

Week 1 Newsletter - 5th February 2021

Welcome

A warm welcome to all Mahora families for 2021. It has been a fantastic start to the school year this week and all classes are underway. We have enrolled 25 children this week and our starting roll is 361. We will start to introduce our new children to our community over the next few weeks.

This week we introduce Casey Wire, Isabelle Hedley, Toby Robinson, Avreet Kaur and Ricky Phillips. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



Staff update

It's exciting to introduce and welcome our new staff for 2021.

- Lisa Birrell has joined our Junior team and is teaching in Room 1 alongside Kim King with New Entrants.
- Nell Harbers has joined our Junior team and is teaching in Room 14 with Year 1/2.

We are lucky to have such fabulous staff join our team and we look forward to the contributions they will all make. Please don't hesitate to call in and introduce yourself. Photos in the order listed above. We also have some photos from our Pōwhiri on Wednesday.



**Nau mai haere mai, Talofa Lava,
welcome to everyone!**

2021 School Organisation

Below is a full staff list for the start of the year and a current school map. In addition, there is information about who to see for any queries you may have. It's really important you check in with the right person, but at all times, please don't hesitate to ask for assistance. All email contacts are listed on the school website.

Junior Team

Room 1 & 2	NE	Lisa Birrell & Kim King
Room 11	Year 1/2	Robyn Perry
Room 12	Year 1/2	Sacha Spurrier
Room 13	Year 1/2	Penny McKinley
Room 14	Year 1/2	Nell Harbers
Teacher Aides		Charlotta Ayto, Megan Costello & Jill Reiter

Middle Team

Room 7 & 8	Year 3/4	Kate McKenzie & Denise Haronga
Room 9 & 10	Year 3/4	Anna Harvey & Corey Greig
Room 19 (Library)	Year 3/4	Racheal London & Brook Forman
Teacher Aides		Jo Donnelly, Mel Manson & Michelle Oliver

Senior Team

Room 3 & 4	Year 5/6	Tanya Greig & Aleece Jones
Room 5 & 6	Year 5/6	Darren Robinson & Maddie Boaler
Room 16/17	Year 5/6	Tanya Calitz & Ben Stoyanoff
Teacher Aides		Tash Filipo, Janet Milne & Wendy Reisima

Learning Support Coordinator	Dee Whitby
Release Teachers - AP Release/ Senior TLR	Aleece Jones, Denise Pearse, Pip Renton, Courtney Simons, Ange Walker & Jill Webby

Sports & Music Coordinator	Denise Pearse
Teacher Aide - Te Reo Māori	Raven Cuthbertson-King
EIT Candidate Teachers for 2021	Marcia Carpenter, Jess Lomax, Breanna McRae & Sophie van Seventer

Principal	Rohan Pearse
Deputy Principal	Tessa Beaver
Assistant Principal	Tanya Greig
Junior Team Leader	Penny McKinley
Middle Team Leader	Kate McKenzie
Senior Team Leader	Tanya Greig
Office Manager	Kirsten Weir
Office Administrator	Chanelle Deslandes
Caretaker	Liam Wyley
Social Worker in Schools	David Blom
RTLB liaison	Sarah Simpson

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.



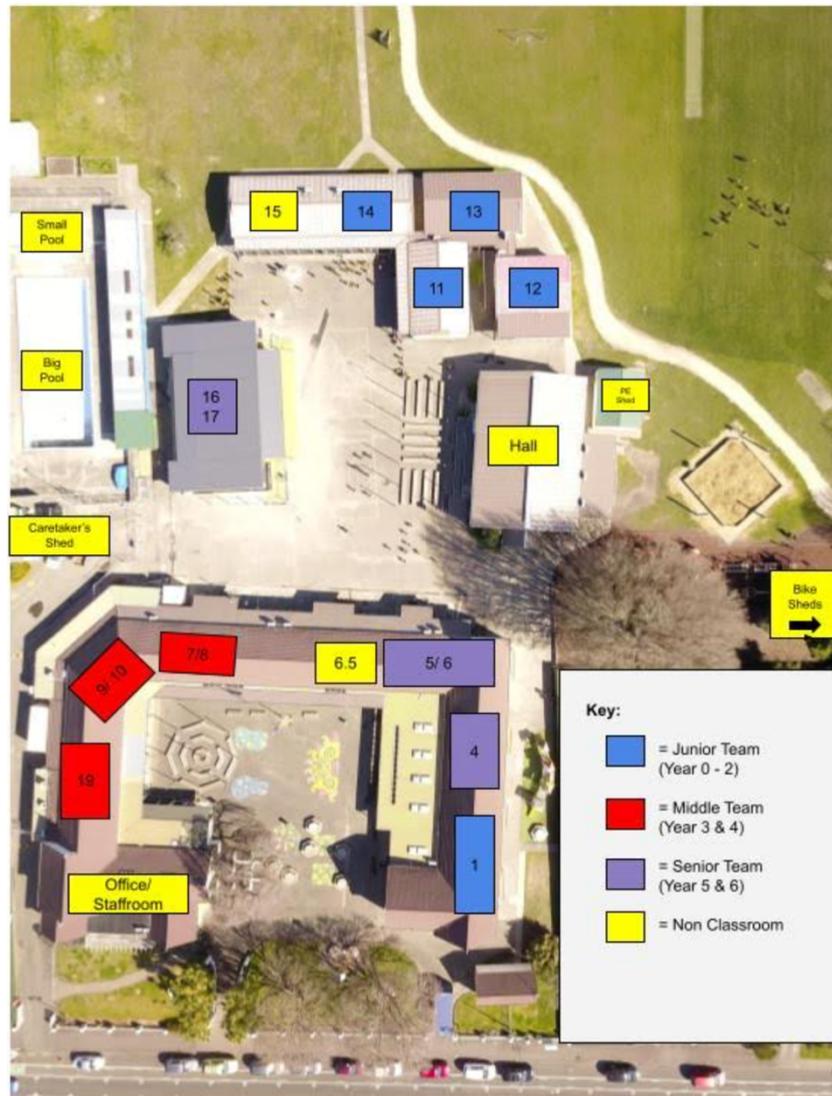
Who to ask?

