

Welcome

This week we introduce Tairongo Puna-Adams and welcome back Keyanah and Calei Toso. We hope you all have enjoyed your start at Mahora School.

**Nau mai haere mai, Talofa Lava,
welcome to you all!**



School Lunches Programme

As many of you will know, we have been invited to be part of the lunches in schools programme. The successful tenders have been provided to us just this week (this is managed by the Ministry of Education). From here we need to review and meet with various providers before finalising our contract. There may not be enough time to complete this for the start of Term 4. Until you hear more from us...please continue to send kai with your children. Please don't assume it will start on Day 1 of Term 4. We will advise the start date and more details once it is known.

COVID Level 1

I'm sure many of you are as keen as we are to move to Level 1...hopefully next week. If this happens at midnight on Monday 21st September, there will be some slight changes from Tuesday 22nd. Children will still be met at the gate, but as before, parents are able to come inside. Parents please ensure you are using the QR code to sign in. Level 1 becomes a balance of maintaining the wonderful independence your children have developed so well in regards to coming into school, and parents coming in with them. At Level 2 last time we suggested Mon - Thurs to continue that independence and maybe make Friday your connect/ come in day. There are no hard and fast rules around this so please make it work for your whānau. Given it will be the end of Term 3 next week, it might be a chance to call in and connect with your child's teacher/s if there is something you would like to discuss face to face. Please feel free to do this. Many thanks to all parents for all their support of our Covid guidelines over this time.

They do say things go in cycles...in October it will be 102 years since New Zealand went through something similar. The team at Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank this month has shared one of our school photos that shows how the community back in late 1918 tried to deal with a virus that ended up taking 9000 New Zealand lives in just a few months. According to nzhistory.govt.nz, there are similarities in reaction to the two pandemics. In 1918 many public facilities were also closed and gatherings postponed. The photo shows preparations underway at Mahora School in Hastings, using a spray unit supplied by orchardist Mr Robertson (at right with horse) to fumigate the school.



Reporting

We hope you received the newsletter last week about the timeline for our reporting information that will be shared. If not, please contact your child's teacher and we can get another one to you. The letter also contained information about email addresses, and being able to access a Google Doc, which is what we will be sharing with you shortly. Please ensure we have a current email address for you – and contact Chanelle in the office (chanelled@mahora.school.nz) if you need to update any details.

This week we have the first of our reporting videos that has been shared on our school website. This QR code will link you to the page that contains reporting information. Alternatively, if you go to www.mahora.school.nz, click on the general information tab, you will find the reporting one. On this page, we will add links to upcoming videos that will share information about different aspects of the report.



New dates

We have made a change to our scheduled Teacher Only Day in Term 4. We will be having a normal school day on **Friday 20th November**, and will now have our Teacher Only Day the following week on **Wednesday 25th November**. This will be used as a time for staff to meet with whānau as part of the development of our Piki Haere Docs.

Our 2021 start date for students has recently been approved by the Board of Trustees and will be **Wednesday 3rd February**, with Term 1 finishing on Friday 16th April.

Our Board of Trustees



For those whānau who are new to Mahora, we would like to introduce our current Board of Trustees (L to R): Jon Marks, Eloise MacLeod, Fran Bayley, Rebecca Burn (Chairperson), Tanya Douglas, Matthew Witheford and Rohan. Tessa Beaver is our Staff Rep. This group of people work incredibly hard for our kura and tamariki, and we are very thankful for their time and expertise.

PTA

This fabulous raffle closes next week on Friday 25th September, so get your tickets in and support our wonderful PTA.

<p style="text-align: center;">PTA Mid year Raffle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 GREAT PRIZES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fun for the kids Fun to eat Fun for the house</p>	
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Ngā mihi, Rohan

Week 10 – 21 st September	Week 1 Term 4 – 12 th October	Week 2 – 19 th October
Thurs 24 th – School Assembly (provided we are in Level 1) – 9:15am start Fri 25 th – Last day of Term 3	Mon 12 th – Term 4 starts	Tues 20 th – Road Patrol training for 2021 Wed 21 st – Road Patrol training for 2021 Wed 21 st – Year 5 & 6 Sports Photos Fri 23 rd – Hawke's Bay Anniversary – No School
Week 3 – 26 th October	Week 4 – 2 nd November	Week 5 – 9 th November
Mon 26 th – Labour Day – No School Tues 27 th - Fri 30 th – Yr 5 & 6 @ Lakes Ranch Camp Tues 27 th - Fri 30 th – Year 1 - 4. Life Education visit Tues 27 th – Sports Photos for Year 1-4	Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th – Year 1 - 4. Life Education visit Wed 4 th – BOT meeting	Fri 13 th – PTA Food Day