

Welcome

This week we welcome and introduce Brayden Brightwell. We hope you have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



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

Digi Awards

On Thursday 19th November, some Mahora School students attended the 2020 Digi Awards at Iona College. The students made stop motion animation videos, that had to be less than a minute long and tell a story. They worked really hard on these projects over about 5 weeks and competed against other Hastings schools. Congratulations to all students who entered. It was a fantastic effort from everyone.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

3rd place for year 3/4 animation: Ella Sutton, Lily Ray, Manasvi Singh.

2nd place for year 3/4 animation: Anora Leleimalefaga, Kiana Tomoana.

1st place for 3/4 animation: Samuel Griffiths, Luke Donnolly, James Gordon, Wilbur Hintz.

2nd place for 5/6 animation: Makayla Evans, Jayme Godtschalk, Lucy Bristow-Smith.



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, skorts, 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.



Reporting and Piki Haere Hui

A huge thanks to all our families who were able to attend the Piki Haere Hui (aka School Interviews) this week. Thanks for making a start on the Piki Haere Doc that shares your child's academic achievement, progress, celebrations and next steps. We know it takes time to unpack change in systems and appreciate the way you have supported this. The verbal feedback from teachers from this week is really positive, which is great to hear. We do want to get some feedback and feed forward from you early next week. This will help us review where we have got to and consider any tweaks to the new system, before we start the full years system in 2021. Please expect an email next week with a link to a short survey for you to share your thoughts.

As a reminder, a usual reporting year system will look like the following:

Term 1	Weeks 2 - 4 - Existing whānau to complete or update entries on page 1, prior to Week 5 Hui. Week 5 - Piki Haere Hui - 15 mins each child. Piki Haere Doc created for new students, with page 1 completed at the Hui with whānau.
Term 2	Ongoing - parents/teachers to connect on an as needed basis. By week 10 - PaCT Mid-Year assessments loaded onto Piki Haere Doc (page 2), and Learning Celebrations (page 3) updated by the teacher. Term 2 holidays - whānau to complete entries on page 3, prior to Week 1 Hui.
Term 3	Ongoing - parents/teachers to connect on an as needed basis. Week 2 - Piki Haere Hui held to discuss Learning Celebrations and areas to work on (page 3). Mid-Year PaCT graphs shared.
Term 4	Ongoing - parents/teachers to connect on an as needed basis. Week 6 - Teachers to update Piki Haere Doc with Page 2 progress and achievement information. Parents to look at and update Page 3. Week 7 - Piki Haere Hui - 15 mins each child. To discuss end of year learning celebrations and page 2 progress and achievement. End of Year PaCT graphs shared.

End of Year 2020

Lost Property

We have lots of lost property which will be displayed under the shade sails (in the front of the school) at the end of each day during next week. Please have a look through if your child has lost any items of clothing. All unclaimed items will be on sold or donated at the end of the year.

Accounts

We all have bills...school included! **We need these paid before the end of the year please.** Our financial year runs from 1 Jan to 31 Dec, so really important these are settled. This is particularly important for parents of Y6 students.

BYOD (Bring your own Device)

We invite all families who have students in Years' 4 or 5 this year to come along to a Bring Your Own Device evening. We will share the benefits of your child having their own Chromebook to use, as well as a list of suggested devices. We are open to any and all questions around digital use at school. The date and time for this is **5.30pm on Thursday 3rd December in the school hall.**

Farewells

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Issie Campbell and John Willoughby will be leaving our school and community at the end of 2020. We have a short farewell assembly planned for these two staff on Friday 11th December at 9.30am in the school hall. As always, whanau are always welcome to join these assemblies.

Prizegiving - Our school Prizegiving is on **Monday 14th December** at 6pm.

Points to note include:

1. ALL Mahora children need to attend this event please. It is a school activity. While the main focus is on Y6's, every child will be a Y6 one day and this event is all about being connected and showing whanaungatanga and respect for our students leaving. Please make sure your child is in attendance.
2. All Mahora children, except Y6's, need to be in school uniform please.
3. Y6 children wear their smart clothes, as they are our school leavers and sit separately.
4. The Prizegiving is held at **Hastings Girls High School** in their hall. There is plenty of parking outside.
5. All children need to be delivered to the hall side door at the stage end (Pakowhai Road side) by 5.45pm please. Parents and whanau are asked to wait by the ramp area and you will be welcomed in by our tamariki. Can whanau of Y6's please be at the front of the group. We ask that pre-schoolers please remain with parents and do not sit with their brothers and sisters during the prizegiving.
6. We will be starting at 6pm so please be on time. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The last day of Term 4 is **Wednesday 16th December and school finishes at 12.00pm.**

Start of year 2021

Start of school year

Day 1 for the 2021 school year is **Wednesday 3rd February**. It is VERY important every child is here day 1 please.

