

## Welcome

This week we introduce Olive and Natano Amani, Lennox Singh, Taine Hapuku Te Nahu, Avery-Reign and Hezekiah Leleimalefaga, Anshveer Panghal, Aaliya Wipani and Taukaban Theresa. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



## Staff update

We also welcome two new staff to our school and community. From left to right, Chanelle Deslandes has joined our office team as our Office Administrator alongside Kirsten, and Angela Howlett is our new Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) as Kelly Rangi is going on maternity leave.

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.

We hope you all have enjoyed your first week.



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

## Term 3

Our term has started well and we look forward to a settled 'normal' term ahead...well fingers crossed. Thanks so much to everyone for the efforts in the first half of the year, it was certainly an interesting time. There are a few reminders and updates below in relation to the term ahead and general information.

Building Development – It is fantastic to see this fully up and running again. You will notice the new walkthrough is taking shape quickly. This has been a long time in the planning so it is great to see progress. The end result will see much improved access around the school. In the meantime, please use the side of Room 1-4 for access and be aware the ground is quite uneven in this area.

Staff Only Day – All schools in NZ have a number of staff only days to use to support curriculum development over two years. These days mean the school will be closed so staff can be involved in development. Due to the year we have had, we held off using any of these in the first part of 2020. The Board have approved two days for the second half of this year and these are listed below. We hope you can make it a long weekend or use the time as a family.

- Term 3 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August – Staff Only Day. School is closed.
- Term 4 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Staff Only Day. School is closed.

Covid 19 – Many thanks for your feedback about the school procedures. Please continue to support the current level 1 guidelines in place. It is great to see independence continuing to develop with children walking in by themselves. It's also been great to see parents coming and spending time in classes and connecting on a Friday. If this day doesn't suit you then please know you are welcome any time. We have continued with split lunch times this term. This is due to us having very limited court space with building development and the wet weather causing the fields to be closed. We simply can't fit on the court areas if the field is out of action. We hope to have a solution to share with you around this in the near future. Eating after the breaks continues to work well and from what we see children are eating more!! So that you are aware our Term 3 break times are –

- Morning tea for all – 11.00-11.20 with eating afterwards.
- Team 3 & 4 Lunch – 12.30-1.10 with eating afterwards.
- Team 1 & 2 Lunch – 1.15-1.45 with eating beforehand.

Drop off & Pick up – the system outside school is working well and we certainly appreciated your voice around this. It is REALLY important that we stick to the deal please...I'm not interested in having to police this! The deal is simply drop & go or pick up & go. You cannot park and leave to come into school. Staff will continue to park outside this area to support this so please make sure you all follow the process.

Newsletters – These come out on a fortnightly basis so please keep an eye out for them. They are always posted on the website. There is a lot of information being shared on the school app...PLEASE make sure you have signed up for this. Full details are on the website or we can help you with this.

School Accounts – Kirsten has taken over the financial role at school. If you have any queries about your school account please email her or phone the office. We appreciate payments being made on a regular basis. A really good idea is to set up an AP into this account and then payments can come from this. For any queries about this please see Kirsten.

PTA News – Our PTA met recently and elected office holders for the year. Congratulations to Raven Cuthbertson-King who was re-elected as chair, to Rachael Witheford who was re-elected as secretary and welcome to Sally Coop who was elected as treasurer. A BIG thanks to Linda Steele for her previous work as treasurer.

The committee has adjusted their fundraising calendar due to the Covid situation. They are very aware of financial pressures in the community so ask that you support their fundraising as best you can. Dates and events are on the school calendar and also summarised below. The next meeting of the committee is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7pm and all welcome.

- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> August – School Disco
- 24<sup>th</sup> Aug – 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – PTA Raffle
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> August – PTA Food Day
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Food Day

Camp Fundraising – There is a summary of camp fundraisers in this newsletter. Any support from our community to help these students raise funds is very much appreciated. Camp has been able to be delayed until Term 4 which gives longer to fundraise which is fabulous. Please refer to the summary and support where you can. A big thanks to our PTA and Board for subsidising this camp this year.

- Mon 27th July – Firewood Raffle starts (drawn on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> August)

- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July – Mufti Day – Pj’s
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> August – Bake and Scrunchie sale
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> August - Mamas Donuts – order forms go home (Orders delivered Fri 4<sup>th</sup> September)
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> August – Mufti Day – Wacky Hair
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> September – Flip Out
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> September – Sausage Sizzle

**School Calendar** – There are a number of important events this term. Please keep an eye on the online school calendar which is located in three places. One being the fortnightly newsletter, the second being the school website and the third is the school app.

We have had a fabulous week one and the sun is shining to end the week. Have a great weekend ahead. Check out a few shots from the week.

**Regards, Rohan**

Week 2 - 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 3 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Week 4 – 10 <sup>th</sup> August
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Firewood raffle starts Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> – Pj’s Mufti Day – camp fundraising	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Firewood raffle drawn Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> – Camp fundraiser - Bake/Scrunchie sale	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6’s to Hastings Intermediate 9.00am – 2.30pm Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> – BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> - Mahora School Discos @ HGHS
Week 5 - 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Week 6 – 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Week 7 – 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> – Hastings Intermediate Open Evening @ 6.30pm Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6’s to Heretaunga Intermediate @ 9.00am -2.30pm Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> – Wacky Hair Mufti Day – Camp Fundraising and Mamas Donuts order forms go home <b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Staff Only Day – No School</b>	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> – Heretaunga Intermediate Open Evening @ 6.00pm Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> School Cross Country – Postponement Day is Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> – PTA Food Day	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Heretaunga Intermediate Ballot closes for out of zone pupils Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> – Mamas Donuts – orders delivered
Week 8 – 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Week 9 - 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Week 10- 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> – Interschool Cross Country Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Big Music Day	Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> – Kids Sing Rehearsal Day Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Kids Sing Concert Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> – Class and Individual Photos – Photolife Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> PTA Food Day Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> – Flip Out Camp Fundraiser	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sausage Sizzle lunch – camp fundraiser Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 3

**First Day Photos**

