

Welcome

This week we introduce Vince Malabonga, King Bacara and Sawyer Varcoe. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



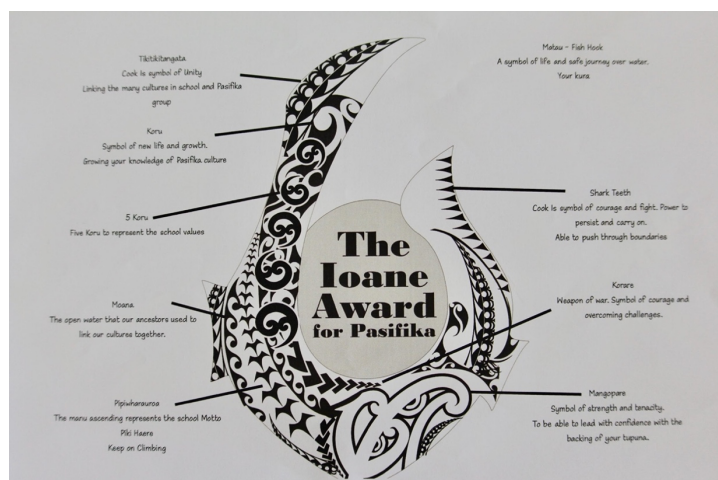
**Nau mai haere mai, Talofa Lava,
Kamusta,
Kia Orana, Sat Sri Akaal,
Namaste, Welcome!**

Pasifika

This morning we were honoured for the school to be presented with a new Pasifika trophy by the loane family. Kav, Mel, Teilyn, Noah, Mila and their whānau have donated this precious trophy. Teilyn was a pupil here up until last year, and Noah is a current Year 4 student.

Their family have had a precious trophy carved in Rarotonga that was presented to our senior school this morning. It has many connections to our school, our values, our pīpīwharauora and Pasifika cultures. This trophy will be presented at the end of year prizegiving this year.

Fa'afetai loane aiga mo le foa'iina o lau be koha



Last week we had a group of Year 4 – 6 students who performed at a Poly Nation Showcase organised by our tutor Tiute (Caroline) Fiu. Caroline had organised for all of the groups she tutors to share performances at ToiToi in Hastings.

Our students loved having the opportunity to perform – and were well supported by an amazing audience! Our group will continue to work together, and have other opportunities to perform this term. A huge thank you to Caroline, Tash and Miss Boaler who supported the group, and Arona and Masae who helped to dress and organise the group. Thanks to all of our whānau supporters too!



Piki Haere Hui

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of those whānau who were able to make it in to school last week and discuss their child’s learning with the teacher/s. We so value your input in these discussions, and have loved connecting with you at this time of year. We have had close to 90% attendance at these hui, which has been fantastic. If you have been unable to connect with your child’s teacher, as yet, please try to set up a time to do so as soon as possible.

We continue to refine and add to our Piki Haere Doc and Hui system, and will be collecting some whānau voice starting from Monday. Please keep your eye on your email inbox for this as we would be really interested to hear your thoughts around this system, and how we can keep improving it to best support our ākonga.

Rongohia te Hau survey

As part of our ongoing development in cultural practise, we would really appreciate your voice and thoughts around this. We invite you to complete a short survey about how you perceive your child’s experiences at school. This information will be gathered alongside staff surveys, student surveys and observations at school.

The University of Waikato, organises, compiles and collates our results. All information provided will be anonymous. The survey closes on Friday 20 August, so just one week to go. Thank you in



advance for taking the time to complete this survey. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code from your smart phone or copying this link <https://bit.ly/3j4hKss>

Safety

The safety of children is something we work very hard on and I know all parents do as well. It's really important that you are having **regular** family discussions and reminding your children about your expectations. Recently we had a member of the public handing out some lollies at the back gate. Some of our children thought it was ok to take these. Please talk to your children about unknown people and how they should respond. Have you talked recently about –

- What to do if they are walking home and someone pulls over and asks them to get in the car?
- What would your children do if they were approached on the street by someone they didn't know?



When I was at school it was always called stranger danger. The current thinking about that has changed and listed below is some information from the Ministry of Education website. I am not trying to alarm anyone, but please remember to have these discussions regularly. We do at school as well but it is important your child knows what your expectations are as a family.

The concept of 'stranger danger' has been discredited and could be potentially dangerous. Teaching kids about stranger danger may stop them from seeking help from strangers when they really need it," says Inspector Paula Holt, Prevention Manager: Communities.

Behaviour danger refers to suspicious behaviour that could make kids feel unfamiliar, uncomfortable, unsafe or scared. Some examples of behaviour danger are unwanted approaches, inappropriate touch that could make kids feel uncomfortable, unwanted stares and random requests on social media for photos or personal information.