School Donations

Our Board has remained in the Ministry of Education donation scheme. This means there is no donation asked for in 2021. Early next year, we will share what is covered and what is not covered by this.

Stationery

We are continuing with pre-packed stationery packs in 2021. All stationery for Mahora children must be purchased through our school office. We do not make any profit from the stationery, we simply pass the cost on. It makes it very simple to come in to school, pay and pick up a pack without having to work through a list in various shops. Pack costs in 2021 will be:

New Entrants (Junior Team)	- \$35 per child
Year 1 & 2 (Junior Team)	- \$30 per child
Year 3 & 4 (Middle Team)	- \$25 per child
Year 5 & 6 (Senior Team)	- \$20 per child

If you would like to pre-pay 2021 stationery now to save the cost at the start of the year, please call in to the office and do this. Your child's name will be recorded and they will be handed their new pack on day 1.

The school office will be open as below for purchases of stationery and uniform. We do need every Mahora child to have their stationery for day 1 of school. If we were employing a builder and he turned up on day 1 with no tools, we know there wouldn't be much building work achieved! The same applies to learning...please ensure your child has their learning tools to start the term on a positive note. Thanks for your support with this.

Office hours to start the term

Friday 29 th January	8am-4pm
Monday 1 st February	8am-6pm (is also Whanaungatanga Day)
Tuesday 2 nd February	8am-4pm

2020 Class Connection/ Whanaungatanga Day

On Monday 1st February, all classes will be open from **2pm to 6pm** for families to call in and visit with your child/children. The purpose of this time is for any of the following:

- To explore each child's new learning space for 2021

- To connect with 2021 teachers and staff
- For parents to ask any questions or share important information about their child
- To give our children the opportunity to reduce start of year worries and begin to make strong connections

We encourage you to make the most of this time and make those important connections. Effective learning involves us all working together, so we all need to be involved.

2021 Class Organisation – to date (Team Leader is underlined)

Junior Team	New Entrants Year 1 & 2	Room 1 & 2	Lisa Birrell & Kim King
		Room 11	Robyn Perry
		Room 12	Sacha Spurrier
		Room 13	<u>Penny McKinley</u>
		Room 14	To be confirmed
Middle Team	Year 3 & 4	Room 7 & 8	<u>Kate McKenzie</u> & Denise Haronga
		Room 9 & 10	Anna Harvey & Corey Greig
		Room 19	Brook Forman & Racheal London
Senior Team	Year 5 & 6	Room 3 & 4	<u>Tanya Greig</u> & Aleece Jones
		Room 5 & 6	Maddie Boaler & Darren Robinson
		Room 16 & 17	Tanya Calitz & Ben Stoyanoff

2021 Class Placement

I'm sure you can appreciate class placement is a huge job with many factors to be considered. Relationships are key in education and there is so much research and evidence to support this. With our composite classes (e.g. Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6) where your child is in the younger year group, the majority of these children will remain with one of their 2020 teachers. So in a Year 1 & 2 class, most Year 1's will remain with their 2020 teacher, as Year 2's. There are so many benefits to this with relationships already established, so learning can kick in straight away.

Obviously, if teachers move levels, there are staff changes, room movements or combinations that need changes, then there are changes made. We spend considerable time forming classes based on our professional knowledge, experience and understanding of our learners. Thank you for your support of this process. We are always happy to discuss placement decisions with whānau.

At this stage we plan to share 2021 class lists on the office windows by the end of the day on Thursday 10th December...all going to plan!

PTA events

PTA Disco

Friday 4th December - Mahora School Hall

Junior School (Year 0-3) 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Senior School (Year 4-6) 7.15pm – 8.30pm

Entry fee \$2.00 – includes free glow stick

Disco food and drink available

Lollies, Popcorn, Chocolates

Priced from 50c - \$2.00

Glow products available

Priced from \$1.00 - \$3.00

Mahora School PTA

Christmas
Raffle

\$2.00 per ticket – 2 prizes up for grabs
Raffle closes Friday 11th 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 School Prizegiving Monday 14th December – 6.00pm at HGHS
2020 Last school day Wednesday 16th December finishing at 12.00pm
2021 Class open day Monday 1st February 2021
2021 First day of school Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Ngā mihi, Rohan

Week 8 – 30th November	Week 9 – 7th December	Week 10 – 14 December
Mon 30 th – Road Patrollers to Splash Planet Mon 30 th – Year 3 & 4 EOTC Thurs 3 rd – Marathon Madness & PALS Amazing Race Fri 4 th – School Disco	Wed 9 th – Black Cap Day Out Wed 9 th Dec – BOT meeting Thurs 10 th – Team 4 Water Day Thurs 10 th – Team 1 and 2 EOY Celebration Cornwall Park Thurs 10 th – Black Cap Pool Party Fri 11 th – Pou Planting	Mon 14 th – School Prizegiving Wed 16 th – Last day of school – finishing at 12.00pm