

Week 1 Newsletter – 16th October 2020

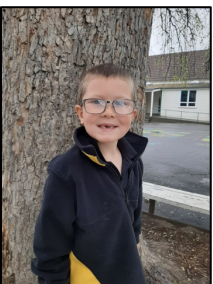
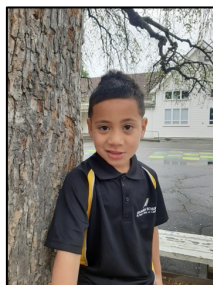
Welcome

This week we introduce Harlow McNabb, Eva Abbott, Josian Faumuina, Maddy Bartholomew, Hazel Whitcombe-Healey, Mannix Dender-Vaughan, Luka Conaghan, Abby Da Silveira, Maxi Kireka-Russell. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.

Staff Update

We also welcome Ocean Puha-Rimene to our school and community. Ocean has joined our Teacher Aide team and we look forward to the contributions she will make.

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



School Lunches

This new programme starts on Monday 19th October. Please ensure you are sending suitable healthy snacks for morning tea for your children every day, as morning tea is not covered. Children will still need to bring their own drink bottles too. We hope the new system will flow smoothly and ask you to give it a few days to settle. If you have any queries please contact Kirsten at school as she is leading this programme. Kirsten's email is kirstenw@mahora.school.nz

Every child needs to have a completed form (either electronically or on paper) to receive a lunch. These were emailed in the holidays and have been followed up this week. Unfortunately, if we have no form we are unable to provide a lunch. Please contact Kirsten urgently if this is the case for your family, as we will be able to rectify this for the following week.

Below is some information from our provider:



The Food Co. is based in Hastings in a purpose-built factory where all our food is sourced, prepped, cooked and packaged fresh on site daily. We deliver it to your specifications, to each individual classroom with as little distraction as possible to teaching staff. Any dietary requirements will be supplied in a container with the child's name on it.

We adhere to the nutritional guidelines provided by The Ministry of Health:

- + Limited Packaging
- + No Food or Package Branding
- + Limited Fat & Salt Contents in Food
- + Healthy Foods to a Minimum 3.5 Nutritional Value
- + Limited Sugar Foods

Exciting times...

After 3.5 years, we have finally been able to move out of the hall!

It has been very challenging in many ways not having a hall and my thanks to everyone who has been so flexible during this time. We are currently in the process of sorting equipment, furniture and general school gear that has been stored in the containers. In the near future, the PTA will be holding a furniture sale in the hall to sell off school furniture that is not required.

There is a possibility we will need to temporarily move some classes into the hall in 2021 for a short time as the next phase of the building developments (further class refurbishments and the addition of another new classroom) gets underway in 2021. This will only be while this work is carried out. The current building work still underway is due to be completed by the end of the 2020 year. It's fantastic to see Room 7 & 8 completed, check out some photos on the school Facebook page.

COVID Level 1

This information was also emailed to all families in the holidays, but is repeated here as a reminder. We appreciate your ongoing support to keep everyone safe.

1. Entry time of 8:15am remains. Please do not drop your children at school before this time.
2. Which gate? We are happy to relax which gate you drop your children at. We really thank the parents who have diligently remained at the gate we requested. It has worked well to spread the load but we know it might be more convenient for you to drop at another gate. From this term, you may choose the gate you drop off or pick up your children at. Please ensure your child knows their pick up arrangements each day, if applicable.
3. Please remember to not park and leave your car in the 'Drop and Go' and 'Pick Up and Go' areas during the times listed on the signs. This system is working well if everyone continues to follow this. The good news is the council has agreed to marking this permanently so it will continue.
4. Parents are welcome to come into school anytime but MUST use the sign in app please. If you don't have this on your phone, please use the office to sign in.
5. The independence developed by our children in coming into school on their own is great to see. Yes, we love you being here as well so maybe mix it up and some days come in and some days continue with drop and go.
6. If your child is unwell...it's really important they stay at home. The number of sick children this year has reduced considerably, so thanks for maintaining this, and contacting us when your child is absent.

