

Farewell

It was a special assembly this morning to farewell three amazing staff. Since the last newsletter, Mrs Jane Hill has been appointed as the Resource Teacher of Literacy for Hastings and Havelock North schools. Literacy is a huge passion for Jane and she will be wonderful in this new role. We are very sad to see her leave Mahora after 25 years! However, we know that she will be able to share her skill, knowledge and expertise with other schools now and this will benefit many tamariki. We thank Jane for her huge contribution to our school and community and wish her well. As mentioned earlier we also say Piki Haere and farewell to Issie Campbell and John Willoughby.



End of Year 2020

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.

Prizegiving - Our school Prizegiving is on **Monday 14th 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 Prizegiving is held at **Hastings Girls High School** in their hall. There is plenty of parking outside.
5. All children need to be delivered to the hall side door at the stage end (Pākowhai Road side) by 5.45pm please. Parents and whānau **will be welcome to come in the main entry up the ramp (different from previous years)** from 5:45pm. There will be a special area of the seats that will be reserved for our Year 6 whānau so please leave these for them. We ask that pre-schoolers please remain with parents and do not sit with their brothers and sisters during the prizegiving.
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 **Wednesday 16th December and school finishes at 12.00pm.**

Start of year 2021

Uniform 2021

A reminder that the end of the 2020 school year is the end of our window of time for our old school uniform items. We have now had our new polo shirts and new logo polar fleeces for two years, so it is time to phase out our yellow and old items. The items that will no longer be a part of our school uniform include the yellow sweatshirt, the yellow polo shirts and the yellow checked dresses for girls. The exception to the old items will be that the polar fleeces with the old logo will still be able to remain, as the design of these are the same as current, as well as the yellow hats for another year! We have had some assembly practises over the past week, and it has been amazing to see the majority of our kids wearing the black and yellow polo shirts with pride!

Thanks for all your continued support with helping your children to follow our uniform rules with black items (shorts, skorts, skirts etc) and with no extra jewellery, apart from a watch, taonga and stud earrings. Please ensure your children are in correct uniform for the start of the 2021 school year.

Start of school year

Day 1 for the 2021 school year is **Wednesday 3rd February**. It is VERY important every child is here day 1 please.

School Donations

Our Board has remained in the Ministry of Education donation scheme. This means there is no donation asked for in 2021. Early next year, we will share what is covered and what is not covered by this.

Stationery

We are continuing with pre-packed stationery packs in 2021. 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 2021 will be:

New Entrants (Junior Team)	- \$35 per child
Year 1 & 2 (Junior Team)	- \$30 per child
Year 3 & 4 (Middle Team)	- \$25 per child
Year 5 & 6 (Senior Team)	- \$20 per child

If you would like to pre-pay 2021 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 as below 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.

Office hours to start the term

Friday 29 th January	8am-4pm
Monday 1 st February	8am-6pm (is also Whanaungatanga Day)
Tuesday 2 nd February	8am-4pm

2020 Class Connection/ Whanaungatanga Day

On Monday 1st February, all classes will be open from **2pm to 6pm** for families to call in and visit with your child/children. The purpose of this time is for any of the following:

- To explore each child's new learning space for 2021
- To connect with 2021 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

We encourage you to make the most of this time and make those important connections. Effective learning involves us all working together, so we all need to be involved.

2021 Class Organisation – to date (Team Leader is underlined)

Junior Team	New Entrants Year 1 & 2	Room 1 & 2	Lisa Birrell & Kim King
		Room 11	Robyn Perry
		Room 12	Sacha Spurrier
		Room 13	<u>Penny McKinley</u>
		Room 14	Nell Harbers
Middle Team	Year 3 & 4	Room 7 & 8	<u>Kate McKenzie</u> & Denise Haronga
		Room 9 & 10	Anna Harvey & Corey Greig
		Room 19	Brook Forman & Racheal London
Senior Team	Year 5 & 6	Room 3 & 4	<u>Tanya Greig</u> & Aleece Jones
		Room 5 & 6	Maddie Boaler & Darren Robinson
		Room 16 & 17	Tanya Calitz & Ben Stoyanoff

E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective

To our school community and everyone that works here, volunteers, cares, contributes, helps or just supports in so many ways...there is no doubt that this has been the hardest year our nation has had to face. It has impacted widely and I know everyone has felt this. COVID 19 has been, and continues to be a huge challenge for us all. My thanks to you all for caring about tamariki and whānau and the unlimited energy that has been needed. It is APPRECIATED.

To our staff – You have done a phenomenal job in unprecedented times...thank you for the effort, the passion and the desire to do your very best right through 2020. Enjoy the time ahead with your own whānau.

