



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 1, Term 3 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had a good break and the kids are ready for some more learning.

A special welcome to **Mrs Vicky Booth** who is our new Junior Class Teacher. Vicky has previously taught at Poroti as Principal Release Teacher for a short time. We are excited to have her as a part of our teaching team, and I know she is looking forward to working with your students and getting to know their whānau .

Next Tuesday when Whaea Hoana is in we will be having a welcome for Mrs Booth. Could you please send a small plate of food for the shared kai. I will notify you of the time if you wish to join us.

This term as a continuation of our 'Kiwiana' theme both classes are looking at 'New Zealand Birds.' This will conclude with a School trip to Tiritiri Matangi Bird Island Sanctuary on Thursday 26th September (the last week of the term.)

The Senior class are underway with their Science Fair projects for Years 7 & 8, and Research for Years 4-6. This term also sees the Speech competition to be held in September.

If you have been around the school you will have noticed the **Oak Trees**. A massive thank you to David Davis-Colley and Kerry Lord (our new BOT Chairperson) who spent the first weekend of the holidays 'trimming' the Oak Trees so that they can regroup and grow, as well as remain safe. They look amazing and so much more light pours into the school now. Thanks also to Maka and Graeme, (along with their family's help) for cleaning up the area around the trees, and front of school. If you want to come and chainsaw up the remaining branches on the ground and take it away for firewood please help yourself.

The new decking and steps are well underway and are safe to walk on now.

I met with Nic Bean from Sportsclub in the holidays about the new uniforms. We took the best of the parent's picks with the best of the kid's picks and meshed them together!! When Nic sends back the draft I will send it home for comment and / or approval. We want to get this moving so the timeline will be quick.

The Senior class went planting with the seniors from Kokopu School. This event was run by the Northland Regional Council, in conjunction with the Mangere Catchment Group who provided lunch. This was also tied into our Enviro-Schools programme and it is always good to give back to a community action for our futures. We became 'movie stars' with drones flying overhead taking photos, action shots taken and some of us were extras in the background for the speakers being interviewed. (Those 'extras' have decided acting is not for them after several takes of the same thing!) These videos will be available on the Northland Regional Website soon.

After an awesome team effort from everyone our annual Community dinner at the Complex made a profit of just over \$800 (raffle included).

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back from Mrs Pye

I am looking forward to seeing the lovely Room One on Friday. Homework sheets will go out on Friday too and students will have their Spelling City assignments to do which are expected to be finished by THURSDAY next week.

This term we start a maths unit on Probability. This is a fun unit looking at statistics and the likelihood of events happening. I have assigned new tasks on STUDYLADDER and this can be worked on at home too if you choose.

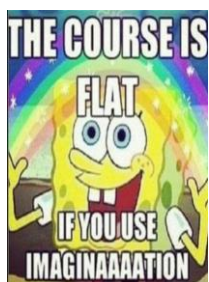
We carry on with our KIWIANA unit by looking at some Kiwi Characters. Remember Wal from Footrot Flats and Billy T James?

Lastly, could you all please check that your child has a glue stick, a red and blue pen, a pencil and an eraser for the term. It helps so much if they are organised with the correct equipment. THANKS!

BOT SPOT:

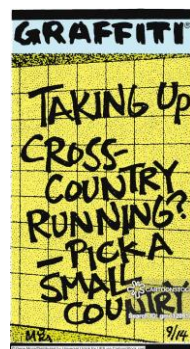
Next BOT meeting is Wednesday 30th July at 7 pm in School Staffroom

TANIWHA CHALLENGE:



Each day we will be training for the Taniwha Challenge. So that the students can compete and complete their own age group courses without undue stress, it is essential that they train daily and build up their stamina. This is done at their own pace. Please send suitable clothes and shoes to run in. They can change after running.

They are also having their delicious hangi for sale on the day. **Pre-orders are a must.** If you would like to order, please complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter and send back to us with payment by cash or to our account 123115 -0216227-000. Food and drinks are also available from their canteen after the event.



CALVES FOR AG DAY 2019:

At a recent meeting of the Whangarei Group Calf Club it was decided unanimously that there would be NO calves at the Whangarei Group Calf club Centre Day 2019. There would be a Virtual Calf section with boards. I will send out a separate notice with criteria. The decision regarding School Ag days would be up to individual schools and their Board of Trustees. Last year we still reared and handled the calves as per AG Day and the judge visited the farms due to our low numbers. After the next BOT meeting I will notify you via the newsletter of the decision re having actual calves at our AG Day.

AG DAY MEETING: We will be having an AG Day meeting to start planning for this year's AG Day next Wednesday 31st July at 3.15pm here at school. Everyone encouraged to attend if you can.

Celebration - Class Awards...

- Alick Sixtus - You are a star in all you do - best of luck with your new adventures !
- Tiaan Fowlie - For great focus on maths symphony
- Meineta Siafa - striving for excellence in everything that you do, you are amazing, keep it up !
- Erica Powell - Excellent use of 'em-dash' in your writing and super science fair work
- Jose Edwards - for using the school values of independent and getting stuck in and going so well on your science fair project
- Cyrus Clark – (from Mrs Pye) welcome to Room 1 and for being so polite, respectful and having great manners with a positive attitude to your learning

- Kylieshianne Kingi – such improvement in your writing, fantastic ‘I’m a soldier’ piece of writing
- Cyrus Clark - (from Mrs J) for great fitting in with the class and getting on with everything

Student Leaders’ Award...

- Te Mihinga Rapana - for being on task with your senior work



Principal’s Award. . .

- Danny-Lee Siafa - for an amazing piece of writing in your ‘I’m a Soldier’ bring tears to my eyes.

...STUDENT JOKES OF THE WEEK (as told at Assembly)

- ‘What did one plate say to the other? *Dinners on me!*
- Why didn’t the teddy bear want dessert? *Because it was stuffed!*



.....COMMUNITY NOTICES.....

Kauri Museum Matakohe Photography Competition ... are holding their third annual photography competition. Entries are open now and close on 12 August. This is open to all school students and is an exploration of our beautiful region where kauri once covered the land. For full competition details go to www.kaurimuseum.com/whats-on/events Entry forms are also available at the office – please ask if you would like one sent home.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

| TERM TWO | |
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| Tuesday 30 July | Staff at Write That Essay workshops |
| Thursday 1 / Friday 2 August | Mrs J is at Te Tai Tokerau Principal’s Conference |
| Friday 9 August | Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo (Cross country) for whole school. |

(CUT HERE AND RETURN)

TANIWHA CHALLENGE HANGI ORDER FORM

Yes, I would like to order hangi meals at \$10 each.

Name

Amount attached \$.....

I have paid online \$..... (please use name as reference)

Orders must be back by Monday 5th August

