a bike let us know and we will make other arrangements.

There is no assembly this week due to the School Tryathlon.

Moutere Hills Junior Swim Sports

This Thursday Mahana will be hosting the Moutere Hills Swim Sports. This is a fun event for children in Years 1-3. All the activities are run by our Rangatira. This year due to water shortages the activities will not be water based (except for the swim). At 2pm there are 4 championship races. The children representing Mahana are:

Freestyle Girls: Paige Backstroke Girls: Harper

Freestyle Boys: Maia Backstroke Boys: Jack

Moutere Hills Swim Sports

Friday March 1st 1pm- This event is for children in Years 4-8. Children will be divided into A or B grade depending on their swimming ability. The races will be held at Upper Moutere

School. If you can help with transport (leaving Mahana 12.30) please let Jenny know.
office@mahana.school.nz

Complaints Procedures

Please follow this procedure if you would like to make a complaint:

Any complaints about the principal, teachers, other staff, pupils, or board members are to be made formally, in writing.

A complaint will not [except in the rarest of cases] be dealt with unless it has the complainant's name added to it. While formal procedures are available as a last resort, every effort should be made to resolve the matter informally.

Any complaints of a minor nature against a staff member will be directed to the staff member concerned or the principal.

Any complaints of a serious nature against a staff member will be directed to the principal and the board chairperson. The staff member will be advised of the complaint and its substance at the earliest opportunity.

Any complaints of a serious nature against the principal will be directed to the board chairperson. [See attached "Complaints Procedure Against Principal"]

The procedures followed as below for complaints against the principal will apply for all serious complaints received about any staff member.

Any complaints against the board of trustees en masse, or against an individual board member, will be addressed to the board chairperson.

Any complaints by teachers and staff against a community member must go through the principal. The chairperson will be involved if it is deemed that legal action is appropriate.

Any written complaints received by the board are to be dealt with "in committee". Where the complaint is against any staff member, that person must be given the opportunity to comment on any allegations made against them.

Any complaint must contain specific information that can be subjected to assessment and verification. Gossip will not be entertained.

Persons attempting to make a verbal complaint will be asked to refer to the policy requirements.

All complaints received will be processed and the complainant advised of the outcome or next steps to be followed, in writing.

Every action will be made to resolve the issues through discussion to the satisfaction of all parties.

Home and School -

Home and School Committee are fully underway organizing the **Mahana Fun Run and Fiesta. Saturday 16 March (Sunday if wet)**

At this stage we really need parents to donate sport prizes as we are not doing a silent auction this year. We will be having a dessert table so if you are able to put your name down to cooking a cake, cupcakes etc please let me know.

There are boxes in each classroom for donations to go into the raffles on the day. If you have anything else like offers of firewood etc then please let me know.

This is our main fundraising event for the year, so please support us with any offers of help.

We plan to put out the flyer shortly, so please put the flyers in any windows/workplace/school/kindergartens that you may go too.

On behalf of the Home and School Committee thanks for your support.

Cheers Jo

Jo 0275678768 / Susan 021 02332664

Skool Loop App

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Assembly Dates This Term

- 22 February - none this week due to the School Tryathlon
- 8 March
- 22 March
- 5 April (Plus Learning Celebration)

Important Dates

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| • 22 February | Mahana Tryathlon |
| • 27 February | BoT Meeting 3.30pm |
| • 28 February | Sea Week Environmental Challenge (2 teams from Year 5-8) |
| • 1 March | Moutere Hills Swimming Sports Year 4-8 |
| • 8 March | Motueka Swimming Sports |
| • 16 March | Mahana Fiesta & Fun run |
| • 12 April 2019 | Term 1 Ends |

Community Notices

Cottage to Rent

Please contact Emma Bawtree if you know of anyone looking to rent. Thanks

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