

Welcome

This week we introduce Preiah McLean, Trelise Love, Kreator Watson, Cecilia Oliveira, Jayden Maxted and Makaire Tanenui. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.

Nau mai haere mai, Talofa Lava, welcome to you all!



School App

The Mahora SchoolApp is one of the main forms of quick communication. It is used for information like upcoming events reminders, emergency information, sports draws, reminders, requests etc. It's really important all parents have the app and tick the relevant groups. You don't have to get all messages if they are not relevant to you. Information around how to access the App is on our Mahora School website under 'Social Media' and then 'Mahora online'. Alternatively we can help here at school.



School Accounts

As you know our start of the year has been different for purchasing stationery and uniform. Accounts with amounts owing have been emailed to whānau yesterday. Could we ask those that haven't been able to pay yet, to do this when you are able to and part payments are fine. Thank you to whānau who have already paid, it is much appreciated.

Covid/ CPF update

As you will know, Covid 19 is in our wider community now. Our job now is to reduce the spread and do as best we can to avoid too much disruption to education. The guidance for schools and contact tracing is changing all the time as we move into different phases and case numbers increase across the country. Trying to give you the latest information and guidelines around testing / isolating etc is slightly challenging. All schools are doing their best to keep up with the information flow so please be supportive if there is variance between schools.

The latest information we have is listed on the next page. The CRUCIAL parts are # 1 and #2...the easiest way to get clarity or answers will be to use these numbers and have the conversation. In saying that, can we ask you only use the after hours or weekend link when it is needed. During these hours if you do not get an answer PLEASE leave your name and number and we will call you back when we can. If it is general queries, please leave this to school working hours 8am- 4pm Monday to Friday.

| # | Questions | Answer |
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| 1 | What do I do if my child tests positive for Covid 19? | <p>During school hours (8am-4pm Mon-Fri) - Phone the school office on 06 8782622 and speak to Kirsten or Chanelle (select option 2) who will put you in touch with one of the Senior Leadership Team - Rohan, Tamla or Tanya.</p> <p>After school hours or weekends - Phone the school office on 06 8782622 and select option 3. This will transfer you automatically to one of the Senior Leadership Team being Rohan, Tamla or Tanya.</p> <p>The Ministry of Health will also provide you with more guidance.</p> |
| 2 | What do I do if an adult in our house tests positive for Covid 19? | <p>During school hours (8am-4pm Mon-Fri) - Phone the school office on 06 8782622 and speak to Kirsten or Chanelle (select option 2) who will put you in touch with one of the Senior Leadership Team - Rohan, Tamla or Tanya.</p> <p>After school hours or weekends - Phone the school office on 06 8782622 and select option 3. This will transfer you automatically to one of the Senior Leadership Team being Rohan, Tamla or Tanya.</p> |
| 3 | What action will Mahora take when there is a positive case? | <p>We follow a response plan based on guidance from the Ministry of Education. This includes -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking confirmation of a positive case, determine when they were infectious and where they have been while infectious • If this was on a school day, we then work through a contact tracing process. • We will advise classes that are close contacts, via a text or email initially and then a follow up phone call. • If this occurs during a school day, we will request that you come and collect your child as soon as you are able to. Please arrive at the main gate and we will bring your child/ren out to you safely. • Remainder of the school become casual contacts and remain at school. • The school community will be informed of this. |
| 4 | How do you work out who is a close contact? | <p>There is detailed guidance around this and a range of criteria. We have detailed recording of where students are each day currently.</p> <p>Without going into detail, because our students spend a large part of the day in the same classroom, it is likely that all children within the same space as a covid positive student will be close contacts.</p> |
| 5 | My child is a close contact. What does this mean? | <p>This means your child has had contact with a positive case at our school.</p> <p>They will need to isolate and get tested. We will advise further regarding testing and isolation dates as this changes.</p> |
| 6 | Do I need to provide anything before my child returns to school? | <p>Yes please. For positive Covid cases or close contacts we would like to see the last negative test result please. Note: if your family chooses not to get the Covid test done, then the period of isolation will need to be extended.</p> |

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| 7 | If my child is a close contact does this mean the rest of the household has to isolate as well? | No, not for our region. We have received official direction from the Hawke's Bay District Health Board & Ministry of Education that this no longer applies to the Hawke's Bay region. <i>Please note: the Covid19 website still says that other household members of close contacts are secondary contacts, and also need to isolate for 5 days, but this does not apply to Hawke's Bay areas.</i> |
| 8 | A member of our household is a close contact, does this mean my child can come to school? | Yes, as above. Your child is able to attend school. Please monitor symptoms and if they do develop please get testing and let us know. |
| 9 | We received information to say my child is NOT a close contact. What do I need to do? | Most importantly, your child is still able to attend school and this is where we want them to be. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You and your whānau should watch for symptoms If any develop, get tested immediately and let us know Then, stay at home until you receive the result Please keep an eye out for school communications If your whānau hasn't been vaccinated, please consider doing so as soon as possible. |
| 11 | A member of our household has tested positive for Covid 19 - what does this mean? | This will mean that your child will be a close contact and also needs to isolate. The Ministry of Health will provide you with more guidance. |
| 12 | My child is feeling unwell (cough, headache, sore throat etc) Can I send them to school? | Because these are all symptoms of Covid, please do not send your child to school. While these may be the normal bugs/sniffles that occur, we encourage you to get your child tested. |
| 13 | Is it safe to send my child to school? | Yes it is. Our process involves working through detailed contact tracing assessment. If your child is NOT a close contact, then school is still open for them and we encourage you to send them to school as much as you can. As you know, our children have missed a lot of teaching and learning over the past 2 years, and we really want to see them at school as much as possible. Please trust us, our school safety plan for RED does contain a large number of protections. |
| 14 | What is Mahora doing to keep my child safe? | All staff, volunteers, contractors on site are vaccinated. All rooms are well ventilated All staff wear masks All students Year 3 and up wear masks We have staggered break times so junior, middle and senior teams and staff are split minimising the contact between large groups of students and staff. |
| 15 | My child is worried or anxious, what do you suggest? | Our team is working hard to make learning fun and relaxed. Please reinforce positive messages with your children and regularly remind them that adults and our school has this under control and there is nothing to worry about. |

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| | | This website has some useful tip - www.kidshealth.org.nz |
| 16 | My child needs to isolate at home. What support will Mahora provide for teaching and learning? | <p>This response will depend on whether class teachers are also isolating at home. If this is the case, then home learning will be fully supported by the teacher. If children are at home they have access to a device from school.</p> <p>Home learning will start via seesaw and hard packs are also available. Information about the collection is all organised and ready to go and will be advised at that time.</p> <p>If it's just a few children, hard packs and devices will be delivered and the class teacher will be in contact regarding support.</p> |
| 17 | I still have questions, what should I do? | Contact the school office using the number listed in question #1 of this information. We are here to help. |

We will continue to keep you updated as more information is provided and/or anything changes. Please remember school is safe and unless isolating we need children at school. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. In the event the phone system does not work, please leave a message with your name and number (if calling in the weekend) or alternatively email admin@mahora.school.nz

**Piki Haere,
Rohan**

Incredible Years Parenting Programme

Family Works is excited to be running the Incredible Years Parenting Programme. Developed and taught for over 20 years, it is a research based and highly effective course for parents.

Who: Any Caregivers of Children from the ages of 3 to 8

What Day: Tuesdays, beginning 1st of March

What Time: 9.30am to 12:00pm

Where: Family Works, 104 Lyndon Road West, Hastings

To find out more, please call or email us on

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