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Thursday 14th February

Week 2, Term 1 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Welcome to Tiaan who started in the Junior Room, and joins her siblings at Poroti School.

We are also welcoming Matua Maka in a new role-that of Teacher Aide in the Junior Class in the mornings.

What a shame that the weather put a damper on the numbers attending Axeman's Carnival on Saturday. Despite the rain our stall helpers and students had fun in-between the downpours. Thanks to everyone who came and helped with the stall selling and activities, and the wood clearing and stacking after each chopping event even when everyone else had gone home! We had a financially successful day in spite of the weather.



The staff all attended Write That Essay workshops at Tangiteroria School on Tuesday, and we have had in-class coaching sessions today with the students and Paula from WTE.

Mrs Pye is away this week with her daughter on school camp and she is lucky with the weather.

It is good to see most children bringing their togs and towels each day. There are still some children we are yet to see swim. We encourage the children to take part in swimming instruction and put our pool to good use especially when it is so hot outside, and we spend a great deal of time and money keeping the pool open and looking as good as it does. We are one of the lucky schools who have a functioning pool, as seen in the newspaper this week, one school is looking for \$267,000 plus to fix their pool!

Senior Clubs will operate in Terms 2 and 3 this year, on a day yet to be decided.

Break times: The reversing of play and eating times seems to be working at present. At the end of six weeks we will re-evaluate and make a permanent decision for the rest of the year. The children are more settled when going back into class, rubbish is going into the right places, and the social side of things with staff and students mixing is great.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

WHOOPING COUGH: We have had a case of whooping cough diagnosed at school. All measures to notify those parents of children who have not been immunised have been taken. The person involved had been immunised fully and has now got clearance. Please be aware of this and seek medical advice should you suspect your child may have whooping cough.

WOOD: After the Axeman's Carnival we have a large amount of wood for sale. We have bags of chipped wood and logs (which we are having split). If you are interested in getting wood in early for winter, at a great price, please contact me or leave a message at school and we will get back to you.

PALLETS WANTED: We are in need of some more pallets (the lighter ones) for our Tech activities. If you are able to supply or source some, please let us know.

SCHOOL STATIONERY: Just a reminder that your student can purchase their stationery from school and this is now needed. Your child will have brought home a list of what they required. Packs are available at school. Payment can be made at the office or online.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: Available each Friday. Option of hot dog for \$2.50 and iceblock for 50c each. Pay at the office in the morning before school starts.

HATS: As we are a Sunsmart School we all wear hats in Term One and Term Three. We have school hats available, but children may choose to wear their own this year. **No caps.** They need hats that shade their face, neck and ears – bucket hats. They need to be named and the children take responsibility for their own hat.

POOL FENCE WORKING BEE: We received a grant from OXFORD TRUST for fencing to go along the back of the pool. We are have a working bee this Sunday starting at 9 a.m. Thank you to those who have already indicated their attendance.

POWHIRI AND LOGO BLESSING : This will be held on Tuesday 19th February to welcome new students and new families. We will also be blessing our new logo on this day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

9.15 – 9.45 a.m. Bring a plate of food to share to school. Prepare and present the kai (food).

9.45 a.m. Walk to the Marae

10 – 11 a.m. Powhiri

11 a.m. Back to school for kai (Hākari)

SCHOOL PICNIC AND CLASS MEETINGS: Our School Picnic will be on Wednesday 27th February starting at 6 p.m. The pool will be open and during this evening each class will have an Open meeting to talk with parents or interested parties about classroom expectations, homework, programmes of work etc. More specific times will come home nearer the event. Opportunities for individual parents to meet the teachers will also be offered at a different time should you request this.

AMNESTY: No questions asked! Please hunt high and low and return any school Library books, reading books, t-shirts etc to school. After my clean out at home and school I have to say I was guilty of finding Poroti School items. Pleased to say they are safely returned!

BOT SPOT:

This year in June will be the Triennial Board of Trustees Elections. It is now time to be thinking about who you would like to nominate, or if you would be interested. We have information should you be considering the role of Poroti School Board of Trustees member.

Next BOT meeting is on Monday 11th March. Public minutes of the meetings are in a clear file just in by the Principal's Office on the magazine stand should you wish to look at them.

Celebration - Class Awards



- Heather Pitman-Clark - for following classroom rules and giving everything a go
- Te Hina O'Leary - for great spelling results
- Alick Sixtus - for a great start to the New Year
- Lola Monos - for showing confidence in her new class and making excellent contributions
- Rewi Edmonds - for a great start to the term and great focus
- Erica Powell - for a great start to the term and supporting new students in the class
-And the Principals Award this week
- Dayton Pawa -Clark - for starting the new term with a positive attitude and making good choices

Community Notices

ACTIVE ATTITUDE : Active Attitude (9 Commerce St) is all about having fun while participating in physical activity! They have classes for gymnastics, tumble, trampoline, fitness, and aerobic gymnastics. They offer both recreational and competitive classes. Contact them on (09) 945 4876, admin@activeattitude.co.nz or activeattitude.co.nz

CHICKENS : 'Totara Farm' - our local free range chook farm down Revelry Lane are kindly offering chickens for sale to our school and families at a discounted rate of only \$5 each to anyone who is able to provide a kind caring home and would like some tasty fresh eggs. Only 12 months old and great layers! Contact Bridget on 434 8069 or 027 421 7626. Must be collected by 20th February.

MANGAKAHIA JUNIOR SOCCER : Welcomes players aged 5 - 12 interested in playing soccer this year. Any enquires to Susan here at the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Thursday 14 th February	Years 7 & 8 attending Mangakahia Area School Powhiri to welcome them Write That Essay in-class coaching with Paula Walker
Monday 18 th February	TECH for Years 7 & 8. Wear shoes, have lunch etc Transport will be provided
Tuesday 19 th February	School Powhiri and Logo blessing at Maungarongo Marae followed by kai at school
Wednesday 20 th February	Mrs J at MAC Hui (Maori Achievement Collaboration)
Wednesday 27 th February	School Picnic evening and Classroom meetings (more details closer to the time)

