

Welcome

This week we introduce Joshua Palmer, Bailey-Jo Tanielu and Dhruv Joshi. 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!**

REALLY...really important

This is in red font because I REALLY want parents and whānau to take note...the information below is about an opportunity for all of our parents and family supporting children. Due to Covid we have not been able to run these sessions...but they are back on and there is NEW information. Please read below and reply asap. I can't stress enough the importance of attending this session.

You are invited to come along to hear Gillian Hewitt- Stubbs share valuable and powerful information about developing Emotional Wellbeing at Mahora. Gillian is a psychologist who has had great success working alongside our Mahora children and families for a number of years.

Even if you have heard Gillian before, it is definitely worth coming along again. She has so much knowledge and there are always so many practical ideas to take away. There will be many useful parenting tips! Here is an example of the positive comments we received after the last whānau evening;

"To have this work as an acceptable, every day part of school, learning and life is really incredible and something that should be encouraged, celebrated and in an ideal world, the norm in every school in this country"

"I found Gillian's presentation incredibly informative and easy to follow – it not only gave me an insight to how I can support my kids emotional development but also made me think about my own behaviour as a parent"

Given the time of night, it is preferable if children are at home, but to enable as many whānau as possible to attend, and potentially both parents to attend, we are offering to supervise your children while you attend the evening. A light supper will be provided for both adults and kids.

We need to have confirmed numbers of whānau attending and a Google Form has been emailed to your listed email address. If you don't receive the email, please get in touch with the office to confirm how many of your whānau will attend. Please complete the Google Form by Monday 14th June at the latest.

Where: Adults - Mahora School Hall Tamariki - can be supervised in Room 5

When: Wednesday 16th June (Week 7)

Time: from 5.30 (5.45 start) - 7.45pm

New Entrant Enrolments

If you have any younger siblings or know of anyone that has a child that is due to start school. We encourage you to call in to the school office to get an enrolment form, as early as possible, so we can plan for class numbers. New Entrants must attend four transition visits prior to starting school.

A message from our Public Health Nurse

If students have any skin lesions or small bumps on their skin - as recommended from Dermnet, just a note that children should still attend school as well as:

- Keep their hands clean - including keeping fingernails short
- Avoid scratching
- Cover all visible lesions with clothing or watertight bandages (plasters) and change these daily

If you have any questions or are worried about any skin issues - please contact school, and we can refer your child to Vae, our Public Health Nurse, or talk to your local chemist or GP.

Awesome to see

Last week the Y6's had the opportunity to volunteer to be part of school history. The front fence line has been replanted between the old and new fences (the old fence is being retained as part of school history) with native plants and it is hoped these will be here for many years. Thumbs up to these students who wanted to be part of this and volunteered on a cold and wet day!



Top mahi team...we think it looks great!

Some Reminders

Chocolates – thanks for the efforts in selling these! All chocolates need to be sold and money returned to school by Friday 25th June, 2021.

Staff Only Day – As previously advertised, **School will be closed TOMORROW** for a staff development day. All schools have been provided with these days to ensure there is time to implement developments from the Ministry of Education. **A reminder that Monday 7th June is Queens Birthday, so school is also closed.**

Kai at school – There was some great information recently sent out by one of our classes...lots of this is relevant to all families so is shared below. More to come in the next newsletter.

Morning Tea

At 11.00am (after handwashing/sanitising) all Mahora students have morning tea. Usually, we sit on our class deck / step area but if it is too cold, we eat inside. At 11.10am, tamariki can go to play. While many finish their kai, others return food to their bag so they can head off to play. This is entirely their choice. Having had fruit less than an hour earlier, most students only want/ need a small snack at this time. **Suggestions; popcorn, yoghurt, a handful of fresh or dried fruit, a couple of crackers, cheese or hummus, a small sandwich, cucumber or carrot sticks, pikelets, hardboiled egg, cheese sticks or nuts.** If you include a packaged snack, e.g., chippies or muesli bar - one packet is enough.

Lunchtime

Lunch is eaten at 12.45pm. The lunches that The Food Company provide meet specific criteria ensuring they are nutritious, healthy and tasty. I can vouch for this, as I have had a lunch from time to time if there are spares. The photo below shows our lunch yesterday, I can assure you it was delicious. I am concerned that many students are not eating the school lunch. While personal tastes can account for this some of the time, many students are not hungry as they may have had too much morning tea or they are just not willing (despite my encouraging and cajoling) to try new foods. The food wastage this creates is of real concern. The volume of un-eaten food collected at our school is huge, as shown in the photo below. Yes, it goes to feed animals but this is very wasteful. On days that I do not have a lunchtime duty, I spend longer with the children, encouraging them to do their best.



Lunch example



One large bucket of uneaten food

Piki Haere

Ngā mihi, the Mahora Team

Week 5 – 31 st May	Week 6 – 7 th June	Week 7 – 14 th June
Fri 4th June – Staff Only Day – no school for our tamariki	Mon 7th – Queen’s Birthday – No school Fri 11 th – School assembly 9:15am – Room 11 presenting	Wed 16 th – Whānau Hui - Emotional Wellbeing 5:45pm – 7:45pm
Week 8 – 21 st June	Week 9 – 28 th June	Week 10 – 5 th July
Mon 21 st – PTA Meeting Thurs 24 th – Matariki Whānau Celebration Fri 25 th – PTA Chocolate Fundraiser finishes Fri 25 th – Mufti Day Fri 25 th – School assembly 9:15am – Room 9 presenting	Thurs 1 st – Board Meeting Friday 2 nd – School Disco at Mahora	Tues 6 th – Production matinee performance 11:00am – 12.30pm Tues 6 th – Production 6:00pm – 7:30pm Wed 7 th – Production 6:00pm – 7:30pm Fri 9 th – PTA Cake and Shake Day Fri 9 th – Last day of term.