



**POROTI SCHOOL, 673 MANGAKAHIA RD, R D 9, WHANGAREI 0179**

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Week 6, Term 3 2018

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Congratulations to our 3 runners who competed at Barge Park yesterday at the Whangarei Primary Schools' Cross Country. They were one of approximately 150 runners in their individual races. Bailey 40<sup>th</sup> in Year 8 and under girls, Lincoln-Blayze 60<sup>th</sup> in 8 year boys and Meineta 70<sup>th</sup> in 10 year old girls. Unfortunately Casey could not run due to being sick. A great effort you three.

The incubator in the office is full of eggs waiting to hatch. The due date is tomorrow. Several children (probably unknown to you!) have asked to have a chicken. We are happy to keep them at school as the children look after their one and prepare it for AG Day.

Entry forms for the Animal and Pet divisions are attached. Please fill in and return to school so we can order ribbons etc. It's also time to start returning AG Day 2017 Trophies so we can get them polished and ready to present this year.

Staff have been busy with Professional Development days – Te Ahua for Digital Learning is in on Thursdays working alongside teachers and students in class, then taking a staff meeting for teacher learning. Write That Essay (a very successful writing programme and one which our Community of Learning has funding for) are in the school tomorrow to start our Planning and Implementation. One of our focus areas for the next 2 years is Writing to improve our student's achievement in this curriculum area. The MAC (Maori Achievement Collaboration) group of Principals met for a Regional Wananga at Whangarei Intermediate School on Tuesday. It was another challenging day with great input into supporting our Maori Learners.

I spent Friday morning working with Whaea Hoana on developing a Maori Education Plan which will sit alongside our new school Curriculum Plan. We are using the ideas that we received from the Community Huis we have had and Parent feedback sheets.

As the senior class has been working so well we have decided to give them a **HOMEWORK HOLIDAY** this week, so no homework.

**MRS J**

**PRINCIPAL**

**Eggs.....Eggs.....Eggs:** Our chooks are laying very well at the moment. If you would like some delicious free range eggs, we have them available for \$5 per dozen. You can pay in cash at school office or online (reference your name and eggs) account number 123115 – 0216227-00.



**Scholastic Book Orders:** The latest book club brochure is attached. If you wish to order please can you send order form back to school with your payment by 25<sup>th</sup> September alternatively you can pay by their LOOP platform system – linked online ordering and payment using your credit card - check the brochure for details.

### **Senior Camp:**

Senior Camp cost will be \$70 per child. You can pay at the office or start payments on-line at ASB 123115-0216227-00. Payments need to be made in full before Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please come and see me if this is not possible.

### **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. Please find entry form for pets and animals attached to the newsletter.

### **Privet Trees:**

We have had a great offer from a community member who will come into the school over the next month and eradicate our school of privet. This is a huge job and we are very grateful for the offer. It has a powdery bloom which can affect our children with asthma and hay fever.

#### ***What damage does it do?***

Forms dense carpet of seedlings on forest floor, and grows through understorey to dominate and replace canopy trees in most forest types. Poisonous berries may possibly impact on native fauna, especially insects.

### **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 last week there was 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

### **School website:**

Just to let you know the phone icons have been added to our site now, and the info and instruction page added to the menu under Parent Information. Web site address is [www.porotischool.co.nz](http://www.porotischool.co.nz) After our training we will be uploading school newsletters onto the site.

**School Banking:** We have received interest from parents regarding getting the ASB children's 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)**

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

BOT members will have the new school LOGO brief to discuss with members of the community for feedback. Should you wish to view these designs and have input please feel free to come into school and view the folder, or we can send it home for you to view, comment and return. At the October meeting this will be on the Agenda.

### **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)

Northland Futsal Academy : Registrations now open for term four. Catering from 8 yrs through to 16 yrs, your child can receive technical training and games. Helps with ball manipulation and control. For details and times contact Christian 021 246 7328 or [Christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](mailto:Christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz) or check out website [www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz](http://www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz)

Maunu Tennis Club: From September to May catering for tennis for all ages including Junior Coaching. For information ph Ray or Sue 434 6898.

Northland Rabbit and Cavy Club : Inviting all pet rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and rats to a pet show on October 6<sup>th</sup> at St John Golden Church 149 Kamo Road, Kensington 8am to 4pm. Information and animal entries to 021 022 40407 or email [nrandcc@email.com](mailto:nrandcc@email.com) entries close 21<sup>st</sup> September. Visitors welcome on the day to come and look at the animals from 10am.

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

Friday 30th August	Senior Club afternoon
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Chickens hatching !!
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	BOT Meeting 7pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Senior TECH - please remember shoes