

Welcome

This week we introduce Madison Etheridge, Sophie Sharplin, Riley Goulding, Noah Giles, Karl Thompson and welcome back to Demetri Thompson. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



Staff update

We also welcome Raven Cuthbertson-King to our Teacher Aide team. Raven will be familiar to many of you through Kapa Haka and Te Reo teaching. We are lucky to have Raven in this role and look forward to the further contributions she will make.

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

Reminders

The Term 3 day mentioned below is getting closer...please make sure you have made arrangements.

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 21st August – Staff Only Day. School is closed.**
- Term 4 – Friday 20th November – Staff Only Day. School is closed.

Come on team...we all need to stick to the deal please...

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 are all follow the process.

Vacancy

We are currently advertising for an additional Teacher Aide for our school. If you know anyone who would be ideal in this position, please encourage them to apply.

We need to appoint a Teacher Aide who

- enjoys working with children
- can form relationships with a variety of ages
- is warm and relates well to a wide range of people
- is calm and friendly
- is a fast learner and has a can do attitude
- has a sense of humour
- works well in assisting and supporting children and families

If this is you...do consider applying at this fantastic school. Starting days and hours will be Monday – Friday and 20 hours per week during school terms. An application pack is available by emailing kirstenw@mahora.school.nz or phoning 06 8782622. Applications close 12.00 noon on Monday 17th August 2020.

School Lunches...some exciting news!

The Government is currently trialling a free, healthy, daily school lunch in some schools for all students. We are really excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free and healthy lunch programme at some point in Term 4 this year.

All parents want to provide their children with a lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own. We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their children and tamariki. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme.

Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards.

The lunches will be available for all our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are. Providing a lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's own lunch if you wish.

The focus this term is for the Ministry of Education to call for tenders for this programme and towards the end of this term will be able to select a suitable provider. All going to plan it is hoped this is up and running for term 4 but we will keep you informed.

The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated whilst it is running. This will include feedback from schools, students and suppliers about what the lunches are like, how they are delivered, and if they have an impact on students' learning and achievement. The Government will use the information from the pilot to decide whether to continue beyond 2021, and what an ongoing programme might look like.

You can find out more about the programme at: www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches
If you have any further questions, please contact our office, or the Ministry at school.lunches@education.govt.nz

PTA

Keep an eye out on the upcoming PTA events as below. Thank you for supporting our wonderful PTA. 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.

- Fri 14th August – School Disco – **Please check the times carefully for the right disco...**
- Mon 24th August – Fri 18th September – PTA Raffle
- Fri 28th August – PTA Food Day
- Fri 19th September – PTA Food Day

14th August
6.00pm – 7.00pm (Years 0-2)
7.15pm – 8.30pm (Years 3-6)

@ Hastings Girls High School
Entry \$2

COLOUR DISCO!!!

PICK A COLOUR AND COME DRESSED IN THAT COLOUR, READY TO DANCE!!
CAN'T CHOOSE ONE COLOUR??
COME AS A RAINBOW!!!

Snacks for sale from 50c to \$2
Glow products for sale at \$3 and under

Regards, Rohan

Week 4 – 10 th August	Week 5 – 17 th August	Week 6 – 24 th August
Tues 11 th – Year 6's to Hastings Intermediate 9.00am – 2.30pm Wed 12 th – BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Wed 12 th – Movie Night @ 6.00pm – Camp Fundraiser Fri 14 th – Mahora School Discos @ HGHS	Tues 18 th – Hastings Intermediate Open Evening @ 6.30pm Wed 19 th – Year 6's to Heretaunga Intermediate @ 9.00am -2.30pm Thurs 20 th – Mufti Day Fri 21st – Staff Only Day – No School	Tues 25 th – Heretaunga Intermediate Open Evening @ 6.00pm Tues 25 th – School Cross Country – Postponement Day is Wed 26 th Fri 28 th – PTA Food Day
Week 7 – 31 st August	Week 8 – 7 th September	Week 9 – 14 th September
Wed 2 nd – Heretaunga Intermediate Ballot closes for out of zone pupils	Tues 8 th – Interschool Cross Country Thurs 10 th – Big Music Day	Tue 15 th – Kids Sing Rehearsal Day Wed 16 th – Kids Sing Concert Thurs 17 th – Class and Individual Photos – Photolife Fri 18 th – PTA Food Day Sat 19 th – Flip Out – Camp Fundraiser
Week 10 – 21 st September	Term 4 Week 1 – 12 th October	Week 2 – 19 th October
Thurs 24 th – Sausage Sizzle lunch – Camp Fundraiser Fri 25 th – Last Day of Term 3		Fri 23rd – Hawke's Bay Anniversary Day – No School