

Welcome

This week we introduce Tekoha Wallace and Tianah, Khloe and Hope Te Nahu. We hope you have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



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

Senior Camp

In these challenging times, it's great to see that there is a way for some events to carry on...albeit slightly different to the original plan. A big thanks to our staff and parents who were able to provide a 3 day camp alternative for our seniors. It was awesome to see our tamariki camping overnight at school, cooking their kai, challenging themselves in rafts...all great learning. There will be more photos shared on Facebook but check out these couple...

Building projects

As you will all know, there have been ongoing building projects at our school for a number of years. While disruptive, it is ensuring we are improving facilities and providing more space for our growth. There are a few updates below.

Courts – On Thursday the final section of the new court area was poured. Thanks for your flexibility re the back gate entrance while this has happened. The next step is to get the basketball goals back up, the court painted, the netball and hockey turf overlaid and the fencing complete.

Room 14 & 15 – The next stage of classroom development has been approved and work will start on 22nd November. This involves relocation and refurbishment of Room 14 & 15. This will create another collaborative space alongside Room 16 and great flow similar to the alleyway recently installed. This area will be fenced off and is hoped to be completed by the end of Term 2 2022.



Pool – Unfortunately, we are currently working through the location of a leak. At the same time, we are opening up part of the unused changing rooms to become storage for our kayaks and pool gear. A huge thanks to Jon Marks and Marty Curran for this massive effort. Jon is an ex parent and current board member who continues to do a huge amount to ensure our school pool is retained. These guys are legends!

Anyone keen for some demolition concrete or blocks (or can help with removal of them from the pool area) by chance to help them out??



Covid 19 Update

There continues to be updates and guidelines that we review and plan for. This week the board met and reviewed Ministry of Education advice for all schools. This resulted in a number of decisions being made that we would like to share. At the same time our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) collectively shared some recommendations with each school’s board, to ensure there is as much consistency as possible for whānau in our area.

Mandated Vaccinations – All Mahora staff onsite from Tuesday 16th November, will have had at least 1 vaccination as per the requirements. I know there are a lot of questions about parents and vaccinations and being on site in school etc. The current situation at Mahora is:

1. We remain at Alert level 2 and parents need to make an appointment to be on site.
2. Please continue to do the wonderful job you are doing with dropping and collecting children from the gate each day...no changes here currently.
3. Any parents who are coaches or on EOTC trips or are involved with children at our school (volunteers etc), need to have had their first vaccination by Monday 15th November. Evidence of vaccination needs to be shared with Kirsten Weir (only) in the office. This can be via email kirstenw@mahora.school.nz or bring a copy in. ONLY do this if you have been asked to provide.

A few questions and answers –

Can we come onsite to watch Saturday morning cricket?	Yes, but all adults need to use the covid tracer app at the front gate, use sanitiser, wear a mask until you are on the field and then social distance from others please.
Can we come on site to watch after school sport during the week e.g. T Ball or Friday afternoon cricket?	Yes, but please do not enter before 3.15pm, all adults need to use the covid tracer app at the front gate, use sanitiser, wear a mask until you are on the field and then social distance from others please.
If I am coaching a team or going to coach a team do I need to be vaccinated?	Yes.
Can I meet with my child’s teacher if I am not vaccinated?	Yes, but this needs to be out of classroom hours and when no children are on site. Please contact your child’s teacher directly to make this appointment time.
If I am vaccinated, can I start coming into school to drop off or collect my child?	No sorry, as we are still under alert level 2 guidelines. If you need to be on site for a particular reason, please contact the school office.

If you have other covid related questions, please email me directly and I will share the responses for all whānau in a similar way to this when I can. My email is principal@mahora.school.nz

The board has confirmed the following decisions based on current information. If any of these changes, we will let you know. These decisions are all based around best advice about keeping everyone safe. I know it can create more questions about why this event can happen, but that event can't happen...trust us we are following the guidelines very closely.

End of Year Prize-Giving – The Ministry of Education has strongly advised all schools not to have this event this year. While this is incredibly disappointing, especially for our Year 6 students and families, it is about keeping you all safe. We are currently planning an alternative solution to ensure we do farewell these students and we will let you know about this well in advance.

Piki Haere Hui (Parent/teacher/child interviews) – Week 7, Tues 30th Nov, Wed 1st Dec and Thurs 2nd Dec – These will not proceed in their current format. We are currently looking at ways we can connect to discuss final progress and achievement for 2022. Each child's Piki Haere Doc (report) will continue to be used and completed this year. We will advise more about this in the future and if the staff only day on Wed 1st Dec will happen.

It's really important that the school office are advised if you change an address, phone number, email address or contacts. I can't stress that enough...we need up to date information. **It's also really important you have the school app to be able to receive regular messages and updates.** A number of parents did not have the app and missed the information about the back gate this week. Please ask for help if unsure about the school app or go to the school website to find more information, it's all under the social media tab. If you are unsure about any of this please contact Kirsten or Chanelle in the school office via 06 878 2622 or chanelled@mahora.school.nz

If you have **ANY** questions...please ring us and we will help. We know there is a lot of information to process and we understand it can be confusing. We're here to help whānau.

Hats

Just a reminder that all children need a hat in Term 4. These can be purchased from the school office and are \$15.00. Feel free to ring and order and then send the money to school and the office team will get the right sized hat to your child. All our tamariki need to run around at break times, so please make sure this can happen.

PTA Juicies

Each Thursday in Term 4 the PTA will be selling juicies for \$1 at lunchtime. Your child(ren) can bring their \$1 if they would like to purchase one and support the PTA.

Piki Haere

Ngā mihi, the Mahora Team

Week 5 – 15 th November	Week 6 – 22 nd November	Week 7 – 29 th November
Mon 15 th – PTA Christmas Raffle Thurs 18 th – PTA Juicie Day	Mon 22 nd – Year 6 Photo Thurs 25 th – PTA Juicie Day	Wed 1 st Dec – Staff Only day (No School) TBC Thurs 2 nd Dec – PTA Juicie Day
Week 8 – 6 th December	Week 9 – 13 th December	
Mon 6 th – Board Meeting 6:30pm Wed 8 th – Black Cap Fun Day Wed 8 th – Middle Team Water day Thurs 9 th – PTA Juicie Day Thurs 9 th – Senior Team Water morning Thurs 9 th – Year 6 Pizza and Pool Party Fri 10 th – Junior Summer Fun Celebration Fri 10 th – PTA Christmas Raffle drawn	Thurs 16 th – LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – 12.00pm FINISH	