

Kia ora Mahora whānau,

This newsletter is more about an information update for you rather than the normal school newsletter. It contains important information and guidelines for 2022. Please work through this and contact the school office if you have any questions.

School Organisation 2022

We have some new staff joining our team in 2022 which is exciting. We welcome Judy West who is relocating from Christchurch, Louise Strickland who has been teaching at Irongate School and we welcome back Tamla Smith who will be taking over as Learning Support Coordinator with Dee retiring. We also welcome back Kim King from maternity leave. We will share and thank leaving staff in next week's newsletter. We certainly look forward to the fabulous contribution these new staff will bring.

We do have some exciting developments around team names, house names, class names and further progress of our local Mahora curriculum. We will share this with you early in 2022 in detail, but in the interim you may notice some new names appearing below.

Group	Location	Staff
Junior Team – Kākano Team Year 0, 1, & 2 Team Leader – Penny McKinley	Room 1	Lisa Birrell
	Room 3	Nell Harbers
	Room 4	Robyn Perry
	Room 19 & 20	Penny McKinley & Kim King
	Support Staff	Charlotta Ayto, Jill Reiter, Megan Costello and Raven Cuthberston-King
	Release Teachers	Ange Walker and Jo Makinson
Middle Team – Māhuri Team Year 3 & 4 Team Leader – Kate McKenzie	Room 7 & 8	Kate McKenzie & Racheal London
	Room 9 & 10	Maddie Boaler & Judy West
	Room 11	Denise Haronga
	Support Staff	Mel Manson, Jo Donnelly and Raven Cuthbertson-King
	Release Teachers	Courtney Simons and Nicky Dawson
Senior Team – Whanake Team Year 5 & 6 Team Leader – Tanya Greig	Room 12	Ben Stoyanoff
	Room 13	Tanya Greig & Aleece Jones
	Room 5 & 6	Anna Harvey & Darren Robinson
	Room 16 & 17	Louise Strickland and Corey Greig
	Support Staff	Wendy Reisima, Tash Fillipo and Raven Cuthbertson-King
	Release Teachers	Aleece Jones & Pip Renton

Group	Role	Staff
School Leadership Team	Principal	Rohan Pearse
	Deputy Principal	Matt Spring
	Assistant Principal	Tanya Greig
	LSC (Learning Support Coordinator)	Tamla Smith
Support Staff	Office Manager	Kirsten Weir
	Office Administrator	Chanelle Deslandes
	Caretaker	Marty Curran
Additional Staff	Sports, Music and Learning Support	Denise Pearse
	Public Health Nurse	Vaevae Tuahine
	RTLB Liaison	Sarah Simpson
	School Social Worker	To be appointed
Board of Trustees	Parent Representatives	Matthew Witheford (Presiding member)
		Eloise MacLeod
		Tanya Douglas
		Fran Bayley
		Rebecca Burn
		Jon Marks

2022 Class Placement

I'm sure you can appreciate class placement is a huge job with many factors to be considered. Due to Covid AL2 and whānau not being on site, we won't be posting class lists on the office windows. Tomorrow all families will get an email that will give you your child's class and teacher/s for 2022. We ask that you sit down with your child/ren and discuss this with them. It can be a time of worry for some children, especially with moving into new teams or levels. Please discuss all the wonderful opportunities a new year brings.

2021 Prize-giving

We are currently finalising details about the live streaming of our 2021 prize-giving. Specific details will be shared with Year 5 & 6 parents via email as soon as it is complete. We will flick an app notice to advise when the email is being sent out with the link. A reminder about details for this year's prize-giving from last week's newsletter are below:

1. Prize-giving is on Monday 13th December at 6.00pm.
2. Unfortunately, as previously stated, parents and whānau will not be able to attend this year. We know this is incredibly hard and feel your frustration as well...it's not how we work and you know this. However, we are responsible for keeping everyone safe and we need to do that in 2021.
3. ALL Year 5 and 6 Mahora children need to attend this event please. It is a school activity. While the main focus is on Y6's, our Y5's will be playing a very important part in this year's event, so we need each of them there please.
4. All Year 5's, need to be in school uniform please. Year 6 children wear their smart clothes, as they are our school leavers and will sit separately.
5. The Prizegiving is held in our school hall. Year 5 & 6 children will need to be dropped and collected from the front gates only. A staff member will be there to meet them. Children need to be here no later than 5.45pm please.

Office hours to start the term – please refer to CPF guidelines in this newsletter

Wednesday 26 th January	8am-4pm
Thursday 27 th January	Closed
Friday 28 th January	8am-2pm
Monday 31 st January	8am-6pm (is also Whanaungatanga Day)

Stationery - please refer to CPF guidelines in this newsletter

We are continuing with pre-packed stationery packs in 2022. 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. Pack costs in 2022 will be:

New Entrants (Junior Team)	- \$30 per child
Year 1 & 2 (Junior Team)	- \$25 per child
Year 3 & 4 (Middle Team)	- \$20 per child
Year 5 & 6 (Senior Team)	- \$15 per child

If you would like to pre-pay 2022 stationery now to save the cost next year, you can pay into the school bank account using your child's name and 'stationery' as a reference, or if you have a credit on your school account please let Kirsten know by emailing her on kirstenw@mahora.school.nz Your child's name will be recorded and they will be handed their new pack on day 1.

