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Thursday 21st June 2018

Week 8, Term 2 2018

Kia ora, Greetings,

Thanks to the families, and staff that came and worked tirelessly on Sunday at our working bee. There might not have been many of us but the amount of work that was achieved was absolutely amazing!! If you would still like to help there are more jobs to be done when the weather clears up – just come and see me.

A HUGE thank you to Raewyn for her very generous donation of sand for the sandpit. We watched as 9 cubic metres of sand was delivered, and some saw the tractor scoop it into the sandpit. Duty became very easy as 97% of the school were in the sandpit smoothing out the sand mountains! The other 3% were playing with the Lego! All accounted for.

ERO: Esther Allen and Michelle Irving are our reviewers. Ruma Tahi are preparing the Powhiri for them at 11am on Monday 25th June, and we would love to have as many parents and community members there as possible to support our school. Please see the notice / panui that was sent home on Tuesday of this week.

School Information Booklet: I have FINALLY completed this booklet and it is up to date with all our school information. We will be issuing it to new families, but if you would like a copy please ask.

It would be good to get a few more Surveys back with your ideas and suggestions for our School Curriculum Plan. It came home last week with the newsletter on the blue paper. Thanks to those who have contributed so far. I will make a start on this Plan in the holidays.

Over the years we have been talking about updating our Logo and marketing of our school with new front signage. One of our new mums Janelle has kindly put together a 'brief.' This contains graphics and some ideas. If you have a moment or two come in and view it and add your ideas and comments. This is a work in progress. You will find it in the staffroom on the table.

We hope to have our School website up and running by the end of this term or early next term. We will keep you updated.

We are looking forward to your support next week for our ERO review.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

Padlet : As part of our Professional Development, Ruma Tahi are learning how to use an App called Padlet next week. Padlet will be a wonderful way of tamariki being able to show their whānau what they are doing and learning in class. They will be creating pages that can display video, photos and links. You will be able to view their work by...

Tablet-Download the App

Computer-Use the website porotischool.padlet.org (your child has a username and password)

A Huge Thank You to...

- Gerry from **Reduced to Clear** for donating 40 or so more grocery items to add to our raffle at the Complex Dinner.
- Neil McLeod from **Neil McLeod Upholstery** for donating 3 metres of brand new vinyl to Room One. This will be cut and used as mats when we begin our clay art very soon.

Please support these businesses if you can and let them know Poroti School appreciates their donations.



Neil McLeod Upholstery Limited

Healthy Habits Unit:

After they finish their Water Cycle Unit, Room One will be beginning a unit on Healthy Habits (with Mrs Pye).

Could each family please email Mrs Pye – robmandy@mangerefallsfarm.nz with some ideas of what healthy habits or practices (and the results of not doing) they would like taught during this unit. They will not be covering pubertal change and sexuality during this unit. This will be done later in the year and Mrs J will send out details. Thank you

Matariki:

In the Māori language **Matariki** is both the name of the Pleiades star cluster and also of the season of its first rising in late May or early June. This is a marker of the beginning of the new year. ... In 2018, **Matariki** begins on 15th June. **Matariki** literally means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki).

We wanted to try an early morning planting to involve those who work so you could join us but it was not to be. We will plant the trees kindly donated by **Wai Marie Nurseries** in the Living Garden, and next Friday we will plant out the tyres also to be put in the Living Garden.

Please note that I have received only one response for the Friday morning Matariki planting so we will be rescheduling the planting to 9 a.m. (still on tomorrow) and following this we will have a shared breakfast / BBQ.

You are most welcome to join us.



Dental Service: Following up from some points made on Survey: The Dental Service that is available to our students can be obtained from Oral Health Service at the Northland District Health Board. Phone 0800 My Teeth (0800 698 3384) They generally schedule our school appointments in one lot, but individuals can contact them.

BOT Spot: (Board of Trustees)

Policy review: The policy for review this term is 'Reporting to Parents.' Please find attached the policy and a hard copy review form, or you can follow the instructions and do the review on-line at Schooldocs.

For the first part of the review form it specifically relates to the policy and how that is written. The second part is where we would love you to comment on any changes you would like to see, whether you still want to retain the beginning of the year conference, etc. Written reports will come out in Week 2 of Term 3 this year due to the workload of staff with the ERO visit happening in the time of report writing. I hope you will all understand this. We realise we have deviated from the Policy this year, but this was due to several circumstances. The way it is worded is how it normally happens. The review of this policy is

timely due to the fact that we are re-writing report forms as National Standards are no longer, and we will be using New Zealand Curriculum Levels. Your feedback in Part 2 is important.

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website <http://poroti.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (poroti) and password (watercress).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

Community Notices...

Tutakaka Surf Holiday Programme...

Perfect for all school age youth, the program will run in the first week of the holidays.


- \$35 per session or \$90 for all 3 days
- Wetsuits and boards provided for each participant.
- facebook page
- * 9th, 10th, 11th July (Mon to Wed)
- * Easy booking, call 09 434 4135, email or visit

Whangarei Central Library...

Acclaimed NZ author Des Hunt will be doing an exciting presentation with science demonstrations to tell the background stories of some of his books. He will be at Whangarei District Library on Wednesday 27th June 4.15pm. He will also be showing us how to write really enthralling stories. Signed copies of his latest book Trail of a Kiwi Killer, will be available for purchase. More details at www.whangarei-libraries.com

Painted Wooden Name Puzzles: Names to order. Suitable for ages 2-5. Up to 5 letters - \$25, 6 letters plus - \$35.

Contact Trudi 0210720871



WHY PLAY FUTSAL?

- Caters to boys and girls of all abilities
- No cancellations due to weather!
- Dramatically increases skill, agility, speed, quick decision making & confidence
- It's fun - Kids love it!

WHO IS IT FOR?
Anyone aged 8 - 15 years old


WHEN & WHERE?

Choose one or more of the following:

TUESDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

FRIDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

CONTACT:
For details and info check out our website
WWW.NORTHLANDFUTSALACADEMY.CO.NZ
or contact Christian: 021 246 7328
christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz



DATES FOR YOR DIARY:

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| Friday 22 nd June | Matariki planting event. 9 a.m. with BBQ to follow |
| Monday 25 th June | ERO visiting the school until Thursday 28 th June |
| Friday 29 th June | Senior class off-site after school event. |
| Monday 2 nd July | Year 7 & 8 TECH |
| Wednesday 4 th July | COL working group here in School Library. 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. |
| Friday 6 th July | End of Term 2. Restart Monday 23 rd July. Normal times |

