

Welcome

This week we introduce Tejas, Zyla Wirihana, Regan Genet, Esmé Ussher, Fearné Scott, Darlene Hepi and Zofia Webster. 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 to everyone!**

Mahora School PTA

Our wonderful PTA Committee held their first meeting recently. They are really keen for more support, so if you are new to our school, this is great way to make connections to other parents and get involved in your child's school. Things to be aware of ahead include –

1. The PTA's main focus currently is development of the outside area beside our New Entrant classes being Rooms 1 - 4. The committee have been saving hard for this but need your support. Liam will be starting work in this area soon. Before the end of the term, we will share the plan for the project on Facebook and also a list of items that would help with reducing our costs. If you can, or you know someone that might be able to help us out with some of the items please let us know. I'm sure there are people who are willing to donate railway sleepers or their time to help with concrete edging etc. The full list will be out soon.
2. On the last day of term, the PTA is trialling a new fundraiser that we hope you will support as a treat for your children. With lunches now being provided and that main fundraising income not available, the PTA would like to trial morning teas being provided as a treat for you to purchase for your children...along the lines of 'cake and shake'! There will be an order system and more details will be sent to all families next week. Thanks in advance for your support of this fundraising committee, their hard work benefits all Mahora children.
3. Save the date...21st May – first PTA disco...

Farewell

Today is Kim King's last day at Mahora this year before going on Parental Leave for the remainder of 2021. Kim, we wish you well with the birth of your special baby and look forward to seeing you back soon with your bundle of joy. Many thanks for all your efforts with our school and tamariki. Piki Haere.



Easter and other reminders

There has been some confusion in school communities about Easter Tuesday. The school app post yesterday contained the following. **PLEASE make sure you have the school app**, as this is where all the information like this is communicated. Not sure how to get it? Call in and we can help you.

1. **School is closed on Friday 2nd April, Monday 5th April and Tuesday 6th April.** The reason for this is Friday is Good Friday, Monday is Easter Monday and Tuesday is Easter Tuesday which has been a school holiday since 1954. When schools operated a 3 term year, Easter we deemed a mid term break and it has remained ever since. The time of Easter varies each year and normally the Easter break is during the school holiday time. This year that is not the case due to when Easter is.
2. Assembly for next week has been pushed back a week to the final day of term being Friday 16th April. Room 5 will be leading this.
3. Term 2 Staff Only Day notice – as you know all schools have a series of staff only days to use for further development and training opportunities for staff. These days mean the school is closed. The Board confirmed the Term 2 date at the meeting last night as being **Friday 4th June**. As usual this is halfway through the term and is the suggested date for our Kāhui (Community of schools) local schools. Monday 7th June is Queen’s Birthday, so there is an opportunity for a longer weekend for families able to do this.

Black Cap Assembly

A highlight in the year of every Year 6 student at Mahora is the first capping ceremony of the year. This year, our first capping ceremony will be held on Monday 12th April at 12 noon in the hall.



We know this is really a nerve-wracking time for some of our students, and that not all students will be able to receive their Black Cap at this stage of the year. We will talk to all students about how to respond if they are excited, nervous, disappointed for themselves or their friends and how we will support each other. We know that all of our students strive to use their Mahora Values consistently, and we will continue to support those who are still working towards this.

Mahora tamariki having sheer fun!

They say a picture paints a thousand words...I know these have been on Facebook, but we just have to share a few from the recent Tough Kid event...there are so many! Awesome shots Ari and Aurora!



Have a wonderful Easter with your family.

Piki Haere

Regards, Rohan

Week 9 – 29 th March	Week 10 – 5 th April	Week 11 – 12 th April
Fri 2 nd – GOOD FRIDAY - No School	Mon 5 th – EASTER MONDAY - No School Tues 6 th – EASTER TUESDAY - No School	Fri 16 th – Assembly @ 9.15am – Room 5 presenting Fri 16 th – Last day of Term 1