

Welcome

This week we introduce Sophie Mills, Aariah Foster, Maddi Foster, Jillian Medina, Gurbani Atwal, Rabnoor Sandhu and Sartaj Sandhu. 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 to everyone!**

Last week we welcomed four new EIT Candidate Teachers (training to be teachers), who will be with us at Mahora on a Tuesday and Thursday throughout this year. They are year 2 students, who have got involved straight away with our Mahora tamariki and into events like Swimming Sports! We welcome Miss Marcia Carpenter, Miss Breanna McRae, Ms Jess Lomax and Miss Sophie van Seventer. We hope they will have a great year getting to know the Mahora community.



COVID-19

Thanks again for your support during the recent Alert Level changes. We know that this has been frustrating, but we thank you for trusting the measures we have in place to ensure the safety of our students and community. We will continue to communicate any changes to procedures as things continue to evolve. Your tamariki are doing remarkably well with the changes! If there is a reason you need to be on site, please ensure you are signing in, either through the QR code at all gates or through the main school office.

At this stage we don't know what level we will be in next week, but we will communicate this with you through the app once we know. I can't stress enough the importance of the app. This is our most used method of communication around changes to Alert Levels and other school events, e.g. Optimist Yachting, Swimming sports etc, as well as specific team events and sports team information. Please check that you are signed up for all of the relevant groups, as this will ensure you are getting the correct information in a timely way. If you are unsure or want a hand with the app, please call in and we will help.

Events ahead that may be impacted if we remain in Level 2...

1. Interschool Swimming Sports on Monday 8th March – This will ONLY go ahead if we are in Level 1.
2. Mahora School Triathlon on Tuesday 9th March – this will ONLY go ahead if we are in Level 1. The triathlon day is a fantastic day and we would love to see as many of you as possible come along and support your tamariki. It's awesome to see every Mahora child take part and it's a really great event for our children to challenge themselves and then feel proud at the end.

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.

Piki Haere Hui

Another **huge** thank you to all of our whānau that have made the time to come in to meet with your child's teacher as part of the annual reporting cycle. We have really valued the time you have spent sharing information about your child with us, and it is wonderful to find out your aspirations for them, along with any goals you might have for the year. If you have not managed to meet with your class teacher yet - please do so as soon as possible! Class teachers will be in contact with you also, as we would really like to ensure we meet with all whānau at this stage of the school year to set your child/ren up for an amazing year!

The next planned hui for all children and families is at the beginning of Term 3. At this point we will share learning progress and achievement, and discuss other areas of development or need. If you have any questions or queries in relation to your child's learning, please raise them at any time, you don't need to wait until the next Hui. You are also welcome to add to the Piki Haere Doc at any time during the year, which teachers may also be doing.

Property Update

The Block A follow up items are almost all complete. Thanks for your patience while this large job has been completed. The next large job is the replacement courts and this project is about to go to tender.

The installation of the new fencing and entry gates will commence in the next week or two and run through and into the next school holidays. The plan is it will be completed for the start of Term 2. There will be minimal impact but please be aware of any areas that are coned off. Once installed our site will be fully enclosed and we will update you all on entry and exit plans etc.

Middle and Senior Team Swimming Sports

Many thanks to Denise and staff for a wonderful swimming sports for our middle and senior teams. It's great to see our kids sharing their swimming skills with whānau and pushing themselves in the water. There are many photos on our Facebook page but this is one of the many favourites...the faces say it all!



You're awesome!

We just want to thank all our parents and staff who have been able to help and support recently...with Swimming Sports, Beach Education, Optimist Yachting, Sports Coaching, Transporting and the list goes on. It all takes time and effort and please know it is really appreciated. Our kids get so many wonderful opportunities and this is down to our fantastic staff and community who are able to support us. Ka mau te wehi – you are awesome!

Regards, Rohan

Week 6 - 8 th March	Week 7 - 15 th March	Week 8 - 22 nd March
Mon 8 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		Wed 24 th - Mitre 10 Tough Kids Fri 26 th - Assembly @ 9.15am - Room 19 presenting
Week 9 - 29 th March	Week 10 - 5 th April	Week 11 - 12 th April
Wed 31 st - BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Fri 2 nd - GOOD FRIDAY - No School	Mon 5 th - EASTER MONDAY - No School Tues 6 th - EASTER TUESDAY - No School Fri 9 th - Assembly @ 9.15am - Room 5 presenting	Fri 16 th - Last day of Term 1