

Welcome

This week we introduce Keanu Simon. We hope you have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.

Nau mai haere mai, Talofa Lava, welcome!



Covid 19 update

We will continue to keep you updated as was mentioned in the Covid Update #7 that was sent 1st March. There was one piece of information that was incorrect and it has been updated below. I have also copied the main parts of the message as a reminder. Please do contact us if you have any questions.

When we are informed of a positive school case (this will need to come from you as parents) - we will email the whānau/ families of all the children in that class and advise them of this. It will not contain anyone's name.

If your child is unwell and you get them tested and if they are positive, PLEASE let us know asap. We will provide you with guidance and offer support.

There is 1 number to ring but 2 different options depending on the time of day -

During school hours (8am-4pm Mon-Fri) - Phone the school office on 06 878 2622 and **select option 2**. Kirsten or Chanelle will put you in touch with Rohan or will take your call.

After school hours or weekends - Phone the school office on 06 878 2622 and **select option 3**. This will transfer you automatically to one of the Senior Leadership Team being Rohan, Tamla or Tanya.

If your child is -

- **POSITIVE** - they need to isolate for 10 days. They can return to school on Day 11, as long as they are symptom free. We will give you this date when we talk to you.
- **A HOUSEHOLD CONTACT** - they need to isolate for 10 days, get tested on day 3 and day 10. If negative on the day 10 test, they can return to school on Day 11. We will give you all these dates when we talk to you.

As a parent, how will I know if there are cases at Mahora?

1. *If your child is in a class with a positive case - we will email you as above.*
2. *Once a week we will advise the whole school community of case numbers at our school.*

The reason for this is so you can monitor your children closely for symptoms, as we will be.

Piki Haere whānau - together we will get through this and keep everyone safe.



How to work out your 10 days of self-isolation



start over if you test positive

Find out what you need to do if:	you are positive for COVID-19	you are a Household Contact (living with a positive case)*
Day 0	The day you test positive or start experiencing symptoms, whichever is earliest.	Your Day 0 is the same Day 0 as the first positive case in your household.
Day 3	-	Get a Day 3 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.
Day 10	-	Get a Day 10 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.
Day 11	After 10 days, as long as you are free of COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.	After 10 days, as long as you have a negative Day 10 test result and no COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.

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New Courts

FINALLY....but just like the cheese advertisement...**good things take time!** On Monday we had a blessing to open our new courts at Mahora. This project was first discussed in 2018 and it is finally a reality. It will be a huge asset for our school for many years to come. It has provided us with far superior courts to what we had previously and much needed additional hard court area. We now have a dedicated basketball court and a hockey/netball turf. We are only five days into its use but it has had a good workout...our tamariki are loving having our goals back up and having space for these games. They have had to be patient for so long now and it's just fabulous to see the impact it is having already. You are welcome to come and explore the space outside of school hours or in the weekend. Please look after our space if you are using it...the new grass has only just been planted so please stick to concrete and turf areas only. The planting alongside the basketball courts are the natives that our 2021 Y6's planted and in time these will look like our other wonderful native areas at Mahora. The full range of photos are on our Facebook page.



Reporting Update

As most of you will know, our school report is called the Piki Haere Doc now. Part of our annual reporting timeline normally has the following in Term 1 -

<h1>Term 1</h1>	<p>Weeks 2 - 4 - Existing whānau to complete or update entries on page 1, prior to Week 5 hui</p> <p>Week 5 - Piki Haere Hui - 15 mins each child, over 2- 3 afternoons/ evenings, i.e. 3:30 - 6pm. Piki Haere Doc created for new students, with page 1 completed at the Hui with whānau.</p>
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Due to current COVID Red restrictions, we have delayed asking for whānau to complete page 1 entries, and we have been unable to hold our Piki Haere Hui (Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews) in Week 5. Our teachers have been trying to phone all families to connect and have an initial discussion at least. If you haven't heard from your child's teacher, please touch base by email or through Seesaw to make a time that suits you both.

What we would like you to start work on now is completing the whānau page 1 entries. Your child's Piki Haere Doc link will be resent to you via email in Monday 7th March. Please contact your tamariki kaiako (teacher) if you have not received this link. If you are unable to do it digitally or would prefer a paper copy, please let your teacher know and this will be sent home. Once you have completed it, send it back to the teacher and we will load it for you.

We **really** value your contribution to this document and look forward to reading your responses.

If you are new to the system or the doc, please contact your child's teacher and they will talk you through this process.

As a reminder the rest of the year timeline is on the next page. We will review this each term in line with the Covid restrictions and advise what will happen and when or if there are changes. Thanks for your understanding given the times we are all in.

Term 2	<p>Ongoing - parents/ teachers to connect on an as needed basis By week 10 - PaCT assessments completed and loaded onto Piki Haere Doc (page 2), and learning celebrations (page 3) updated by the teacher Term 2 holidays - whānau to complete entries on page 3, prior to week 1 hui</p>
Term 3	<p>Ongoing - parents/ teachers to connect on an as needed basis Week 2 - Piki Haere Hui held (15 mins each child, starting over 2 afternoons/ evenings, i.e. 1 - 6pm.) to discuss learning celebrations and areas to work on (page 3). Mid Year PaCT graphs shared</p>
Term 4	<p>Ongoing - parents/ teachers to connect on an as needed basis Week 6 - Teachers to update Piki Haere Doc with Page 2 progress and achievement information. Parents to look at and update Page 3 Week 7 - Piki Haere Hui - 15 mins each child, over 2 afternoons/ evenings, i.e. 1 - 6pm, to discuss end of year learning celebrations and page 2 progress and achievement. End of Year PaCT graphs shared</p>

Can you help?

We have some leftover material that was used to make the old school uniform dress. It is good quality material and we would love to see it be used for a worthy cause. We are happy to donate this but are keen to hear from anyone that knows a suitable cause.

Now that we have settled on the Team names of Kākano (Juniors), Māhuri (Middles) and Whanake (Seniors), Classroom names of native trees and the awa (River) closest to Mahora for our houses; Karamu (Green), Ngāruroro (Purple), Raupare (Red) Ruahapia (Blue) we would now like to have a graphic designer, design some appropriate logos for Teams, Classrooms and Houses. Ideally we would like the person or company to have a whānau connection to our school. If you know of anyone who this may be of interest to, please could you contact Tanya Greig at tanyag@mahora.school.nz with a name and contact details, or give them my email for them to contact me. Once we have the logos sorted, we will communicate to you the stories (pūrākau) behind our choices. We are very excited to be taking this next step.

***Piki Haere,
Rohan.***

