

Welcome

This week we introduce Cheyne Tahu, Livi Gillespie, Ereatana Heurea-Williams and Inaaya Elham. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



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

COVID-19

We continue to be guided by advice from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education in the best interests of our children and the wider community.

As a result, we have:

- Cancelled all assemblies and large group meetings until further notice.
- Following notification from sports bodies all Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Netball, Touch, Mini-ball and Canoe Polo have been cancelled or start dates delayed until further notice.

We have ensured that all toilets have soap and towels, all classrooms hand sanitiser and that all classes have spent time learning about safe hygiene practices. Our cleaning regime around the school is meeting all requirements and there is no suggestion at this stage that we will need to close the School.

We have asked that you ensure we have your up to date contacts and that you have downloaded the SchoolApp. I can't stress enough the **importance** of this. We are communicating schoolwide through Facebook and the app.

School is still an exciting place with teaching and learning continuing. Children are still able to run and stay fit through outdoor exercise and we encourage this in the absence of organised sport.

If your child is not sick, they should come to school. School is a safe place for them and supports a sense of normality. Our best protection remains hand washing, care with sneezing and staying away if sick or if you have contact with those who may have been exposed through international travel. This website has everything you need to know about COVID-19 - www.covid19.govt.nz

If you have any questions, please make contact.

New School Hats

This year we are introducing a black bucket hat which has the school logo on it. It's fine to carry on using the yellow hat as well but these will eventually be phased out. The cost of the new black hat is \$15.00.



Triathlon

Our Mahora School Triathlon was a great success on last Tuesday. It is so fantastic to see our tamariki taking on this challenge and nailing it! The atmosphere of encouragement and celebration was beautiful to be a part of. Thanks to all the whānau that could make it to support all our Mahora tamariki and especially to those wonderful helpers that guided and supported our kids all morning, it was amazing to hear the encouragement for all the children throughout the whole event. Check out the smiles across the finish line!



Congratulations to.... Teilyn Te Whaiti-Ioane

A few weeks ago a few kids from Mahora School took part in the Hip Hop International Regional Competition.

Teilyn took part in the junior division with her crew Legacy from Mafia Dance Family and placed 1st, qualifying them to take part in Nationals this April.

Teilyn was then given the Walsh Award for Dancer of the Year - this dancer emulates everything they strive for at Mafia Dance Family. The Walsh Award is presented to the dancer that upholds great strength and loyalty, this decision was unanimous. Piki Haere Teilyn!



Black Cap Capping Ceremony

A highlight in the year of every Year 6 student at Mahora is the first capping ceremony of the year.



This year, our first capping ceremony will be held on 6th April at 12 noon (this is a tentative date, if we are able to hold larger gatherings by then). We will aim to have this outside, so that all of our Tamariki and Kaiako can attend, but if it is wet, we will move in to the Room 20 (hall) with all of Team 3, Team 4 and siblings of our Year 6 students.

We know this is really a nerve-wracking time for some of our students, and that not all students will be able to receive their Black Cap at this stage of the year. We will talk to all students about how to respond if they are excited, nervous, disappointed for themselves or their friends and how we will support each other. We know that all of our students strive to use their Mahora Values consistently, and we will continue to support those who are still working towards this. Some may be feeling a bit cloudy/ rainy throughout the next couple of weeks – purely from nerves and excitement!



Mahora School PTA and AGM

**Thought about joining the PTA but haven't quite taken the step?
Are you a parent or guardian and want to be more involved with your Children's school?**

The PTA is a group of Whanau (family) of Mahora School that get together to enrich the school with our knowledge and know how to help create a better school environment for our tamariki (children). We help with events and fundraisers that all help our tamariki and teachers with support financially be it books, helping reduce prices on sports shirts, basketball hoops, kapa haka uniforms, money towards camp etc, the list goes on. Being part of a

group of not just Mums, but Dads and caregivers gives us all the opportunity to help build our community for the future of our tamariki. There's no full-time commitment, any time and help is always greatly appreciated!

When: 30th March
Where: Mahora School Staff Room
Time: 7pm

Mufti Day - Camp Fundraising

Superhero Mufti Day next Friday 27th March. Gold coin donation for Senior Camp in September at Lakes Ranch Camp. Come dressed as your favourite Superhero or hero. Let your imagination go wild!

Whanaungatanga Feedback

Thank you to those that have responded to our survey that was emailed out to parents last week. It is really beneficial to have feedback/feedforward as this was a new initiative, it was great to hear your perspective, and the value you found in it.

Assembly

Assembly last Friday the weather played it's part and we had fabulous sharing from Room 4 and 13. Check out those proud children who received their Value and Teddy Bear certificates!



Regards, Rohan

Week 8 – 23 rd March	Week 9 – 30 th March	Week 10 – 6 th April
Tues 24 th - Māori Games - Sport HB Yr 5 & 6 Fri 27 th – Mufti Day for Camp (fundraiser)	Mon 30 th – PTA/AGM meeting @ 7pm Tue 31 st - Māori Games - Sport HB Yr 5 & 6 Wed 1 st – BOT Meeting @ 6.00pm Thurs 2 nd - Gala Switch Sports Tournament Fri 3 rd – Black Cap Assembly @ 12 noon Fri 3 rd – PTA Food Day – NO Fish and Chips or Shop Orders	Thurs 9 th – Last Day of Term 1 Fri 10 th – Good Friday – No School
Week 1 Term 2 – 27 th April	Week 2 – 4 th May	Week 3 – 11 th May
Mon 27th – No School – Anzac Day observed Tues 28 th – Term2 starts Tues 28 th – Māori Games - Sport HB Yr 5 & 6		Tue 12 th – Whānau Emotional Wellbeing Evening @ 6-7.30pm Fri 15 th – Mufti Day – Camp fundraising
Week 4 - 18 th May	Week 5 - 25 th May	Week 6 – 1 st June
Mon 18 th – Chocolate selling begins Fri 22 nd – School Disco	Fri 29 th - PTA Food Day – NO Fish and Chips or Shop Orders	