Class Connection/ Whanaungatanga Day – please refer to CPF guidelines in this newsletter

On Monday 31st January, all classes will be open from **1.00pm – 6.00pm** for families to call in and visit with your child/children. The purpose of this important time is for any of the following:

- To explore each child's new learning space for 2022
- To connect with 2022 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

Final Day 2021

A reminder that the last day for children at school this year is Thursday 16th December and **school finishes at 12.00**. Please ensure children are collected at this time. There will be one final newsletter early next week.



Covid 19 - Update for 2022 as at December 2021. INFORMATION FOR WHĀNAU

The following information outlines how Mahora School will operate under the new **CPF**. This stands for **Covid Protection Framework** and is the traffic light system that will be in place for schools from 1 January 2022. All school employees will be fully vaccinated by this date.

This information is all based on the **ORANGE** setting for the CPF. If our region changes colour settings, we will share the relevant information for the new colour with you.

The guidelines that this information is based on has been provided by the Ministry of Education. Our Board of Trustees have reviewed this carefully and made their decisions based on the guidelines. At all times, our priority is to ensure the safety of our children, our staff and our community.

The main summary guidelines of **ORANGE** setting for schools are -

1. **Face coverings.** The Board discussed this at length. The final decision was based on the Ministry of Education advice. When visitors and parents are coming on the school site, masks are **strongly recommended** and preferred. Face coverings are encouraged but not required indoors at school by children or teachers.
2. Children with complex medical needs are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with us to develop a plan to support these needs.
3. Staff are able to work across classes etc.
4. Curriculum related activities - large activities with students, if they go ahead should take place in well ventilated areas or outdoors.
5. Non-curriculum related events may only go ahead if a vaccination certificate (My Vaccine Pass) is provided. If these events bring others on site, including parents, general gathering rules will apply, so without a My Vaccine Pass there is a maximum of 50 (including the students).

Number 4 and 5 above are the critical points that will impact what we can and cannot do at Mahora School and will be dependent on your vaccination status.

We will continue to update you around activity and event status and any additional measures we might take to ensure your children are kept safe. The Board reserves the right to make changes to these decisions based on up to date advice and our health and safety assessment of each situation/ activity.

The main activities and events to start the year are listed below. Where it states '*can attend if my vaccine pass requirements are met*' this means you **must** have a current vaccination pass to be at the event. A Covid Vaccination Certificate (CVC) is either digitally stored on your phone or printed as a paper copy.

Event or Activity	Mahora School requirements
Anytime you are coming on to school grounds	Adults are strongly recommended to wear a mask, must sanitise at the gate and must use the covid app on entry. If you come to school outside the drop off/ collection times (8.15-9.00am and 2.40-3pm) you need to sign in at the office first.
Dropping children to school and bringing them in the school gate	Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status. Children need to be dropped <u>outside</u> the classroom. Please remember to socially distance from other whānau.
Collecting children from school and collecting from the class	Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status. Children need to be collected from <u>outside</u> the classroom. Please remember to socially distance.
Meeting with my child's teacher/s as and when needed	Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status. Ideally book a time with your teacher to ensure a suitable space can be used. If children are in the classroom it will need to be in another space.
Office entry for general queries Collect a sick child Collect a child for an appointment	Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status. As current practice, visit the office first and they will call your child over for collection. Please follow all signage requirements.
Start of year stationery and uniform purchases	<p>Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status. In 2022 the main selling day will be Monday 31st January during class Whanaungatanga time as majority of whānau will be on site. This will operate out of the school hall to create as much space as possible.</p> <p>If not purchased on Monday 31st January we ask that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come before school starts (dates advertised on stationery newsletter) • Covid app in on entry • Wear a mask • Sanitise at the station • Follow all signage directions, and • Keep group sizes as small as possible
Whanaungatanga day (meet 2022 Teacher & Class) - held Monday 31st January 1-6pm.	<p>Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status. This event spans from 1-6pm. There will be a limit on the number of people in each class space, for the health & safety of all, please don't be offended if you are asked to just wait for there to be enough space.</p> <p>This is a really important connection time for us with all whānau <u>and</u> we want to see you and your child/ren.</p>
Parent - teacher- child interviews/ hui	Whānau can attend regardless of vaccination status, as can your children. Suitable distancing is recommended. These hui need to be held when the class is not in operation. Further information will come next year closer to the time.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powhiri • Assembly- school/ Learning community • Ukulele Club, musical groups etc • School events like triathlon, swimming sports, athletic sports, cross country • School sport coaching • Inter School sports • Performances • Camp or class trip • Volunteer help with the class or a group at school 	<p>Can proceed. Whānau can attend with COVID pass requirements (vaccine passport) are met. This means you must have a current vaccination pass.</p> <p>We will let you know in advance if there are any additional special requirements for a specific event.</p>
<p>Transition to school visits</p>	<p>Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status to deliver or collect their child.</p> <p>Adults are strongly recommended to wear a mask, must sanitise at the gate and must use the covid app on entry.</p> <p>Visiting whānau need to follow instructions and visit the office first. Children need to be dropped <u>outside</u> the classroom. To be in the class with your child/ other children you need to show your My Vaccine Pass.</p>
<p>Another member of your whānau or a friends needs to collect your child from school</p>	<p>Refer to the pick up and drop off advice above.</p> <p>Whānau can be onsite regardless of vaccination status. As current practice, visit the office first and they will call your child over for collection. Please follow all signage requirements.</p>

Please contact us should you have any questions about this information. This applies at Mahora School from 1 January 2022.

Piki Haere
Rohan and the Mahora Team