# NGĀ UARA O TE KURA:

#### **School Values**

Respect (Mana Whakaaro): Manners

• Excellence (Mana Kairangi): Quality

• Perseverance (Te Manawanui): Dedicated

Self-Control (Mana Whaiaro): Focused

### KAUPAPA TAUĀKĪ O TE KURA:

#### **School Vision**

Whakakāngia te mura o te ahi, Kia pēra anō te rākau o Te Mahoe

"Ignite the Fire (within), Like the Mahoe (tree)"

The Mahoe tree was commonly used as a fire starter, because of its properties, and the mythical story that goes with it.

MYTH: The fire goddess Mahuika was angry and threw the last of her fire essence at her mokopuna the cunning trickster demi-god Maui Tikitiki ā Taranga for putting out all the flames that she gave him.

Tāwhirimātea the God of Wind, Storms, thunder and rain had to put out her fire essence or Maui would have been burnt alive.

Mahuika allowed her fire essence to escape into the trees and one of them was the Mahoe tree.

<u>HISTORICAL:</u> Mahoe was used for crafting tools, weapons, as well as needles used with the Toroa bones for Tā moko, the leaves and berries were used as ink for Tā moko

Recognising the location of the school and that historically in this area the Mahoe tree grew in abundance and still does.



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#### TE KURA O TE MAHOE



# TE MĀTAIAHO

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## **Transforming our Kura:**

"Kia ora whānau, we are making some important changes at Te Mahoe School as we adopt the new Te Mātaiaho framework Level 3 and enhance Te Marautanga o Aotearoa Level 1.

This approach not only enriches learning by connecting our students more deeply with cultural values but also supports positive behavior and emotional well-being in the classroom.

These changes will bring shifts in routines and teaching methods to better address diverse learning and behavioral needs, creating a supportive, inclusive environment for our tamariki.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make this transition together!"

#### **Partner for Success**

With your active participation in studentcentered learning is vital for your child's educational journey.

When whānau engage with the school and support these initiatives, it creates a stronger learning environment that fosters curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.

This collaborative approach not only enhances your child's learning experience but also builds a community that values each child's unique needs and strengths.

Together, we can ensure that our tamariki receive the best possible support for their growth and success in school and beyond."

## **Absenteeism Concern:**

We've noticed an increase in unexplained absences, and regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning.

When absences aren't reported, the Truancy Office is notified through their systems report, and they may visit to offer support.

Please contact us at 07 322 8120 to report any absences and keep us informed.

Thank you for your partnership in supporting your child's education!"

## **Summer Safe Tips:**

- Slip: On appropriate clothing for the weather.
  - Slop: On sunscreen to avoid sunburn.
  - Slap: On a hat to protect from heat.
  - Wrap: On sunglasses to shield your eyes from UV rays.

Remember, safety is paramount!

 Please ensure your tamariki is wearing appropriate clothing for the warmer weather.

#### **Policies & Procedures**

"Kia ora whānau! We're pleased to introduce **SchoolDocs**, an online platform where you can easily access all of our school's policies and procedures, like safety guidelines and classroom practices.

SchoolDocs is updated regularly to ensure it reflects current regulations and school standards, helping you stay informed on how we support your tamariki's learning and wellbeing.

To access, simply visit [SchoolDocs' website link] and use the login details provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to us!".

**User Name:** temahoe

Password: tms

## Kanohi ki te Kanohi:

At Te Mahoe School, we value good communication with families to create a positive learning environment.

We encourage you to get involved in your child's education—not just when there are issues, but whenever you can. Your participation in classrooms and school events makes a significant difference.

Together, we can support our tamariki's growth and success, and we look forward to seeing you at our activities!