

Welcome

This week we continue to introduce our new tamariki to our community. Welcome to Grace Jones-Taylor, Harper Matheson, Cody Norfolk, Kendrik Wirihana, Holly Sutton and Taliyah Nicholls, we hope you have enjoyed your start at Mahora School!



Nau mai haere mai, Talofa lava, Kia orana, welcome to everyone!

Week 9 & 10 Whanau Hui

We are aiming to connect with all of our whānau this term. One way in which we have done this is hosted open classes (for some classes) and other whānau night events. To continue with this connection - we would love to host all parents/ whānau for a hui to be held during the end of Week 9 and beginning of Week 10. **We will close at 12 noon on Monday 8th April**, the other days will be normal closing times.

There is more information on these later in the newsletter - including the purpose, which is a different focus from previous years. We are keen to learn more about your child and your aspirations for them - from your perspective. You know your tamariki best, and we are keen to have these conversations together!

If you have any questions around these, after you have read the information, please contact your child's teacher.

Black Cap Capping Ceremony



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 Friday 5th April at 12 noon. We will aim to have this outside, so that all of our Tamariki and Kaiako can attend, but if it is wet, we will move in to the Hall (Takitini) with all of Team 3, Team 4 and siblings of our Year 6 students.

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. Some may be feeling a bit cloudy/ rainy throughout the next week - purely from nerves and excitement!



Upcoming BoT Elections

In June this year, there will be an election for our school Board of Trustees. These are held every three years, and give the opportunity for enthusiastic, keen members of our community to have a role in supporting our ākonga.

The Elections are in June BUT now is the time to start thinking about whether you might be interested or to approach someone who you know would make a good Trustee and help represent our school community. We have another Board meeting next week, if you are keen to attend, please contact our chairperson, Rebecca Burn on rebeccab@mahora.school.nz.

NZ School Trustees Association have also created a booklet, which we have available in the office, which you can come and pick up if you are interested in the role.

PTA AGM

Just a reminder about our Mahora School PTA AGM, if you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA - come along to the PTA AGM on the 1st April @ 7pm held in the Staffroom, we would love to see you there for another wonderful year of fundraising for our tamariki.

Mitre 10 Tough Kids Event

We had a lot of Mahora tamariki showing just how tough they were on Wednesday at the Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kid Challenge. It was a fantastic event, so well run by Sport Hawke's Bay, the Mitre 10 team, EIT students and many other helpers. We were all so proud of our tamariki... a few kids tumbled off obstacles but they got up, continued and 100% of the Mahora team crossed the finish line! They took on the challenge, nailed it and had a great time doing it! Check out the Facebook page for more photos!



'Old' School Uniform Items

Reminder that we still have 'old' uniform items for sale at a reduced rate, these will be allowed to be worn into 2020, but will be removed from our uniform at the end of 2020.

The items on sale (for as long as stocks last) are:

Gold sweatshirt Size 10, 12, 14 & 16 only	 \$20	Gold polo shirts All sizes available, but limited stock	 \$10	Polar fleece with old logo - size 8, 10, 12	 \$20
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Ngā Mihi, Tessa & the Mahora Team

Week 9 – 1 st April	Week 10 – 8 th April	Week 1 Term 2 – 29 th April
Mon 1 st – PTA AGM @ 7pm Wed 3 rd – Beach 5's Tournament Wed 3 rd – BOT Meeting @ 6:30 pm Thurs 4 th – Whānau Hui – day 1 Fri 5 th – Black Caps Capping at 12pm	Mon 8 th – Whānau Hui – day 2 – school will close at 12 noon Tues 9 th – Whānau Hui – day 3 Tues 9 th – Tennis @ Whitehead Road Year 5 & 6 10am – 12 Wed 10 th – Jump Jam Session with Brett Fri 12 th – Farewell Assembly @ 9.15 am and Last Day of Term 1	Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd – Bike Skills

Whānau Hui - Term One

Kia ora whānau,

Our Whānau Hui (Parent/Teacher Conferences) will be held on Thursday 4th, Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April. We are very much looking forward to further connecting with you and your child.

As you know your tamariki best, we would like to take this opportunity for you to share with us information that you think would help us to know and understand your child/ren but will also help with their learning.

