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**SCHOOL
News**

14/12/11

The Year That Was ...

Different from any other year. The decision to alter the normal pattern of term dates to cater for the needs of the Rugby World Cup had a greater effect than anticipated. This was especially true of this final term. Term Four is always a busy term and shortening it by two weeks or so put us under a lot of pressure.

Soon after the school year started we had the second Christchurch Earthquake with its devastating effect, the middle of the year was dominated by the Rugby World Cup build-up and tournament. The year has ended with the elections.

At school it was business as usual with some major highlights:

- The construction of a super sandpit with super sand.
- The addition of kitchen, toilets and storage to the hall.
- The successes of our sports teams both in terms of winning and the quality of sportsmanship they brought to their games.
- The Fancy Dress Ball.
- The Construction of three raised garden beds. (Thanks to parents: Messrs Craig Winter, Jon Marks and Sean Brown).
- The purchase of sixteen netbooks, five wide screen televisions.
- The success of the Year 3 swimming programme.

Until you try you don't know what you can't do.

Reports

On Monday all parents should have received their child's end-of-year school report and a national standards report.

If you have any need for any explanations or have concerns please contact the class teacher or the principal.

Classes

The children have been given the opportunity to meet their teacher for next year (except Rm 7).

We try to ensure that the children have at least one of their friends in their new class.

Some children find change unsettling but usually settle in after a few weeks with their new teacher.

Bye, Bye Year Sixes

"Parting is such sweet sorrow."

Today we say goodbye to our Year Six children most of whom have had their whole school life at Mahora. We do have mixed feelings as we send them on their way; on one hand we are proud of them and the way they have developed, on the other hand we are sorry to lose them.

Going into Year Seven in an intermediate school or a

full primary is a major move for children. Most handle this change with ease and quickly settle to their new school making new friends while consolidating friendships with children from their old school.

For some children this can be a difficult time, especially if their Year Six friends go to a different school. Time will be the

cure for these children and they will cope given the right support.

Some of the most lasting friendships are made in the Year Seven / Eight school years.

Many of our ex-pupils come back to touch base and tell us about their new school; we enjoy hearing their success stories.

"Piki Haere" Year Sixes

MOTHER'S ADVICE

*Oh! What a wicked web we weave,
When first we practise to deceive."*

THANKS FOR LAST NIGHT

To our parents
Thank you for the way you presented your children for our Final Assembly last evening and thank you for your report.

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PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS



FIRST 1st Prize Seb Te Kani
SECOND 1st Prize Eddie Harvey
THIRD 1st Prize Harding Family
Mystery Prize: Jaron Brightwell

Thank you all for your support

Dear Parents and Families

I know "thank you" will be ringing your ears by now; it only goes to show the number of people who, in one way or another contribute to the school.

Fortunately the words "thank you" are not de-valued by usage. So, once again, **THANK YOU** for all your support and assistance, from the Board, Staff and Children of Mahora School.

Michael Taaffe (Principal)



**SCHOOL STARTS FOR OUR CHILDREN ON
TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY, 2012**

TERM 4 SCHOOL HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER ADVERTS

CHRISTMAS DISCOVERY ACTIVITY MORNING

St James Church will be holding a Christmas Discovery Activity morning on:

Monday 18th & Tues 20th Dec 2011.

9.30am until 12.00 o'clock.

Morning tea included.

Phone 8788980

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ROWING THROUGH GRIEF HB SEASONS

A 9 week programme of peer support groups for children and young people who are missing someone important from their daily life.

The loss may be due to the death of someone close to them, the separation or divorce of parents, having a family member in prison, or other major family change.

Age appropriate groups are available for children and young people between 5 & 18 years.

We also offer a group for parents of children attending the programme.

Term 1 2012 enrolments phone Val or Jo on ph 8734962

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Get your children into an action packed & stimulating programme to keep them entertained all day!

There are different programmes to suit all ages:

Ph 8783027

K A S CARE MAHORA

Term 1-4 2012

Enrolments are available for after school care in the Mahora School Hall. Phone 8769533

(after 2.30pm) or Julie field

8776345 0275447539

Oscar subsidies available.

Afternoon tea provided, planned art & craft and homework time daily.

New pick up service from Hastings Intermediate 2011.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Held at Havelock North, HN Wanderers Soccer Clubrooms.

Contact: Julie 8776345 & Karen 8777360

Mon 23 Dec to Frid 27 Dec 2011

Jnr 5-8yrs Snr 9-13yrs

Session times: 9am to 3pm

HB FARMYARD ZOO

32 East Road Haumoana Hastings

Pony rides.

Where you can walk and talk with the animals.

Open 7 days 10-5pm

Weather permitting.

Open school holidays and public holidays.

Phone 06 8750244

www.farmyardzoo.co.nz

UMBRELLA STUDIOS

Summer Holiday Programme

"Sea Scene Nor"

Napier 16th to 20th January 2012

Havelock North 9th -to 13th Jan 2012.

Times: 9-5pm or part time 9-3pm.

Five days fun with pantomime & dance, dress-ups and drama, wearable art costumes for everyone.

Contacts:

Nichole Hanley

0274282211 or nmhanley@gmail.com

BUBBLES SWIM SCHOOL

Swimming lessons for children over 5yrs.

Tues 3 Jan to Frid 13th Jan 2012

Mon 16th Jan to Frid 27th Jan 2012

Also available during term 4.

Also available Jan 2012 Term 1.

Lessons held at Kowhai School swimming pool.

Contact: Pam 0210634691

pam@swimlessons.co.nz

ACRESWILD RIDING SCHOOL

School Holiday Programme

The most fun you'll have on horseback.

All ponies & gear supplied.

All day programmes for all ages & levels

Book now.

Phone Janine 8767262 02745646516