



POROTI SCHOOL

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Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Welcome to the half way point in the term. Things around Poroti School have been very busy.

We are continuing to remind just a few students about our values and the important part their Attitude plays in their learning and behaviour. It's the three A's. A positive ATTITUDE leads to positive ACTION and that leads to ACHIEVEMENT. Achievement of our students is paramount.

I am pleased to see the great writing going on at Poroti School in the classrooms. Adverb start sentences, (a sentence starting with a 'ly' word), VSS = Very short sentences for impact and to grab the interest of the reader usually found in the middle or at the end of the writing, and the punctuation in the correct place. The use of our sentence trains is definitely having an impact. *A sentence train is a resource that is literally a magnetic train and carriages that teachers and students write words onto and move them around to make different types of sentences, and add the correct punctuation in a teacher guided lesson.* In the senior class the students have words and phrases which they can cut up and manipulate into sentences during teacher guided sessions. Students can see and be exposed to different sentence types and the rules of punctuation in these sessions so they can then transfer them into their own writing. We are seeing the positive effects of the home learning of spelling words, in class word works, spelling and Action English programmes. The children are not just verbalising their understanding, but we are seeing it transferring into the work. They KNOW and now they can SHOW it. ***Great team work everyone. Home and School working together to raise the achievement of our students.***



We are seeing school sores (Impetigo) on the rise again. Please keep the sores clean and covered. They are spread through direct skin contact, transfer from hands to other parts of the skin, clothes and sheets. We have access to plasters and crystaderm if you need them. Please let us know. Our Public Health Nurses Jess and Anna are also available and visit us on a regular basis.

Kiwiana is alive in the Senior class, and I am learning so much! Through research we are investigating many different New Zealand icons and seeing if they fit our Kiwiana criteria. It is like going back in time and letting our new generation learn about our history, culture and products that have stood the test of time.

The Junior class have been investigating through Science and the whole school had that lovely aroma of Hokey Pokey – a Kiwiana favourite, as well as an amazing chemical reaction.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

GYMNASTICS:

The Junior class will start their gymnastics programme **tomorrow Friday 8th March**. Ashleigh from Active Attitude will be running the programme every Friday for 6 weeks in one hour sessions. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter gymnastics teaches the fundamental movement skills our children need to be able to do most things in life, along with building confidence. Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed to participate in these sessions. No zips, buckles etc as they may rip the mats and catch on equipment.



BOT SPOT:

Next meeting is Monday 11 March at 7 p.m. in Staffroom. Remember it is Election year this year. Keep an eye out for details of how you can be nominated to stand for Board elections. This will start appearing in May.

NETSAFE LIVE:

Netsafe LIVE is a free event in Whangarei about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Pauline Spence will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital tech and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online.

Parent and Whānau meeting is 6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. at Whangarei Girl's High School

For more information and to register visit netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/netsafe-live-whangarei/

Community Notices

Maunga Mayhem : On Saturday 30th March beside Maungatapere Mountain, three full on races over obstacles and challenges including water slide, maize, scramble nets, hurdles, tyres and much more. Prizes for placegettings and spot prizes available. Tickets from \$25. For more information and tickets go to maungamayhem.co.nz

Kiwi Release : On the 6th April, Pukenui Forest Trust will be releasing 12 more Kiwi into their reserve. A ceremony will be held at Hurupaki Primary School where people can get up close to these amazing birds. Before the release there will be a series of public meetings to share information about the Kiwi, what the trust is doing and what you can do to help. Meetings at Whangarei Quarry Gardens 14th March 5.30pm and Hurupaki Primary School 21st March 6pm. More details available at www.pukenuitrust.org.nz

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Friday 8 th March	Junior Class Gymnastics
Monday 11 th March	BOT Meeting
Tuesday 12 th March	Netsafe LIVE parent and whānau meeting at 6.30 p.m.
Monday 18 th March	Year 7 & 8 TECH Van leaves at 8.50 a.m
Wednesday 27 th March	School Triathlon

