



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

**Proud Open Minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent**

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Thursday 8th November

Week 4, Term 4 2018

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Term Four always starts with a rush and seems to continue with many events happening all throughout the term.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped in and done their bit for our two major events in Term 4 – AG Day and the Athletics Day. Both days involve a huge amount of work before and on the day. It was great to see so many ex-pupils supporting us with cooking the BBQs, and helping out at the Athletics events which saw several generations of families taking part in one way or other.

We were treated to a fabulous, interactive Sailor Asthma show.... giving our parents, staff and students an incite to Asthma and what happens, and how to help and support our Asthmatic students. Our koha went to the Asthma Association to continue their work in educating people about Asthma. Sailor and the Blowfish were a real hit!

Athletics Day..... This year we saw 488+ students arrive at Poroti School for the annual Athletics Day. Our students were very successful this year with our Year 7 Boys taking out the top three spots in the Shot Put- Jose, Rewi and Dayton. A full list will be posted in the next newsletter.

A huge 'thank you' to Hellers for supplying the sausages for our Athletics Day BBQ. Please support them and their delicious sausages !!! This sponsorship of sausages certainly helps our fundraising.

Next Tuesday will be a Strike day for the teachers with the Junior class not coming to school. The Senior class will continue with camp arrangements.

As the end of the year looms, it is important to keep on top of behaviour. Staff along with students are reflecting daily on our school values and what they look like in the classroom and outside in the playground. We are taking a Zero Tolerance approach, so that all students feel safe. We appreciate hearing about concerns that are affecting your children early, so we can address the issues rather than letting them get overwhelming.

It was really pleasing to see the positives in a rather bad situation after our Athletics day, when one of our students had an accident with a rock, and needed a ride in an ambulance with Mrs L-K. The parents who were still here reacted quickly, along with staff members to support the child. The other students all sat around him and offered their calm, caring words. On reflection today, I am proud to say I am the Principal of Poroti School when we have such caring individuals who calmly dealt with the situation, and because of this kept the child calm. Today was also a great learning day for those who were not here as we discussed the incident and how to prevent it happening again.

Swimming has started, and it is compulsory for all students unless they have a good reason. Please support us in this as it is in our NZ Curriculum to teach as part of our Health and Physical Education curriculum area. Each year we spend a great deal of money on our pool facility.

**MRS J**

**PRINCIPAL**



## **BOT SPOT:**

**Next BOT meeting is a Budget meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

The new LOGO is in its final stages with all parties involved having had the opportunity to input into the design, colour, etc. We have learnt a lot about the stories of our community, the reasons for the colours and about our Maunga and Wai. We have consulted on what is important to portray and we now feel it is time to make the final decision. The BOT will be having a blessing and launching of the new logo and you will all be notified of that time and venue.

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 online 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 this 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.

**OPEN FARM FUNDRAISING:** If you are able to help at the BBQ please let Mrs J or Susan know so we can roster you on. Times 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Imeson's farm in Brewer Road (Off Whatitiri Road) Eftpos will be available.

**PGG WRIGHTSONS - Raising Funds For Your School:** Purchase Balance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser between 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Community Notices...**

**PGG Wrightsons:** List and sell your property with Sandra Ballard and she will donate \$1,000 to a nominated school of your choice. For a free no obligation appraisal contact her on 021 185 0997.

**Northland Regional Councillor:** Northland Regional Councillor Rick Stolwerk invites Kara and Kokopu residents for drinks for nibbles at the Kara –Kokopu Hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30 to 6.45pm for question time. If interested please RSVP by email or text. [ricks@nrc.govt.nz](mailto:ricks@nrc.govt.nz) or 021 823 770

# Whangarei BMX Club School Challenge



**Do you want to try an Olympic sport?**  
**Do you want to try your hand at BMX?**  
**Do you want to race for your school and race with your friends ?**  
**Then the School Challenge is for you!**






## SATURDAY DECEMBER 1st 2018

You will race from the small dirt damp, not the Pro Gates.

You will need a good working bike with No pegs, stands or chain guards

Clothing needs to be long pants, long sleeve top, full finger gloves, shoes and socks, and a helmet (Full Face if possible)

See your school Team Co-Ordinator for details and permission Slip

**All enquires to Angela on**  
**02102452047**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Swim safe sessions start – Dry land session one
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Gate Farm at Imeson's fundraising BBQ 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	TECH Year 7 and 8 – please remember shoes
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School closed due to Teacher strike – Junior class only. Camp for Seniors will go ahead.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Senior Class on camp at Waitomo Bus will still run as normal for juniors
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior 'Survivor Sleepover' See notice sent home for details. Looks great.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	VIP Lunch