

## **PTA Fundraiser**

Just over a week to go for the PTA Christmas Raffle, 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.



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

**Reports** - End of year reports will be sent home with pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December from 9.15-11.00am.**

## **BYOD (Bring your own Device) – Updated info - Tuesday 10 December, 6pm-7pm in the Hall (Takitini)**

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. Warehouse Stationery will be there to showcase some device options as well as special pricing. All questions are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Prize-giving** - Our school Prize-giving is on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> December and school finishes at 12.00.** All children need collecting at this time.

## 2020 Start of year information

**Start of school year** – Day 1 for the 2020 school year is **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. There will be more information next week but being here on day 1 is very important.

**School Donations** – Our Board of Trustees has elected to sign into the new donation scheme being offered by the Ministry of Education to schools in 2020. This will mean there is no voluntary donation asked for in 2020 and the scheme will cover many activities that have been previously charged for. Early next year we will share how this will work and what will be covered and what won't be covered while we trial this new scheme.

**2019 Stationery** - We are continuing with pre-packed stationery packs in 2020. 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 2020 will be –

New Entrant (Team 1) - \$35 per child  
Team 2, 3 & 4 - \$25 per child.

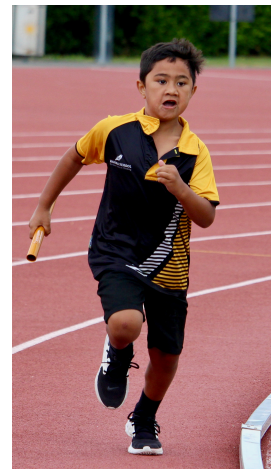
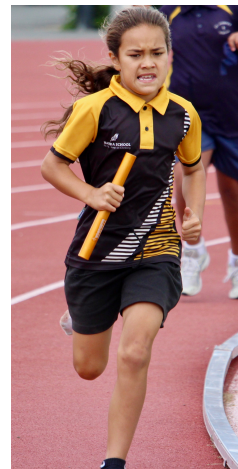
If you would like to pre-pay 2020 stationery now to save the cost at the start of the year, please call in to the office and do this. Your child's name will be recorded and they will be handed their new pack on day 1.

The school office will be open from **Tuesday 28th Jan from 8am-4pm** each day prior to school starting 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.

## Marathon Madness

Our Running Club kids who train with coach Mike each week at school, took part in the Marathon Madness event yesterday. This event challenges each team to run a full marathon, 105 laps of the Sportspark track as a relay. The effort and determination from our runners as well as the support from our older students towards our younger students was outstanding, he tamariki mahi nui! Check out the determined facial expressions! More great pics on our Facebook page.

We are so grateful to Mike, our running coach who continues to give his time voluntarily to help our tamariki build their fitness and love of running. Special CONGRATULATIONS to Jayme Godtschalk and Taimana Ehu-Thompson who were recognised for their effort and commitment to Running Club all year.



## Regards, Rohan

| Week 9 – 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | Week 10 – 16 <sup>th</sup> December  | Week 1 Term 1 2020 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  |
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| Mon 9 – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> – Safe biking to Intermediates for Year 6's<br>Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> – Black Cap Outing<br>Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6's Pool Party 3-4.30pm<br>Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Shop Day and PTA Christmas Raffle tickets due back | Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Reports go home<br>Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Prizegiving @ Hastings Girls High School @ 6.00pm<br>Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 4 – <b>12.00 finish</b> | Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – School starts for 2020<br>Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Waitangi Day – No School |
| Week 2 – 10 <sup>th</sup> February   | Week 3 – 17 <sup>th</sup> February   | Week 4 – 24 <sup>th</sup> February   |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting @ 7pm   | Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> – PTA Food Day - <b>NO Fish and Chips or Shop Orders</b>  |  |