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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Week 5, Term 3 2018

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

We had so many proud moments at the Taniwha Challenge:

- All the Fit K training paid off with every student who started their race finishing. Awesome!
- Three girls won medals: Szaffie 1<sup>st</sup> in 4 year old girls, Hana 3<sup>rd</sup> in 5 year old girls and Bailey 2<sup>nd</sup> in 7 year old girls.
- 9 Juniors and 3 seniors finished in the top 10 runners.
- Bailey, Lincoln-Blayze, Casey, and Meineta have all qualified to run at Barge Park in the Whangarei Primary Schools' Cross country.

The support of our students towards each other was commendable. One runner fell over along with several others in her race just at the start of the race, and when Hana got up she didn't run on, she went over and helped the other girls up, and still came 3<sup>rd</sup>! A group of our students encouraged one of our boys throughout his race, and I have the vision of Damien coming up the final hill surrounded by red and black shirts giving him so much encouragement all the way to the finish line. If that is not putting our school values into practice I don't know what is. Thanks to those parents and grandparents for transporting and supporting our tamariki.

I am pleased to say that with all the negative things that go on in our world and in the world of our tamariki, there are some absolutely awesome people out there who are thinking of our Poroti Kids. We have had a generous sponsorship for our school camps later in the year, so this means that our tamariki will ALL get to go and experience the activities they are offered.

**MRS J**

**PRINCIPAL**

**Health Check:**

Chicken pox are doing the rounds, so please keep your eye out if your child has not had it before. Keep vigilant with checking heads as well please. It has really improved, so we want to keep it that way.

**Reading at home:**

Reading at home is such a valuable thing to make time for and will make a huge difference to your child's learning. Room One has a class readicator where we reward the students with Pizza when they get to the top. Sometimes you might find that your child prefers to read sources other than books. That is OK. All reading counts! Follow their interests. In the newsletter today there is a flier of three fabulous websites that have incredibly interesting reading material at a readable level. Room One will also be using these in class AND you can find the links on your child's Padlet too (porotischool.padlet.org...briefcase user...login...shared with me...Great websites for reading by Mrs Pye)

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

Websites for reading.pdf

### **Senior Camp:**

Thank you for the prompt responses. We have many offers of adult help. Cost will come home next week.

### **After School Pick Ups:**

If your children are needing to stay behind after school, can you please ensure they are collected by 3.45pm (unless you have made prior arrangements), as often teachers have their own commitments to get to, and are not always in a position to stay later to watch them. Thank you.

### **AG Day: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Preparations are well under way and notices will start coming home, so please check your child's bag. If anyone knows of people who would be willing to sponsor events, raffle prizes, gift vouchers for services etc please let us know and we can send a letter to them. A newsletter with coloured pictures has come home this week. If you did not see it then please ask your eldest child.

**School Banking:** We have received interest from parents regarding getting the ASB childrens school banking programme up and running again. If you are interested please call in to the office or phone and we will send an application form home regarding getting your child set up. This is a great way to teach your children about saving money and gives them the opportunity to watch their savings grow

### **BOT Spot: (Board of Trustees)**

The School has received a Wireless School Network Upgrade (WSNUP) and we are now all prepared for the future and our wireless network is up to Ministry of Education standards.

Next Board of Trustees meeting is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7 p.m. in school staffroom.

### **Community Notices...**

**Touch of Pride Junior Touch Module** : Starting Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> 4.30 -7.30 at Tikipunga Sports Park, Reed Street, Tikipunga. Grades from Under 8's to U18's, boys, girls and mixed. Cost \$150 per team (14 players per team) For more information or to register contact Frank Kake 021 211 4664 or [touchofpride16@gmail.com](mailto:touchofpride16@gmail.com) or go to [www.sporty.co.nz/touchofpridejuniortouch](http://www.sporty.co.nz/touchofpridejuniortouch)

### **DATES FOR YOR DIARY:**

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Senior Clubs start again
Monday 27 August	Year 7 & 8 TECH – Wear shoes please
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	WPSSA Cross Country at Barge Park – optional for those who finished in Top 10 at Taniwha Challenge. Age at 1 January 2018. If you are 7 and wish to run see Mrs J. You can run in 8 years and under race.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Chickens hatching!!
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	BOT Meeting 7pm