

Congratulations

To Nate Solomon who has been awarded a Principal's scholarship to Hereworth School for 2020. It's exciting to see Mahora students picking up scholarships each year.

Thumbs up Nate – Piki Haere.

Staffing update

We farewell several staff this year and wish them well with their new adventures. We thank them for their commitment and efforts with our tamariki and community. Piki Haere to you all.



- Kylie Ngataki has won a position at Camberley School. She is very much looking forward to further developing her knowledge and teaching through Te Ao Māori.
- Kath Gundersen's fixed term contract has finished and we thank her for her efforts in Rooms 1-3 this part year. Kath has won a position in Napier for 2020 which is exciting.
- Jack Crawford has resigned from his position and finishes at the end of the year. We certainly appreciate all that Jack has done to contribute to our school and environment and wish him well for the future.
- Maria Brightwell has just this week won a position at Kimi Ora School from 2020. Maria has spent most of her time in education in Flaxmere and is excited about the opportunity ahead.

We will be having a small farewell assembly for these staff on Wednesday morning at 9.15am. As always, whanau are always welcome to this.

We have a number of new staff joining our team in 2020. We will introduce them to you in the new year, but it's a warm welcome to –

- Tanya Calitz from Cambridge who will be joining Team 4.
- Anna Harvey from Pahiatua School who will be joining Team 3.
- Dee Whitby is our new Learning Support Coordinator and will be joining the team in 2020.

End of Year - it's now very close!

Reports - End of year reports will be sent home with pupils on Monday 16th 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.



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

2020 Start of year information

School Donations – Our Board of Trustees has elected to sign into the new donation scheme being offered to schools in 2020. This will mean there is no voluntary donation asked for in 2020 and the scheme will cover many activities previously charged for. Early next year we will share how this will work and what will be covered while we trial this new scheme.

2020 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.

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.

2020 Class Connection/ Whanaungatanga Day – We will be starting the year slightly differently in 2020. On Thursday 30th January, 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 2020
- To connect with 2020 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

This time will replace our whānau night meetings usually held in the first few weeks of the year. 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.

2020 Class Organisation – to date – (Team Leader is underlined)

Team 1	New Entrants	Room 1 & 2	<u>Kim King</u> & Jane Hill.
Team 2	Year 1 & 2	Room 11 Room 12 Room 13 Room 14 Room 15	Robyn Perry Sacha Spurrier <u>Penny McKinley</u> Maddie Boaler Issie Campbell
Team 3	Year 3 & 4	Room 9 & 10 Room 19 Room 20	Denise Haronga & Corey Greig Anna Harvey & Brook Forman <u>Kate McKenzie</u> & Racheal London
Team 4	Year 5 & 6	Room 3 & 4 Room 5 & 6 Room 16 & 17	<u>Tanya Greig</u> & Aleece Jones Darren Robinson & John Willoughby Tanya Calitz and Ben Stoyanoff

Some class numbers have changed for 2020 and I will give you an update on this and other property developments at our prize-giving on Monday night. Due to some last minute staffing changes, we may be able to share class lists sometime next week if time allows. If this doesn't happen they will be displayed on the office windows from Tuesday 28th January.

I'm sure you can appreciate class placement is a huge job with many factors to be considered. Relationships are key in education and there is so much research and evidence to support this. With our composite classes (e.g. Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6) where your child is in the younger year group, the majority of these children will remain with one of their 2019 teachers. So in a Year 1 & 2 class most Year 1's will remain with their 2019 teacher as Year 2's. There are so many benefits to this with relationships already established so learning can kick in straight away. Obviously if teachers move levels, there are staff changes, room movements or combinations that need changes, then there are changes made. We spend considerable time forming classes based on our professional knowledge, experience and understanding of our learners. Thank you for your support of this process. We are always happy to discuss placement decisions with whānau.

Can you help?

On Wednesday 18th December we have some class furniture being moved to new classes. Our experience tells us this is better done by adults! If you have a high school student who has nothing on, or you are able to help, please let Tessa know by emailing her via tessab@mahora.school.nz or just turn up on the day! We will start after morning tea (from 11.30am) in the morning so any help is appreciated...many hands make light work!



Sports Uniform Amnesty

Please can you check at home for any Mahora School Sports uniform as we are missing quite a few items, this would be greatly appreciated!

Week 10 – 16 th December	28 th Jan – 31 st Jan	Week 1 Term 1 2020 – 3 rd February
Mon 16 th Reports go home Mon 16 th – Year 6 Prizegiving @ Hastings Girls High School @ 6.00pm Thurs 19 th Last day of Term 4 – 12.00 finish	Office will be open Tues – Friday from 8-4.00pm for Stationery and Uniform sales	Mon 3 rd – School starts for 2020 Thurs 6 th Waitangi Day – No School
Week 2 – 10 th February	Week 3 – 17 th February	Week 4 – 24 th February
Mon 10 th – PTA Meeting @ 7pm Wed 13 th Road Patrol refresher (Frederick St) Thurs 14 th – Road Patrol refresher (Duke St)	Tues 18 th – Weetbix TRYathlon Fri 21 st – PTA Food Day - NO Fish and Chips or Shop Orders	Wed 26 th – BOT meeting @ 6.30pm

Tangata ako ana i te kāenga, te tūranga kit e marae, tau ana
A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society

To our school community and everyone that works here, volunteers, cares, contributes, helps or just supports in so many ways, that is what makes our school the special place it is. My thanks to you all for who you are and what you do...it is APPRECIATED.

To our staff – I thank you for the effort, the passion and the desire to do your very best. Now is the time to give your own whanau that time, effort and passion.

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

Regards, Rohan

2020 Weetbix TRYathlon

This notice is to let you know about an awesome opportunity early in Term 1, 2020

The Weetbix TRYathlon event is open to everyone aged between 6 and 15. 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 Weetbix TRYathlon is held at Frimley Park on Tuesday 18th February, 2020

How to Register

Go to the following website to register www.tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hastings/

Mahora have created a 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 28th January**, the Early Bird price of \$45.00 will apply. After that there will also 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 28th January** your registration pack will be couriered to your home address. If registrations are after that date, race packs will need to be picked up on race day. When you register online, it will ask you to select your child's school. This also enters Mahora into the draw for some great prizes.

	Early Bird <small>(ends 3 Weeks from event date)</small>	Online <small>(valid 20 days from event date until online entries close)</small>	On the Day <small>(available on the day of the event)</small>
TRYathlon - Individual <small>Individual</small>	\$45	\$50	\$60
TRYathlon - Team <small>Price per participant</small>	\$45	\$50	\$60
Splash & Dash <small>Individual</small>	\$40	\$45	\$55

KEY DATES

- **Early Bird Discount Closes:** midnight on Tuesday 28 January 2020
- **Online Entry Closes:** midnight on Thursday 13th February 2020
- Entries received by Tuesday 28 January will get the option to get their TRYathlete Kit delivered at a cost.

There is so much information re training for the event, pre event checklists, Tryathlon merchandise for sale and race day tips on the website, so please check it out.

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. 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 2020 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.

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Each TRYathlete Kit will contain:

- Official event participant shirt
 - Bib number stickers
 - Weet-Bix drawstring bag
 - Special offers and competitions from event sponsors
- Please pick up Swim caps when you Check In at Transition on the day of the event.*

Check out some of the great pics from our Mahora team at the 2019 Weetbix TRYathlon

