

PTA Fundraiser

Our Christmas Raffle is going well, if you need more tickets to sell we have plenty available in the office. This 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.



Piki Haere Mr Crawford

Mr Crawford has made the decision to resign from his caretakers position at our school. We certainly appreciate all that Jack has done to contribute to our school and environment and wish him well for the future. Jack will be finishing in the role at the end of this year.

The position is currently advertised and closes on the **9th December**. If you know somebody who is multi-talented, is a fussy worker and would enjoy the busy demands of a school, encourage them to consider the position. Further details available by emailing kirstenw@mahora.school.nz

Congratulations

To Levi Slade who has been awarded a sporting scholarship to Hastings Intermediate for 2020. It's exciting to see Mahora students picking up scholarships each year. Thumbs up Levi - Piki Haere.



End of Year - it's starting to get close!

The next few newsletters will contain some important end of year information.

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 will be on sold or donated at the end of the year.

Reports - End of year reports will be sent home with pupils on Monday 16th December. Please take the time to sit down with your child/children and read through the report. It's a chance to celebrate the positive learning your child has achieved this year. If you have any queries about your child's report please contact their class teacher.

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.



Shop Day - 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 a charity of their choice. 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 the charity. Shop day is **Friday 13th December from 9.15-11.00am**.

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 tentative date for this is Tuesday 10th December, time to be confirmed.

Prize-giving - Our school Prize-giving is on **Monday 16th 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 Prize-Giving is held at **Hastings Girls High School** in their hall. There is plenty of parking outside the school.
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 prize-giving.
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 **Thursday 19th December** and **school finishes at 12.00**. All children need collecting at this time. The information for the start of the 2020 school year will be included in next week's newsletter.

Regards, Rohan

Week 8 – 2 nd December	Week 9 – 9 th December	Week 10 – 16 th December
Wed 4 th – PALs Thank you Amazing Race Wed 4 th – BOT Meeting @ 5.30pm Thurs 5 th – Marathon Madness Fri 6 th – 9.15am School Assembly – Black Caps presenting Fri 6 th – PTA Food Day – NO Fish and Chips or Shop Orders	Mon 9 – Fri 13 th – Safe biking to Intermediates for Year 6's Wed 11 th – Black Cap Outing Thurs 12 th – Year 6's Pool Party 3-4.30pm Fri 13 th – Year 6 Shop 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 – 12.00 finish
Week 1 Term 1 2020 – 3 rd February	Week 2 – 10 th February	Week 3 – 17 th February
Mon 3 rd – School starts for 2020 Thurs 6 th Waitangi Day – No School	Mon 10 th – PTA Meeting @ 7pm	Fri 21 st – PTA Food Day - NO Fish and Chips or Shop Orders