It's also good practice for parents to help their children work out what they should do in a number of 'what if?' situations around a range of scenarios, behaviours, tricks and people in which the children solve hypothetical situations for themselves (with more questioning if their first responses are unsafe). Responses will vary from child to child, as different responses will work for different families, situations or environments.

Police are advising parents and caregivers to:

- *teach your child how to get safely to and from school and other places they go – whether they walk, bike or go by bus*
- *make clear rules about getting home*
- *go to school with your child so you can show them the safest route. Try to use main arterial routes with more people around and avoid walkways and isolated areas*
- *teach them to deal with hazards like narrow footpaths or busy roads*
- *teach your child to use pedestrian crossings*
- *teach the children to walk home together in twos or small groups, not alone*
- *make other arrangements if someone is away*
- *teach kids that they should call 111 if they have immediate concern about their safety*

Staff Only Day

A reminder that **Friday 27th August** we will be having a Staff Only Day so that our entire staff can attend some professional development. Our Kāhui (Community of Learning) primary and intermediate schools are all involved in this development and will be working at Te Uranga Waka at EIT. There will be **no school** for our tamariki on this day.

School Disco

A reminder about our PTA School Disco tonight. We look forward to seeing our tamariki there. Please ensure you are collecting your children from the hall at the end of their disco. Year 3-6 should not be at school before 7.00pm.

Fundraising

There are a number of fundraising events currently on the go for the PTA and senior camp. We do appreciate your support but are also aware you can't do it all. Please do what you feel comfortable with.

We have two camp fundraisers going at the moment, with one more to be added next week. Currently, we have the Firewood and Ta Moko Gumboot raffles running at \$5 per ticket. Next week we will launch a hamper that includes outdoor game hire, wine, Mitre Ten and Keirunga Garden train ride vouchers, as well as two handmade wheat packs. If you would like to sell tickets on our behalf at your workplace or to others, there are bundles of tickets that can be picked up at the office. All proceeds will go to reducing the cost of camp.

We recently had a grandparent provide a generous donation to support parents who have more than one child going to camp. As most of you will know, the cost of camps is ever increasing, but it is such an important part of school. It got me thinking that our community may well know people outside of our school that would like to support camp or children. Please don't hesitate to spread the word, any financial support is always appreciated.

The events this term are listed below.

- Mufti Day – proceeds to camp – Friday 20th August
- Firewood Raffle (camp) – drawn Friday 10th September
- Ta Moko Gumboots Raffle (camp) – drawn Friday 17th September
- Mufti Day – proceeds to camp – Friday 17th September
- Hamper Raffle (camp) – drawn Friday 24th September
- PTA Spring Raffle – drawn Friday 24th September
- PTA School disco – Friday 24th September
- PTA Cake and Shake Day – Friday 1st October

Piki Haere

Ngā mihi, the Mahora Team

Term 3 – Week 4	Term 3 – Week 5	Term 3 – Week 6
Tues 17 th – Yr 6 visits to Heretaunga Intermediate Wed 18 th – Yr 6 visits to Hastings Intermediate Wed 18 th – Board Meeting Fri 20 th – Mufti Day – proceeds for camp Fri 20 th – Assembly (Rm 5 presenting)	Tues 24 th – Heretaunga Intermediate Open Evening (6:00pm – 7:30pm) Fri 27th – STAFF ONLY DAY – NO SCHOOL	Mon 30 th – PTA Spring Raffle starts Tues 31 st – School Cross Country Wed 1 st Sept – Postponement day for School Cross Country Thurs 2 nd – Barefoot 7's Tournament Fri 3 rd – Assembly (Rm 14 presenting)
Term 3 – Week 7	Term 3 – Week 8	Term 3 – Week 9
Mon 6 th – Junior Gymnastics Festival Tues 7 th – Junior Gymnastics Festival Fri 10 th – Firewood Raffle Draw - camp	Mon 13 th – PTA Meeting Tues 14 th – Senior Gymnastics Festival Wed 15 th – Interschool Cross Country Fri 17 th – Mufti Day – proceeds to camp Fri 17 th – Assembly (Rm 19 presenting) Fri 17 th – Ta Moko Gumboots Raffle Draw - camp	Mon 20 th – Yr 1 – 4 Sports Photos Tues 21 st – Yr 5 – 6 Sports Photos Wed 22 nd – Board Meeting Fri 24 th – PTA School Disco Fri 24 th – PTA Spring Raffle Draw Fri 24 th – Hamper Raffle Draw - camp
Term 3 – Week 10		
Tues 28 th – School Photos Fri 1 st Oct – PTA Cake and Shake Day Fri 1 st – Assembly (Rm 12 presenting) Fri 1 st – Last day of Term 3		

