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Thursday 1st November

Week 3, Term 4 2018

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Great weather and a real family vibe- our AG Day- with lots of activity going on. Thanks to everyone who supported our day in one way or other. We all worked hard and it was another successful day, with the kids having a great time with their animals, celebrating their successes both indoor and out. The LOGO discussions added to the day, with lots of positive feedback. Janelle is underway with new modifications after your feedback. It was pleasing to see the lambs in the ring this year, and our special thanks to Marcel Douglas for travelling to the farms to see the calves in action and judging our lambs. Staff and students presented the classrooms with some amazing work showing our student's many talents and skills. We have attached a results sheet from the day.

RIBBONS: If you received a champion or reserve champion ribbon please return it to Mrs J and she will give you the new one for this year as they have arrived.

One event down and one major event to go. Athletics Day is upon us and we need all hands on deck again. See the details below.

We received our writing sample analysis from Write that Essay. It is a very comprehensive report and it will now allow the teachers to tailor their writing programmes for specific individual and class needs both now and in 2019. The COL (Community of Learning) also received a summary of the 12 COL Schools and they are using this to apply for more funding to continue receiving the support from the Write That Essay staff who work with our teachers and students in 2019. Writing will continue to be a focus for our school next year.

Roy from the Firewise programme was in the Junior class today as part of their 'Fire' topic work. Ask your children what they learnt.

There is still lots to come this term, so keep watching out for newsletters.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

SAILOR ASTHMA SHOW:

Tomorrow at 2 p.m. Feel free to join us in the Library for this show, particularly if you have children with asthma. It is suitable for all age groups. A gold coin koha would be appreciated, but not compulsory.

ATHLETICS DAY – NEXT WEEK :

Next week is our annual Athletics Day - Tuesday 6 November. This is a day when we host about 400+ students from 7 neighbouring schools. We will again need a host of volunteers for the BBQ, helping to run events both Senior and Junior. Set up/buttering bread etc from 8.45 a.m. with the events starting at 10 a.m.



BOT SPOT:

Next BOT meeting is Monday 5th November at 7 p.m.

Our school is having a fundraiser at Imeson's farm on Sunday 11 November. Fonterra farmers are opening up their gates on Sunday November 11. The whole country cares about what's happening with the environment, including us. That's why some of our Fonterra farmers are opening their gates to show you what they are doing to help protect it. Visitors on-farm at Imeson's for Open Gates will have a chance to get their hands dirty and help out – with 500 plants ready to plant on the day. Events will be on all day, including calf feeding, milking, sausage sizzle with the kids from Poroti School, and the always competitive gumboot throwing competition. Don't miss out! Come and meet the family and have some fun. **Book on-line at Fonterra Open Gate 2018. Northland. Imeson's Farm. There are Terms and Conditions for safety.**

SWIMMING - The pool is now up and running and with the warmer weather we would like to see the students swimming. Swimsafe sessions are due to start on a Friday afternoon, and these are important for our students to participate in. 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.

PGG WRIGHTSONS - Raising Funds For Your School: Purchase Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser between 1st September and 30th 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.

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.

Whangarei Calf Club Central Day - Central Day this year is to be held Thursday 8th November.

Celebration - Class Awards

- Megan Larsen - for fantastic reading
- Riley Tonkin - for amazing work habits and improvement in spelling
- Hamish Powell - you are persevering with an amazing attitude on some tough stuff
- Stella Ropata-Erceg - for your read-icator achievement
- Meineta Siafa - for your read-icator achievement



Community Notices...

Lions Club Fireworks Display: To be held on Saturday 3rd November at Toll Stadium, Okara Park. Gates open 6pm. Cost \$25 family (2 adults 2 children) \$10 single, \$5 school children. If wet will be held Sunday 4th November (listen to 'The Hits' for details). No alcohol or fireworks allowed in the grounds. Proceeds to Northland Charities.

Rick Stolwerk – Northland Regional Councillor - Extends an invite to Kara and Kokopu residents for a mid term council drinks, nibbles and question time to be held at the Kara/Kokopu Hall on Friday November 9th from 5.30 – 6.45pm. There will be a presentation on weed and pest management control. If interested please RSVP by November 7th by text or email. ricks@nrc.govt.nz ph 021823770.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| 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 | Swim safe sessions start – Dry land session one |
| Monday 12 th November | TECH Year 7 and 8 – please remember shoes |
| Tuesday 13 th November | School closed due to Teacher strike – Junior class only. Camp for Seniors will go ahead. |
| Tuesday 13 th – Friday 16 th November | Senior Class on camp at Waitomo Bus will still run as normal for juniors |
| Tuesday 27 th – Thursday 28 th November | Junior 'Survivor Sleepover' See notice sent home for details. Looks great. |