

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Week 10, Term 2 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

It's the final countdown!!

This term has been another busy one with a lot of activity with Education Outside the Classroom trips and learning. It has seen some awesome student writing achievement in both classes as we progress through the Write That Essay (WTE) Professional Development. Digital Technology has been buzzing in the Senior class and with the new grant of Chrome books from **The Oxford Trust** we will see all seniors on Chrome books.

This term saw us make some great strides in creating an identity for our school with the logo, and new signs at the road side. With new sports and school shirts underway it is only forward moving from here. Keep talking to people; we have spaces in our classes and would welcome new students.

Our decking project is underway, so if you are around the school now and in the holidays please ensure you stay outside of the safety barriers.

Last Friday the Senior class travelled to Hukerenui to visit the **Jack Morgan Museum** as part of our 'war' and 'Kiwiana' studies. The museum has so much history to see, touch and learn about. Author Dianne Menefy told us stories of young soldiers from the area and her research on them. We had the good fortune to meet one of the grand-daughters of a soldier she spoke about, as she dropped in unexpectedly to the Museum. She also told us some stories about 'Charlie.' On our return the students have written some amazing poems, and pieces of writing about some of the artefacts they saw, and the games they played i.e. milk bottles, box brownie cameras, real knucklebones and spinning tops. The museum staff were very complimentary about our students, their knowledge and behaviour.

As you will know Mrs L-K's last day is tomorrow. Mrs L-K has been at Poroti School in different roles over a number of years. She has always given our students 100%, not only towards their learning, but in building positive relationships with both the student and their whānau. From mudslides, to Disco DJ, great camps and shrinking her class ! We thank her for her contribution, (and her own family's contribution) to our school and farewell her to her new class with our best wishes and aroha. Thank you for everything you have done during your time at Poroti School Shara.

Thank you to those whānau who came to Parent Interviews this week. It is always a valuable time to be able to explain our report comments and answer any concerns, so we all get on the same page for the progress of our children's achievement. Our door is always open if you have concerns. Please see us early before it escalates.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July ready to start Term 3 at 9 a.m. If you are travelling, travel safe.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

## **BOT SPOT:**

Congratulations to Kerry Lord who was voted our new Board of Trustees Chairperson.

Next BOT meeting is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm in School Staffroom

**New Teacher for Junior Class:** We are holding Interviews this week, so unfortunately with the process being so close to the end of term, we will not have a name for you. I will endeavour to send a letter to the Whānau during the holidays to inform you of the successful applicant before school starts in Term 3. Please know that the BOT has the best interests of our students at heart when going through this process, and trust that they will appoint the best teacher for the position.

**TANIWHA CHALLENGE:** Every year we travel to Te Horo school for the annual Taniwha Challenge (Cross Country in a rural setting). This will be in Week 3 of next term, so if the kids get bored, some cross country training could be a great holiday activity! Practice on the hills as well. Come prepared next term for some serious 'Fit K' running.

**PLANTING:** The Senior class will be joining Kokopu School seniors in a joint planting venture as part of Enviro-Schools on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July (first week back at school) from 9.30 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will be at 'Good Eggs' property just off Draffin Road . We will require a couple of parents to help and transport as well. If you can help out please let me know. Thank you.







<u>Whangarei District Library</u> : Are running a school holiday programme free for children aged 5 - 10 (children under 10 to be accompanied by an adult). Sessions are from 10am - 11am

on Tuesdays – 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July. Join them for the journey through wild worlds, music, games, magic tricks, crafts and activities galore. www.whangarei-libraries.com

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Friday 5 July	Last day of the term. Normal finish time of 3 p.m.
Monday 22 July	First day of Term Three. Starting at 9 a.m.
Wednesday 24 July	Senior Class Tree planting with Kokopu School at Good Eggs property
Friday 9 August	Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo (Cross country)



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