

## Welcome

This week we welcome and introduce Felix Carroll, Terence Kirikiri-Paul and Kingston Soula. We hope you have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



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

## Shop Day - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Are you looking for a way to get a few jobs done around home? The Year 6 shop day is coming up and your children will need some coins to spend...

Part of being a Year 6 student at Mahora is taking part and organising the yearly Shop Day. Shop Day is a day when our young leaders get to step up and raise funds for those less fortunate than themselves. The idea of the day is for the Year 6 children to run a stall selling whatever they want to the rest of the children at Mahora. The Year 6's are totally responsible for the planning, preparation and selling of their goods/service/experience. Most of the items for sale will be between 50c and \$1 and all classes come out and visit the stalls. Mahora kids come to school with some change to purchase these items and in turn contribute to the fundraiser to benefit others. Shop day is a special day for our children.

**Shop Day will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9:15am - 11:30am.**

## Staff News

It's always exciting to be able to share staff news when there are exciting changes ahead for some of our staff. John Willoughby has been teaching at Mahora since 2008 so a long connection of 12 years here at Mahora. John and family are heading to an International School in China. This is a really exciting chapter ahead for their family. Issie Campbell and husband are off to spend some time in the South Island. Issie has won a position in Christchurch starting in 2021, so also an exciting chapter ahead. We thank both Issie and John for all their efforts with our tamariki and wish them and their families all the very best with journey ahead...Piki Haere to you both.



We are currently working on staffing and class organisation for 2021, as we have noted in the last two newsletters. You will know we value relationships and aim to keep the majority of our students with at least one teacher that they have had when they move from Year 1 to Year 2, Year 3 to Year 4 and Year 5 to Year 6. At times this is not possible, but we do our very best to cater for all needs across our school.

## School Accounts

We all have bills...school included! We need these paid before the end of the year please. Our financial year runs from 1 January to 31 December, so really important these are settled. This is particularly important for parents of Y6 students. They will be sent home next week so if you have any questions about the accounts, please don't hesitate to contact Kirsten or Rohan.

## School Uniform

A reminder that the end of the 2020 school year is the end of our window of time for our old school uniform items. We have now had our new polo shirts and new logo polar fleeces for two years, so it is time to phase out our yellow and old items. The items that will no longer be a part of our school uniform include the yellow sweatshirt, the yellow polo shirts and the yellow checked dresses for girls. The exception to the old items will be that the polar fleeces with the old logo will still be able to remain, as the design of these are the same as current, as well as the yellow hats for another year! We have had some assembly practises over the past week, and it has been amazing to see the majority of our kids wearing the black and yellow polo shirts with pride!



Thanks for all your continued support with helping your children to follow our uniform rules with black items (shorts, skirts, skirts etc) and with no extra jewellery, apart from a watch, taonga and stud earrings. Please ensure your children are in correct uniform for the start of the 2021 school year.

## EXCITING!!!

After 3.5 years we finally have our first school assembly BACK in the hall! Wahooo!! As always, whānau are all welcome. Please come in the back hall door (opposite Room 12) and sit on the tiered seating. The first two rows are reserved for Black Caps please. There is no sharing class this week, but we will be giving out certificates. Assembly will start at 11.30am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## Reminder

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November is **STAFF ONLY DAY** for our Piki Haere Hui with families. There is no school for children, but they will need to be at the Hui with you and their class teacher. Thanks so much for booking the hui time...if you haven't done this yet...please do so asap. The office can always help with this.

## Reporting 2020

There has been lots of information shared with parents about the changes ahead...PLEASE make sure you are checking the information and actioning items that need to be completed. **We are getting closer to our Piki Haere Hui times! We are really grateful for those whānau who have booked a time and added to their child's Piki Haere Doc.**



A few weeks ago, all whānau should have received an email with two links on it, for each of your children. If you have not received this, please let your child's teacher know.

Please ensure that you can access this document - it would be a great idea to bookmark the link, so that you can access it whenever you would like to.

**Family Action – Ensure you can access the doc and set up the bookmarks. Not sure how? We can help with this. If you have questions – please contact the school office.**

We are asking that all whānau access the Doc if you haven't already (we can send a paper copy home if you cannot access it electronically) and start to discuss and fill in the **first page** with your children. It is important that we have your voice, as well as your child's on this document.

**Family Action – discuss and add to the **first page** on the doc now, BEFORE your hui.**

Teachers are continuing to work on Page 1 and Page 3 of the document over the coming weeks.

There will be another video on the website shortly around what Page 2 of the Piki Haere Doc will contain. It will be around assessment and progress information.

**Family Action – there will be an App alert when this video is up – please check then.**

In Week 7 (23 Nov - 27 Nov) we have scheduled our Piki Haere Hui. These will be held **after school** on **Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th November**, and during our **Staff Only Day of Wednesday 25th November**. These will be 20 minute hui and the booking information was sent out last week.

**Family Action – Book your 20 min hui time. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **w4yyd**.**

If you have any questions or queries around these documents or the process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

**Family Action – We know it's new...please ask, as we are here to help!**

## PTA Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the 2020 PTA Christmas Raffle will go home on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### Mahora School PTA

❄️ Christmas  
Raffle

\$2.00 per ticket – 2 prizes up for grabs  
Raffle closes Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Drawn at Prizegiving

**Be in to win a Wheelbarrow full of groceries!**

#### Attention Kids:

This year the children who sell the two winning tickets will each receive a **\$20 Warehouse voucher** so don't forget to write your name and room number on the tickets you sell.

Also the **two top sellers** will each receive a **\$30 Warehouse voucher** too.

## Date Confirmations

2020 Staff Only Day	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November (No school - but hui with parents and children being held)
2020 School Prizegiving	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December – 6.00pm at HGHS
2020 Last school day	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December finishing at 12.00pm
2021 Class open day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021
2021 First day of school	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

## Ngā mihi, Rohan

Week 6 – 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Week 7 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Week 8 – 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas raffle starts Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4-6 Athletics Day Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Market Day	Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> – Interscholar Athletics Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> – Piki Haere Hui from 3.15-6.00pm Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> – <b>NO SCHOOL...BUT Piki Haere Hui so please book a time with your teacher.</b> Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> - Piki Haere Hui from 3.15-6.00pm Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> - Ki O Rahi Tournament	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Road Patrollers to Splash Planet Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> – Year 3 & 4 EOTC Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – BOT meeting Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Marathon Madness & PALS Amazing Race
Week 9 – 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Week 10 – 14 December	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> – Black Cap Day Out Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> – Team 4 Water Day Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> – Team 1 and 2 EOY Celebration Cornwall Park Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> – Black Cap Pool Party Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> – Pou Planting	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – School Prizegiving Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of school – finishing at 12.00pm	