

Welcome

This week we introduce Frankie Smith, Lincoln Snowdon, Charlie Lombard, Isla Povey, Hawaiki Cunningham and Charlet Topia-Figure and we welcome back Simon Du Plessis. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



Nau mai haere mai, Talofa Lava, welcome to everyone!

2020

Well it certainly is going to be a year to remember! Welcome back to you all, I hope the week has gone well for everyone. So in reality...

- We are only in the eighth full week of formal 'in school' learning for the year
- Distance learning is something that everyone is a lot more familiar and capable with
- Adults and children's 'work fitness' is on the increase
- At least a frost or two signals winter...not that it feels like it during the day!

I would like to start with acknowledging the huge effort from our entire community. The way everyone pitched in, coped with the demands and restrictions, contributed and supported others, tried new ways of learning and communicating, put in extra hours, donated time, money and help, and gave it their best shot which made a significant difference for all.

A big thanks to all parents who have followed our school guidelines re drop off and pick up this week. It has been so much easier with everyone doing the right thing, it is appreciated. Our current gate allocations, times etc **will continue next week and everything will stay the same until further notice**. Parents please continue to use the same gate and time and remain outside the school. Your children have got into some really good habits and it is working well. We will advise when changes will be made based on further Level 2 advice to us.

A few observations over the week –

- The drop off and pick up parking issues are non-existent. Well done parents!
- It is also really helping that parents are dropping at the gate and children are making their own way in. As parents I know we like to walk our children to their class, but the independence this is developing is fantastic to see...do consider keeping it up when we return to 'normal' times. For children who find leaving parents hard, it is working a lot better at the gate than in the classroom.
- Rubbish has vanished from our school...eating inside is working very well!

COVID-19 Reminders

It is **really important** that all parents in our school are using the **school app**. We always try and put the same post on Facebook as well but I know not everyone uses this platform. Please make sure you have the school app loaded to keep up to date with notices and information. This is particularly important in current times. A reminder how to access this app is below.

This year we are using our Mahora SchoolApp for sending out school administrative information to parents, i.e. newsletters, upcoming events reminders, emergency information, sports draws (sports draws will no longer be put on the school Facebook page) etc.



Information around how to access the App is on our Mahora School website under 'Social Media' and then 'Mahora online'. **It is really important that all whānau have the app.**

School Accounts

Early next week (Week 7) we will be sending home an account statement to all families. Some will be in credit due to sports refunds and some have amounts to pay. We do understand this has been a tough time due to Covid 19 so if you would like to discuss a payment plan, please touch base with us at school, we are more than happy to work with you.

A reminder that if your child needs uniform or stationery, just ring the ladies in the office and they will fit your child and add the amount to your account. It is noticeable on these frosty mornings that a number of children are coming to school with no polar fleece or sweatshirt. They really do need these now please.

Community Dental Services

Hawke's Bay DHB's community oral health services for tamariki have resumed under Alert Level 2 with dental hubs and mobile dental units open and operational from Monday 18 May. If your tamariki needs a routine dental check-up, or you have any dental concerns that may require an urgent appointment, please text our team on 027-273 6731 and we will be in touch to arrange a suitable time. Please be advised all tamariki will be verbally screened for COVID-19 and other minor illness prior to appointments, as per Dental Council of New Zealand guidelines.

Black Cap Capping Ceremony



A highlight in the year for every Year 6 student at Mahora is the first capping ceremony of the year. Unfortunately this has been delayed this year. We are very aware that our Y6's are keen to progress this and we will do this when guidelines allow this to happen. In the meantime...hang in there Y6's!

Regards, Rohan

Week 7 – 25 th May	Week 8 – 1 st June	Week 9 – 8 th June
	Mon 1st June – Queen's Birthday – No School Wed 3 rd June – BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm	
Week 10 – 15 th June	Week 11 – 22 nd June	Week 12 – 29 th June
	Wed 24 th June – BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm Fri 26 th June – Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation	Fri 3 rd July – End of Term 2