We will be using the Te Whare Tapa Whā framework (Mason Durie) during our hui. Te Whare Tapa Whā is a way of understanding how we can stay well in all aspects of our lives. If we think about our wellbeing as a wharenui or a meeting house, then all four walls need to be equally strong for the building to stand strong. The four walls represent the physical, spiritual, social and emotional aspects of our lives and if these four walls are in balance then we will be able to perform the best in everything we do.

We ask that you take the time to have a think about what you would like us to know or dreams that you may have for your tamariki, as the more information we have, the stronger the whanaungatanga or connection between school and home will be. If you have something from each of the four aspects that you would like to share with us, this will guide our conversation. There is space in each of the four aspect template below to jot your notes down so that you can bring it with you.

This hui will **not** be based around data and where your child is sitting academically, however, please let your child's teacher know if you would specifically like to discuss anything other than the model below.

Taha Hinengaro

Emotional Well-Being

How they show feelings and emotions

Taha Whānau

Social Well-Being

Family members, special people, whakapapa, culture



Taha Tinana

Physical Well-Being

Sports, food, how they relax

Taha Wairua

Spiritual Well-Being

Things that give them a sense of identity, religion or faith they draw from, music

Term 1 Whanau Hui (Parent-Teacher-Child Conferences)

What dates are the Hui?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 4th April (3.15 - 4.30pm) Monday 8th (1pm - 6pm) and Tuesday 9th April (3.15 - 6pm) - Week 9 & 10 • Please arrange for your children to be collected from school at <u>12.00</u> on <u>Monday 8th only</u>, <u>Thursday 4th and Tuesday 8th will be normal school days</u>.
What times are they?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each hui is 15 minutes. • Hui are being held between: Thursday 4th April 3.15 - 4.30pm Monday 8th April 1.00-6.00pm Tuesday 9th April 3.15 - 6.00pm
How do I book a time?	<p>Parents/whānau can book these on-line. This means parents get to select the actual time that suits them. <u>Obviously the earlier you book the more options you will have.</u> To book an interview simply -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz 2. In the green event code box type in - vsudu 3. Once accepted you can follow the prompts to select your interview times for each child. 4. Once completed you will be emailed the interview times. 5. For classes with more than one teacher (Waka Āko, Pikorua, Kotahitanga, Whare Tipu, and Takitini) - No teachers names will be listed. It will say Teacher 1, 2 or 3. It doesn't matter which you choose, just select the time and day that suits you. Once teachers have all the times they will divide the group between them and you will meet with one of them. He Kānano only has one teacher listed.
What if I don't have internet access at home?	<p>There are two options to help with this -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please call into the school office and Jenny or Kirsten will assist you to select your times. 2. You can phone the office and we can book a time with you over the phone. The school office hours are 8am-3.45pm.
What if I need to change my time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can simply log back in and change the details. • Please do not change details <u>once</u> the actual hui has started. In this case please ring the school office on 8782622.
Why do we use an online system?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It allows parents to select the time that is the best for them. • It allows parents to have times emailed to them rather than notes being sent home in school bags. • The system is efficient and easy to use and parent feedback in previous years was very positive.
Who needs to come to the Hui?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most importantly...<u>your child</u>. Children are major players in their own education and we value having them as part of this conversation. They also need to hear the feedback first hand and be a part of the discussions that then contribute to teachers' understanding of them and their learning. • Obviously we need parents as well, and ideally, both parents.
As a parent is there anything I need to do to prepare for the interview?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book the interview time. • Consider this question prior to the interview - Is there one area you would like your child's class teacher to work on with your child this year? • A good place to review is your child's school report from 2018.
Will we be having other hui this year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes - in 2019 we will also hold mid year conferences where progress will be shared and mid year reports will be handed out and discussed at the conferences.
Does Mahora School expect every child to have a hui?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absolutely! Our aim is to connect with 100% of our whānau. Last year we had an impressive 95% of families attend so we are hoping to increase this!
What if I am away that week?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact your child's teacher and make another time that suits both you and your child's teacher.
Will the school office be open during this time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes the school office will be open for uniform purchases, 2019 school donation payments (eft-pos available), updating contact details or any other general queries.