Effective communication channels are really important in a school. Please use the table below for any you may have. At all times we are here to help.

Query Area	First Contact	Second Contact	Third Contact (if needed)
Student Progress	Class Teacher	Team Leader	DP/Principal
Student Behaviour	Class Teacher	Team Leader	DP/Principal
Student Standdown or exclusion	Principal	BOT Chairperson	-
School Curriculum	Class Teacher	Team Leader	DP/Principal
School Organisation	Principal	-	-
Theft or Lost Property	Class Teacher	Team Leader	DP/Principal
Absence and Attendance	School Office	Class Teacher	Deputy Principal
Extra Curricula Activities	Coach or Tutor	Sports & Activities Coordinator	DP/ Principal
A Staff Member	Staff Member	Principal	BOT Chairperson
BOT Policies	Principal	BOT Chairperson	-
Principal	Principal	BOT Chairperson	-

School Map

Thanks for your patience with the ongoing building work. The end result will be very positive for our school.



Other start of year reminders

Hats and Sunscreen

We are a SunSmart school and all children need to wear hats in Term 1 and Term 4. We also encourage children to have sunscreen applied at home and we provide sunscreen in all of our classrooms and children will reapply during the day.

This is really important...we still have a number of children who do not have a school hat. We have a very simple rule around sun safety. **No hat = no play** and these children need to be under the shade sails during breaks. All our tamariki need to be able to run around and exercise during breaks, so please make sure your child has a hat. The office is currently taking preorders for school hats and they are due to arrive in the next few weeks. In the interim, students who have a school hat are required to wear them. If they do not have a school hat, they are able to wear any appropriate hat from home. Naming them clearly is also very important.

Uniform

Now that our new uniform is fully adopted, its really important that all children are wearing it correctly. Over the next few weeks we will be checking this and making contact with you if items need changing. Thanks for your support with this. The only jewellery permitted is a watch, ear studs and taonga.

Collection of Students

Two important parts to this –

1. We have a Drop Off & Go and Pick Up & Go zone outside the front of school on both sides of the road. Parents can pull in here and drop off or collect children. It is **not** a space to park and come into school. If you need to do this, please park outside this area that is marked with signs and yellow paint.
2. Please make sure children are at school before 8:55am and not collected before 3pm. The full school day is very important. If there is a particular reason you need to do this on a regular basis please touch base with Tessa or Rohan.

Bell times

Here are the bell times for Term 1 2021.

- 8:55am - 11.00am - Learning session 1
- 11.00am - 11:10am - Eating morning tea in class
- 11:10am - 11:30am - Morning break
- 11:30am - 12:45pm - Learning session 2
- 12:45pm - 1.00pm - Eating lunch in class
- 1.00pm - 1:45pm - Lunch break
- 1:45pm - 3.00pm - Learning session 3

Many thanks to everyone for a fabulous start to our school year.

Regards, Rohan

Week 2 – 8th February Mon 8 th – Waitangi observed - No School Fri 12 th – Assembly @ 9.15am	Week 3 – 15th February Tues 16 th – Weetbix TRYathlon Wed 17 th – Beach Education (Middle Team) Fri 19 th – Beach Education (Middle Team)	Week 4 – 22th February Mon 22 nd – Beach Education (Middle Team) Wed 24 th – BOT meeting @ 6.30pm Fri 26 th – Middle/Senior Team Swimming Sports Fri 26 th – Assembly @ 9.15 - Room 16 presenting
Week 5 – 1st March Mon 1 st – Piki Haere Hui Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th - Optimist Yachting Thurs 4 th – Interschool Swimming Sports	Week 6 - 8th March Tues 9 th – School Triathlon Thurs 11 th – Assembly @ 9.15am – Room 12 presenting Fri 12 th – Staff Only Day - No School	Week 7 – 15th March
Week 8 – 22nd March Wed 24 th – Mitre 10 Tough Kids Fri 26 th – Assembly @ 9.15am – Room 19 presenting	Week 9 – 29th March Wed 31 st – BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Thurs 2 nd – Gala Switch Sports Tournament Fri 2 nd – GOOD FRIDAY - No School	Week 10 – 5th April Mon 5 th – EASTER MONDAY - No School Tues 6 th – EASTER TUESDAY - No School Fri 9 th – Assembly @ 9.15am – Room 5 presenting
Week 11 – 12th April Fri 16 th – Last day of Term 1		