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Thursday 18th October

Week 1, Term 4 2018

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

I hope everyone had a great break and enjoyed their family time. It's another busy term with lots of events on so keep a close eye on the school bags for notices or go onto our website and check out the details.

A warm welcome to Erica and Hamish and their family who have started at Poroti in the Senior class this term, and to Morgan who is now officially on our roll. We hope you enjoy being part of Poroti School.

Watersafe – We are all participating in the Northland Watersafe programme this term. Instructors will come into our school every Friday afternoon from 12.30 p.m from November 9th (Dryland session) until 7th December. One of the aims of this programme is to promote the importance of learning to swim and survive as an essential life skill. These sessions will be a team teaching with both the class teacher and Watersafe Instructors.

AG DAY- Volunteers are needed to run our AG Day, so please look out for the form that has come home. If you haven't seen it ask the eldest child! Just write your name in the activity or time slots you are available so we can plan out the day.

Great news just received! Our application for a grant from **Oxford Trust** has been successful and we have received a grant for our Senior Camp Transport (2 vans). This will help tremendously with our travel.

Clubs for the Senior Boys and Girls will continue this term. Thanks again to Raewyn and Maka.

Valuable items: Please do not send anything of value i.e. watches, phones, to school. If they are essential to have at school please leave at the Office as we cannot take responsibility for loss or damage to the item.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

BOT SPOT:

A great discussion was held regarding the soon to be updated school logo. Janelle has taken on board all the ideas that have been voiced and will draft up two options. These options will be available for viewing on AG Day. A HUGE Thank you to Janelle for her time and patience throughout this process as she takes into account everyone's differing views.

Our school roll is a record high with 37 students. We have grown 75% since 2015. Keep marketing our school and inviting people to come in and talk with Pauline and our staff, look around our classrooms and get a feel for what we have to offer.

The BOT made a decision to reopen the pool. Keys will go on sale soon, after we make changes to the Key holder contract to avoid misuse of the facilities.

Our school is having a fundraiser at Imeson's farm on Sunday 11 November. More details after AG Day.

SWIMMING - The pool is now up and running! Swimming has been optional for this week but will be a requirement from Tuesday next week. Students to please bring in togs and named towels. Also for room 2 please provide named goggles and a swimming cap. If your child is not swimming for the day a note must

be brought from home, or let us know. Swimming is part of our curriculum and with drowning statistics it is important that our students learn confidence In, Under and Around water.

HATS - Hats are now required to be worn, as part of our Health Policy. We are a Sunsmart School. Children are required to wear the red **School hats only** – all hats are kept at school, each child has their own hat which is numbered. **Hats are NOT shared.**

JUNIOR CAMP- Room 2 camp is to be held 28th / 29th November. This is to be a sleepover at the school with day trips. More details to be provided closer to time.

LIBRARY - Mrs L.K will be in the library on Tuesday's and Thursdays during the second half of lunch break from 1.10 p.m. until 1.30 p.m for students to return or borrow books.

ROOM TWO BOOK BAGS - A reminder that book bags MUST come to school each day – testing is on Friday mornings, if your child's book bag does not come in they can't be tested !

PGG WRIGHTSONS - Raising Funds For Your School: Purchase Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser between 1st September and 30 November 2018 and nominate your school and they will donate \$1 for every tonne of qualifying fertiliser to your school. Also prizes for the school with the highest nominations in both North and South Island with Apple iPads as prizes.

Mangakahia Touch Rugby Module: We have not entered teams this year due to the fact that only 2 students showed an interest.

ASB Promotion: For all home loans of \$250,000 or more drawn down with ASB, ASB will donate to your chosen school \$500. If you know of anyone in the community or anywhere – family, friends, that may be looking at this, please spread the word and nominate Poroti School! Promotion runs through until 30 June 2019 – ASB lending criteria and conditions apply.

Senior Camp: Senior Camp is coming up next month. Reminder that payment is now due - 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 9th. Please come and see me if this is not possible.

AG Day: If we could have the Animal Entry Forms back please that would be great. It's good to see more entries in the Farm Animal section this year. For those having Virtual Calves this year we have core flute Science Boards at school if you wish to use them or you can buy heavy duty Science boards from places like Warehouse Stationery. This year our calf judge has kindly offered to visit the farms to see the child working with their calf. This will happen a couple of days before AG Day – notification will be sent about this.

Whangarei Calf Club Central Day - Central Day this year is to be held Thursday 8th November. Anyone who is entering a virtual calf, lamb or goat can enter – you don't need to be a prize winner at your school AG Day. To get an idea of numbers and rings / ribbons needed we have been asked to provide numbers of those wishing to attend. If you are planning to go, please can you let us know by tomorrow - Friday. All animals entered must be born after 1st July 2018.

AG Day Family and Adult Activities:

- Male and Female section of **"Bake and Decorate a Cake"** Enter on the morning of AG Day.
- Make a **'GUY'** or **'SCARECROW'** as a family and enter it on the morning of AG Day.
- **Heaviest Eel competition** - Weigh on the day

AG Day Raffles: We have had **Tins** and **Packets**. This week is an item beginning with **family surname** to add variety to the raffles. If each family could send in 1 or 2 items for the hampers that would be great – just drop them at the office. Thanks to those who already have!

Celebration - Class Awards

- *Meineta Siafa - for excellent listening skills and being 'on to it' in all areas*
- *Danny-Lee Siafa - for a spectacular 3D geometry test result*
- *Urumanawa Fowlie - for achieving the Room 1 Readicator award in recognition of getting to the top of the classroom readicator*
- *Alick Sixtus - for your wonderful improvement in reading over term 3*
- *Bailey Larsen - for your positive attitude and confidence in trying new learning*
- *Jarred Fowlie - for an excellent improvement in reading over term 3*
....Student Award....
- *Damien Fowlie - for being on task with his Ipad work*
.....and the Principals Award this week....
- *Meineta Siafa - for doing all those little things without being asked and which often go un-noticed*
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Community Notices...

Whangarei Futsal - Futsal starting Sundays from 28th October to 16th December at Kensington Stadium. Junior mixed U12, youth mixed U14 and U16, senior mixed social, mixed semi-social, mens premier, womens premier. To find out more contact Kezia Singleton northlandcdo@nff.org.nz 021 0377 187

Kiwi Kids Can Cook To be held at Bay of Island P & I show on Saturday 10th November at Waimate North. Do you like the taste of good food ? Have you got a favourite dish you like to cook ? If you are in year 1 – 8 represent your school in a fun cooking competition. For details www.nzchefs.org.nz/Competitions

Kamo Swimming Club – 2018/19 Season Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 29th October at 4.25pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. Registration day Friday 26th October at KHS Pool, come and enrol. High School students & parents welcome - good opportunity to come & swim lengths and get stroke improvement tips and fitness in a relaxed environment. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nisbet – 027 470 7955 for more info.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Monday 22 nd October	Labour weekend – No school today
Saturday 27 th October	AG Day 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Compulsory school day.
Monday 29 th October	TECH - Please remember shoes
Friday 2 nd November	Free Show at 2 p.m. “The Sailor Asthma Show” All welcome to come and view the show. Suitable for all ages. A koha to help the Asthma cause is welcome.
Monday 5 th November	Ear Screening in school
Tuesday 6 th November	Poroti School Athletics Day
Thursday 8 th November	Central Day
Friday 9 th November	Swimsafe sessions start – Dry land session one
Tuesday 13 th – Friday 16 th November	Senior Class on camp at Waitomo Bus will still run as normal