

Week 5 Term 4 Newsletter - 15th November 2019

Welcome

This week we welcome Phoebe Whitaker-Mills. We hope you have enjoyed your start at Mahora School!



Nau mai haere mai, Talofa lava, Kia orana, welcome to you!

Kapa Haka

Ka pai to our Kapa Haka roopu for all their mahi in preparation for the Ahurei Kahungunu held at Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Ngati Kahungunu ki Heretaunga this week. Our tamariki did our school and community proud. Many thanks to Raven Cuthbertson-King, Whaea Kylie, Matua Corey and Matua Darren for sharing their passion with our children and supporting them in our Kapa Haka roopu. Thanks to our school whanau for support with our group.



Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu - Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Ben Stoyanoff (Takitini Teacher) who was selected to play for CD (Central Districts) cricket last week. Ben played against Canterbury in Nelson in his debut for CD, with the end result being the match was drawn. Ben has been working hard towards this goal for some time so it is great he has been able to achieve this. Playing cricket at this high level is a significant achievement Ben and we are right behind you...Piki Haere.



PTA Fundraiser

Next week our PTA will be sending home raffle tickets for the final fundraiser of the year. The annual PTA Xmas raffle is always really well supported and some lucky family gets to go home from prize-giving with a wheelbarrow full of food...perfect with Christmas coming up. Please keep an eye out for tickets next week.

Support Plant Conservation

Some of Year 5 & 6 students have helped make a calendar to help fund plant conservation at Te Mata Peak, if you would like to support this project and purchase a calendar for \$20 you can either pay at the school office or email your order to planthawkesbay@xtra.co.nz by **30th November**.



Social Media

We have a number of online platforms which are used for specific purposes. These are:

- School website - used to house important information for the community and those interested in learning more about Mahora School. Changes are not made regularly, only when required.
- Facebook - used to celebrate achievement through pictures and updates, i.e., sport events, EOTC, camps, etc. Posts are regular and show what's been happening.
- Seesaw - used to celebrate and share the learning journey with whānau and friends and communicate with parents of the class. Posts are regular and dependant on how the class uses it.
- SchoolApps (new) - used to update the community with school administrative information, i.e., newsletters, upcoming events, reminders, emergency information, sports draws, etc. Updates and notifications are as and when required.



Mahora School now has its very own app. As technology advances and evolves, so too does our thinking around what we use and how we use it. The Mahora School app will be used for schoolwide and group notices and notifications. As the user, you can select the 'groups' you'd like to receive notifications for. An example might be: Room 4 (child 1), Softball B, Room 12 (child 2), Rugby A. You will then receive notifications anytime a coach, teacher or administrative person sends a message under that groups heading. The school newsletter will also be available to view online and updated before 3pm every Friday. This will help us as we endeavour to use less paper.

We will still be using our school Facebook page and the class Seesaw pages. We are trying to streamline our online footprint so that each media type has its own purpose. The list above highlights the way each platform is intended to be used. As we transition with the introduction of SchoolApps, certain information may be shared across multiple platforms.

To download the app, go to the Google Play or Apple Store, search for SchoolAppsNZ by snApp mobile and download. Once downloaded, use the search function and type in Mahora School. There are a number of features available and we encourage you to use these in the best way that suits. Please subscribe to the alerts you wish to be notified with. It is best not to 'subscribe to all' as you will then receive notifications on everything, including those that your children may not be a part of. To do this simply open the app, click 'Alerts', then tick the alert groups that are relevant to you.

We appreciate and acknowledge any and all feedback about how we use our digital and online systems at Mahora School. A survey has been prepared with this in mind. We value your time in completing this for us - forms.gle/Qty6qhrCkaapaAyN48

Regards, The Digital Team and Mahora School. darrenr@mahora.school.nz, racheall@mahora.school.nz

Regards, Rohan

Week 6 – 18 th November	Week 7 – 25 th November	Week 8 – 2 nd December
Mon 18 th Nov – Raffle tickets for home for PTA Christmas Raffle	Mon 25 th – Road Patrollers Splash Planet Tues 26 th – HB Triathlon Fri 29 th – Interschool Athletics	Wed 4 th – PALs Thank you Amazing Race Wed 4 th – BOT Meeting @ 5.30pm Thurs 5 th – Marathon Madness Fri 6 th - 11.45am School Assembly – Black Caps presenting Fri 8 th – PTA Food Day – NO Fish and Chips or Shop Orders
Week 9 – 9 th December	Week 10 – 16 th December	Week 1 Term 1 2020 – 3 rd February
Mon 9 – Fri 13 th – Safe biking to Intermediates for Year 6's Thurs 12 th – Year 6's Pool Party Fri 13 th – Year 6 Market Day and PTA Christmas Raffle tickets due back	Mon 16 th Reports go home Mon 16 th – Year 6 Prizegiving @ Hastings Girls High School @ 6.00pm Thurs 19 th Last day of Term 4	Mon 3 rd – School starts for 2020 Thurs 6 th Waitangi Day – No School