

## Welcome

This week we introduce Mia Seumanutafa, Lily Currie, Tommy Brodie and Ruqayyah Dean. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.



**Nau mai haere mai, Talofa Lava, Kamusta,  
Kia Orana, Sat Sri Akaal, Namaste, Welcome!**

## Covid 19

Many thanks to whānau for your wonderful support during the Learning @ Home. We do appreciate that it is difficult managing tamariki at home while working...well done everyone! The way you all followed our guidelines and helped support the teachers is very much appreciated! Ka mau te wehi - you are awesome!

With the information we have currently, it looks like we will be in Alert Level 2 for some time longer. This has a number of implications for us and will impact previous plans that have been made. While this is frustrating, I'm sure you understand the importance of following the guidelines we are all provided with.

As a reminder, the main impacts for you as parents are -

1. Parents are asked not to be on site to collect their children.
2. No children can be on site before 8.15am. Please do not drop and go before this time. This week it has been wet and children are standing in the rain, please avoid this.
3. The early pick up for Juniors will remain. We have seen a few parents starting to pick up later than we ask. It's critical everyone comes at the right time please. Juniors (and any older siblings) at 2.45pm, and Middles and Seniors at 3.00pm.
4. If you need to come on site for a particular reason (could be a meeting with a teacher or an office query) please ring the office and make a suitable time. Ideally, this needs to be outside of drop off and pick up times please.
5. If you do need to come on site you MUST sign in using the COVID app at the gate, wear a mask and use hand sanitiser.
6. Unfortunately, we can't have sporting, cultural events or assemblies with any parents in Level 2. We are able to hold events with the children on site. For that reason, we are going ahead with Cross Country but parents cannot attend this year while we are in Level 2.

Many thanks also to our wonderful staff. They worked very hard to ensure there were hard pack materials to keep kids busy, connected with the Learning @ Home, were bubble teachers in Level 3 and helped with whanau support. As a team, they are really supportive and this is appreciated.

## Staff Updates

There are a number of staff updates we have been unable to share due to the current time.

Some **VERY** exciting news is that Tessa is pregnant and is due to have their first baby in November. This is wonderful news and I'm sure you will agree she will be an amazing mum! A big congratulations to her and Gavin as they start their family. Tessa will take leave from early Term 4 through to the end of 2022.

Naturally, this will leave big shoes to fill...we have advertised this position and have appointed Mr. Matthew (Matt) Spring. Matt is an experienced school leader who has already started transition into our school and will continue to do so until Tessa leaves. It will be hard for whānau to connect with him until we move to Level 1, but we will introduce Matt in the future.

Unfortunately, Mrs Catherine Clarke from Room 19 has been unable to return following Learning @ Home due to personal reasons. This meant we had a vacancy in Room 19. A big thanks to Pip Renton and Denise Pearse who work part time in our school currently, for picking up this role as a job share for the remainder of 2021. Pip will work in Room 19 Monday - Wednesday and Denise on Thursday and Friday. Denise will also continue in her sport and music roles on the other days.



## Year 5/6 Camp

Unfortunately, one of the casualties of Covid 19 is we have had to cancel the annual senior camp. The Wellington accommodation cannot take us until Level 1 and the fundraising was restricted due to lockdown. Naturally, this is really disappointing but understandable. The senior team are currently researching some form of EOTC that can be held before the end of the year. More information will be shared with senior school parents once decisions have been made. If you have made camp payments, we ask that this remains at school until final decisions are made. If you would like to discuss this please contact Tanya Greig at school.

## Team Rotations

Currently in Level 2, we have different break times for our students in different teams. From Monday this will revert to the same break times for all as usual. We opted to re-introduce different break times at Level 2 for the last two weeks to ensure all children were back into good routines re sanitising and distancing. While this won't impact parents at all due to not being on site, we just wanted to let you know that this change is in line with Level 2 guidance. The 8.15am drop off and earlier finish for juniors still remains.

## Cross Country

This is always a wonderful event at Mahora and we know parents love it! Unfortunately as mentioned, parents will not be able to be on site this year. We will do our best to share lots of videos and photos with you. The information about the event will be shared on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September **via the school app**. Cross Country is scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September with P/P Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

It's **REALLY** important you have the school app to receive information like this. Don't know how to get the app? There are two solutions -

1. Go to our website, click on the social media tab. Instructions are listed there under Mahora online.
2. Download it from the app store.
3. Call the office and we can help.

## Sports and School Photos

Sports photos are set for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Notes have been sent home or via the school app about this. The following week on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, is all class and individual photos day. Make sure that your children come in clean and tidy school uniform etc. If you require a sibling form please collect from the school office. Full details about how to order are listed below. If we can help at all with this, please phone the office.

Reminder that this year we are again doing an online ordering system with Photolife. At the beginning of Term 4, you will receive your child's photo shoot keycode, you can use this unique code to view and order your child's photo at [www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz)



## Fundraising

There are a number of fundraising events currently on the go for the PTA and that have been open for the Senior Camp. We do appreciate your support but are also aware you can't do it all. Please do what you feel comfortable with.

With our Camp fundraisers, we will finish off the two we have open at the moment – with proceeds going towards the EOTC events that will be planned for the Seniors in Term 4. We have had the Firewood and Ta Moko Gumboot raffles running at \$5 per ticket. The Firewood Raffle will be drawn today (17<sup>th</sup> September) and the Ta Moko Gumboots will be drawn next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

We have also delayed the launch of a Hamper fundraiser, due to Covid, but we will be opening that on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, and that will be drawn on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. This hamper includes outdoor game hire, wine, Mitre Ten and Keirunga Garden train ride vouchers, as well as two handmade wheat packs. If you would like to sell tickets on our behalf at your workplace or to others, there are bundles of tickets that can be picked up at the office. All proceeds will go towards the EOTC activities. Tickets will be @2 each.

The events this term are listed below.

- Firewood Raffle (Camp/ EOTC) – drawn Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Ta Moko Gumboots Raffle (Camp/ EOTC) – drawn Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September
- Hamper Raffle (Camp/ EOTC) – drawn Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October
- PTA Cake and Shake Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – will only go ahead at **Level 1**

## K.A.S. Care Holiday Programme

K.A.S. Care's SPOOKTACULAR Holiday Programme is open for bookings for both Hastings & Havelock North Sites! Lots of crazy, spooky & hilarious fun to be had! For more information & an activities flyer go to [www.kascare.co.nz](http://www.kascare.co.nz) OSCAR Subsidies available!

### Piki Haere

#### Ngā mihi, the Mahora Team

Term 3 – Week 9	Term 3 – Week 10	Term 4 – Week 1
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Yr 1 – 4 Sports Photos Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> – Yr 5 – 6 Sports Photos Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> – Ta Moko Gumboots Raffle Draw – Camp/ EOTC	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> – School Photos – Class & Individuals Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting – 6:30pm Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct – PTA Cake and Shake Day ( <b>only if Level 1</b> ) Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> – Assembly (Rm 12 presenting) ( <b>only if Level 1</b> ) Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct - Hamper Raffle Draw – Camp/ EOTC Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> – Last day of Term 3	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Day one of Term 4 Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Hawke's Bay Anniversary Day (No School)