To our community – I wish you all a wonderful festive season ahead and hope you all get some special time with your whānau. This time of year is all about the most special people in our lives...our family.

Ngā mihi, Rohan



2021 Weetbix TRYathlon

This information sheet is to let you know about an AWESOME opportunity early in Term 1, 2021.

The Weetbix TRYathlon event is open to everyone aged between 6 and 15 years old and it is a FANTASTIC event that's held in Hastings at Frimley Park and Mitre 10 Sportspark.

Entry options include a *Splash and Dash* for the 6 year olds (no cycle) and either a *Junior Individual TRYathlon* or a *team TRYathlon* which consists of a swim, followed by a cycle and a run, for the older kids. If the children enter as an individual, they complete all three legs of the event or if they enter as a team, they pair up with a friend to form a team of two. As a team, one team member will be the swimmer and the other the cyclist. Both participants will complete the run section together. Children would be welcome to borrow a school bike for this event.

The 2021 Weetbix TRYathlon will be held on
Tuesday 16th February.

How to Register

Go to the following website to register try.weetbix.co.nz

There is also a lot of information aside from the registration, including training for the event, pre event checklists, Tryathlon merchandise for sale and race day tips on the website, so please check it out.

I have created a Mahora School group for this event so Whānau can register at home over the Summer break and pay directly to the Weetbix Tryathlon. If you register your child before the **Tuesday 26th January**, the Early Bird price of \$45.00 will apply. After that there will be a school group discount but it won't be as good a price as the early bird rate.

If your entry is completed before **Tuesday 26th January** your registration pack will be delivered to your home address for a cost. I think last year, it was a cheaper option to ask for your child's pack to be delivered to school. If registrations are after that date, race packs will need to be picked up either the day before or on the morning of race day. When you register online, it will ask you to select your child's school. Please do this as it enters Mahora into the draw for some great prizes.

EVENT DISTANCES			
INDIVIDUAL			
Age Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
6 years:	50m	-	1.5km
7 years:	50m	4km	1.5km
8-10 years	100m	4km	1.5km
11-15 years	200m	8km	1.5km
TEAMS			
Age Group	Swim	Cycle	Run
Junior Team of Two (7 years):	50m	4km	1.5km
Junior Team of Two (8-10 years):	100m	4km	1.5km
Senior Team of Two (11-15 years):	200m	8km	1.5km

EVENT PRICING	EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT <small>(ends Tuesday 26th Jan, 2021 at midnight)</small>	ONLINE DISCOUNT <small>(ends midnight Thurs 11th Feb, 2021)</small>	ON THE DAY <small>(available on the day of the event)</small>
INDIVIDUAL TRY ENTRY <small>(7-15 Year Olds)</small>	\$45	\$50	\$60
TEAM TRY ENTRY <small>Cost per KID (7-15 Year Olds)</small>	\$45	\$50	\$60
SPLASH & DASH ENTRY <small>(6 Year Olds)</small>	\$40	\$45	\$55

All prices inc. GST

The Weetbix TRYathlon team have made it clear that refund options will be available in the unfortunate situation that we are unable to operate the normal TRYathlon event.

ENTRY FEES INCLUDE

- Official Bib Number.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Pack with miscellaneous offers and giveaways from our partners.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon T-Shirt.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Swim Cap.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Drawstring Bag.
- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Finishers medal.
- Complimentary Breakfast at the Weet-Bix Better Brekkie Breakfast tent.
- All TRYathletes are eligible for spot prizes (must attend prize giving).

You don't need to let me know that your child is registered. As long as you select Mahora as your school group, I will get emailed a list of which Mahora tamariki are attending the event.

I have created a Sports group, 'Weetbix TRYathlon' on the Mahora School App. If you register your child to take part in the TRYathlon, please also join the App group as this is how I'll communicate information and our organisation for the day. If you have any trouble with the registration or any queries, you're welcome to flick me a text or give me a call.



Entry into the 2021 Weetbix TRYathlon could be an awesome Christmas present and fantastic motivation for training over the Summer holidays.

Also a great preparation for our Mahora School Triathlon, held later in Term 1.

KEY DATES

- **Early Bird Discount Closes:** midnight on Tuesday 26 January 2021
- **Online Entry Closes:** midnight on Thursday 11th February 2021
- Entries received by Tuesday 26 January will get the option to get their TRYathlete Pack delivered at a cost.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions.

Denise Pearse Email: denisep@mahora.school.nz Cell: 0274 789546

A couple of pics of the Mahora team at the 2020 Weetbix TRYathlon