SAMPLE MENU

Monday Chicken Tenderloin & Coleslaw Wrap + Cucumber Slices, Boiled Egg, Corn Chips & Rockit Apple
Tuesday Chicken Caesar Penne Salad + Carrot Batons, Banana Bran Muffin, Kiwifruit & Orange Quarters
Wednesday Bacon & Egg Slice + Rainbow Coleslaw, Pretzels, Pineapple & Rockit Apple
Thursday Savoury Meatballs on Gourmet Potato Salad + Carrot batons, Rice Crackers, Grapes & Rockit Apple
Friday Ham, Egg & Lettuce Sandwich + Carrot Batons, Cucumber Slices, Corn Chips & Bobby Banana



Reporting – Piki Haere Doc

This is a big area of development for our school and community this year. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to this review and development. There has been a lot of information shared with you, again some in the recent school holidays. If you are not receiving an email from us, please check your spam folder or contact the office as we may not have your correct email address.

I'm not going to repeat all the information here, but as a reminder there is a reporting tab on our website and everything is there. One **VERY** important date to highlight on your calendar is **Wednesday 25th November**. As previously advised, this is a staff only day...but slightly different to previous staff only days. While school will be officially closed, we will be asking as many parents as possible to meet with their child's teacher during the day to have the first reporting hui (meeting) around the Piki Haere Doc. This doc replaces the school report, so it is an important session and we have scheduled 20 mins per child. There will be some prep needed to be completed by parents before this session and this information will be shared with you. We will advise you soon about how to book a time that suits you.

Critical actions now –

- 1. Have you viewed the videos on the school website? This explains what is ahead and why we are heading this way.**
- 2. You should have received an email from Chanelle or Tessa that contains a link to your child's Piki Haere Doc. We have had a few of these that were not able to be sent or have been returned to us due to incorrect email addresses. If you have not yet seen this email (the last ones were sent today) then please contact Chanelle in the office. If you have recently changed your email address, please confirm your new address with us.**
- 3. Please check that you can open the Doc and you are able to edit it. If you need instructions on what we would like your input into, please watch the 4th video, as this has more details.**
- 4. In a few weeks, there will be another video around what will be added to Page 2 by the teachers, and information about the Piki Haere Hui.**

Big Save Hockey Tournament

Congratulations to our Mahora Senior Hockey team who played in the Big Save Hockey Tournament in the holidays. They played teams from as far away as Gisborne, Ohau, Tauranga, Wellington as well as local teams. The competition was tough but our team improved every game. Their final game was a nail biter that ended in a 2-2 draw. Our coaches, Di and Ashleigh were impressed with their determination, positive attitudes and ability to keep going even when they were tired. The team played ten games of hockey in three days and it was a fantastic experience for our Mahora tamariki.

Also a special congratulations to Sammy Pearce, who was voted most committed player for the tournament by his team mates and whānau. He was selected for his ability and determination to 'get stuck in' and his positive attitude on and off the turf. He combined beautifully with his team, often bringing the ball down the turf and passing into one of his strikers in the circle. Well done Sammy!



Class organisation 2021

We are currently working on making decisions on our class organisation for 2021, and how the school teams will be made up. Each year we work really hard to ensure students are placed in classes with peers and teachers that are the best fit. As we are sure you can understand, there are many factors and points of view discussed and examined during these class placements, many of which rely on teachers' professional judgements. If you have any specific requests in terms of class placements or other information you would like to share with us in terms of your children as we undertake this process - then please let Tessa know, in writing, by the end of Week 5 (Friday 13th of November). This could be via email, tessab@mahora.school.nz or a note sent to school.

Date Confirmations

2020 Last school day Wednesday 16th December at 12.00pm
 2021 Class open day Monday 1st February 2021
 2021 First day of school Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Ngā mihi, Rohan

Week 1 Term 4 – 12 th October	Week 2 – 19 th October	Week 3 – 26 th October
Mon 12 th – Term 4 starts	Tues 20 th – Road Patrol training for 2021 Wed 21 st – Road Patrol training for 2021 Wed 21 st – Year 5 & 6 Sports Photos Fri 23 rd – Hawke's Bay Anniversary – No School	Mon 26 th – Labour Day – No School Tues 27 th - Fri 30 th – Yr 5 & 6 @ Lakes Ranch Camp Tues 27 th - Fri 30 th – Year 1 - 4. Life Education visit Tues 27 th – Sports Photos for Year 1-4
Week 4 – 2 nd November	Week 5 – 9 th November	Week 6 – 16 th November
Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th – Year 1 - 4. Life Education visit Wed 4 th – BOT meeting		Kapahaka Festival Week Thurs 19 th – Kapahaka Performance Day Friday 20 th – Year 6 Market Day

