

Welcome

This week we introduce Theo Carter, Michaela Streeten, Zyus Bennett, William Jack-Abbott, Joe Turner, Casey Wilson and Radience Parata-Te Kuru. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



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

COVID-19

How quickly things can change for us all! Many thanks to everyone for adapting to Level 2 guidelines and following these carefully. Your support is really appreciated. It also shows you the HUGE importance of signing into the School App. The numbers increase daily, so please make sure you are connected and to the right groups. Please review this and only choose the groups you want to belong to, to avoid unnecessary messages.



In addition to this - next week we will be sending envelopes home with Emergency Contact Information sheets, please have a read through and if anything needs to be updated please amend and return to the office as soon as possible. It is **really important** that we have the correct contact information, in case there is an emergency and we need to get in contact with you. If it's easier to ring or email to update, please do so.

ADULTS - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING THE COVID QR CODE WHEN ENTERING SCHOOL

Staff Only Day - Reminder

This was announced last year, but just as a reminder for everyone...On **Friday 12th March** we will be having a Staff Only Day so that our entire staff can attend some professional development, so there will be **no school** for our tamariki.

Middle and Senior Team Swimming Sports

These are due to be held on Thursday 25th February. Senior Team (Rooms 4, 5 and 16) swimming sports begin at 9:30am, with events followed by lengths then finals. All of our Year 5 and 6's need a dry set of either mufti or uniform to change into for the afternoon. Middle Team (Rooms 7, 9 and 19) swimming sports will start at 1:00pm. Our Year 3 and 4 children can either bring a dry change of mufti or uniform, or if you prefer, can come home in their togs.

All students can come to school looking fabulous in their house colours if they would like to.....t shirts / wigs / ribbons etc. No face/body paint or coloured hair spray please, as it's not good for the pool. We would love to have lots of whānau support if you can make it, and we will have seating available for our spectators! Senior Team parents throw your togs in for the parent/teacher/student relay!

Assembly

Last Friday, we held our first assembly for 2021! It's wonderful to see our students leading these, they do a fabulous job! We shared our first Values certificates of 2021 and it was fantastic to share the students who have been using their Mahora Values right from the beginning of the year. Assemblies are every second week, usually on a Friday, in the school hall and parents and family are always welcome. We usually aim to start at 9:15am.



Safety

I'm REALLY concerned about a few actions I see almost on a daily basis currently...

1. The number of children that go around the car and get inside on the road side of the car, not the footpath side. I am seeing more and more of this...please make sure your children are getting in and out on the footpath side **only**.
2. The number of parents that cross the road directly in front of the school gates with their children and do not use the crossing. I know everyone is busy, BUT it only takes a little bit more time to use the crossing. This week we had a VERY close call for this very thing and it can happen so easily. It's also not good modelling for our children...remember our children more often copy what we do, not what we say.
3. Parents double parking, pulling in on angles and not parking correctly. I know its minor but it does impact safety and vision and Frederick Street is very busy. It only takes a split second for something to happen.
4. Parents parking over driveways – this is not safe for your tamariki and we have had some neighbours (both front and back gate) complain. Please do not park or do drop offs on yellow lines.

All these put our precious children at risk. Please do your part to ensure we are being safe.

Piki Haere Hui

Thanks to all those whānau who have signed up for a Hui time over the next week or so. We are really sorry we were unable to go ahead with the ones last Monday, but appreciate those whānau who have rebooked. If you are having trouble finding a suitable time to rebook on www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (code: 8p3gt), please get in contact with your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time. We would love to see you all!

A reminder of our Hui times:
 Monday 22nd February - 3:30 – 5:30pm
 Monday 1st March - 3:30 – 6:00pm
 Tuesday 2nd March - 3:30 – 6:00pm

Hunger for Colour

Swap a can of food for a FREE Resene test pot.

Resene Paints are offering free test pots in exchange for a can of food which they will donate to the local Salvation Army and community foodbanks. We have a few groups of children doing some painting projects currently and could use a few test pots for these. If you have a spare can of food, please drop it in to the office by Friday 26th February, and we will take them to Resene to swap for some paint.



Regards, Rohan

Week 4 – 22 th February	Week 5 – 1 st March	Week 6 - 8 th March
Mon 22 nd – Beach Education (Rm 19) Mon 22 nd – Piki Haere Hui 3:30pm – 5:30pm Wed 24 th – BOT meeting @ 6.30pm Thurs 25 th – Middle/Senior Team Swimming Sports Fri 26 th – Assembly @ 9.15 - Room 4 presenting	Mon 1 st – Piki Haere Hui 3:30pm – 6:00pm Tues 2 nd – Piki Haere Hui 3:30pm – 6:00pm Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th - Optimist Yachting - Year 6 Thurs 4 th – Interschool Swimming Sports	Tues 9 th – School Triathlon Thurs 11 th – Assembly @ 9.15am – Room 12 presenting Fri 12 th – Staff Only Day - No School
Week 7 – 15 th March	Week 8 – 22 nd March	Week 9 – 29 th March
	Wed 24 th – Mitre 10 Tough Kids Fri 26 th – Assembly @ 9.15am – Room 19 presenting	Wed 31 st – BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Fri 2 nd – GOOD FRIDAY - No School