



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 1st August

Week 2, Term 3 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Everyone has settled into their learning and classroom routines again and it is pleasing to see children engaged in their learning.

We welcomed Mrs Booth officially on Tuesday. Thanks to all who took part and sent kai, and to Whaea Hoana for taking the lead.

Some staff attended the Write that Essay Pre-paragraphing workshops on Tuesday. Another valuable learning opportunity for our staff, and at times affirmation that we are definitely on the right track with our teaching of writing.

I will be attending the Tai Tokerau Principals' Conference in Waitangi over the next two days as part of my Professional Development.

Training in the form of 'Fit K' is well underway in preparation for the Taniwha Challenge on Friday 9th August. This form of running is about pacing ourselves, and LSD (Long, Slow, Distance) with the change of pace when passing people and heading to the finish line. It is teaching our students to keep moving forward jogging, rather than walking, and pushing those arms when going uphill. We have added the 'steps' into our training regime to get some 'hill training' in!

Preparation for AG Day is underway. We are at present choosing classroom activities. If you have any suggestions for the Adult competition please let me know. We will try again in two weeks for another AG Day meeting. Keep watching out in the newsletter.

Have a great weekend and good luck with your sport.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

BOT SPOT:

The BOT and some parents who were around yesterday had discussions over the latest draft T-shirt. Changes have been made and sent back to the company for revision. We want to get it right!

Next BOT meeting is Tuesday 27th August 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 place an order, please get your forms back (these were on last week's 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.

*** Hangi orders due back to office by Tuesday 6th August ***

CALVES FOR AG DAY 2019:

The BOT voted to go with other schools for this year and only have Virtual Calves with Boards. We are at present organising judges, with the hope that the judge will visit the farms and watch the children in action with their calves. A suggestion was made that perhaps we have the Champion Calf come to AG Day.

AG DAY – 19TH OCTOBER 2019.

For those entering an animal on the day an entry form is attached. Please can these be sent back as soon as possible so we can organise ribbons etc. We will not be hatching chicken eggs at school this year but young chickens can be purchased at pet shops in town. These will need to be reared at home for presenting on AG Day. After AG Day they can be re-homed in with our school chooks if wanted (hens only please).



.....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.

Whangarei Central Library ...“The Storytime Character Hunt is on again at the Whangarei Central Library, Sunday 11 August starting at 10.30am. There will be spot prizes available for children dressed as their favourite book character.”

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM THREE	
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.
Monday 26 August	Year 7 & 8 Tech – remember shoes
Wednesday 28 th August	ST John First Aid presentation at school
Wednesday 4 th September	WPSSA Cross Country Barge Park
Friday 13 th September	School Speech Competition