



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 3, Term 3 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

I had the privilege of attending the Tai Tokerau Principals' Leadership Conference in Waitangi on Thursday and Friday – "Doing it the Kiwi way." Pio Terei was our conference MC, and what a wonderful man he is. We were treated to some AMAZING, inspirational and knowledgeable speakers in Kathryn Beckett, (The Neuroscience of Self-Care – Putting yourself first and why we need to), then she also spoke on Building Emotional Resilience – Stretching our students into the uncomfortable. I just wish all our staff and parents could hear her speak. Tim Tepene spoke of his life's journey, and the people who were inspirational in his life and why, (including 3 teachers who feature in his new book). He overcame many obstacles in his life and is now the founder of "Warrior Kids." On the last day we heard Melodie Robinson speak, again of her journey through life as an international rugby player, her Journalism pathway into the male dominated world of Rugby.

Today a truck pulled up outside our classroom to the delight of our students. It was a delivery from Mike's Woodshop of our TV/ Teaching station and our Device storage systems which we obtained with a grant from OXFORD TRUST. They are already set up in the senior room, and look fabulous in their newness and great colours, (Memphis Blue and Energiser Orange). The Junior class received my much loved whiteboard horseshoe table, so everyone was happy.

Poroti School is a hive of building with the steps and handrails nearly complete, and work on the back of the Library with new steps and a ramp are also underway. Alongside this are the multitude of huts been constructed under the trees and in the bush area. Furniture is being created as well. It is amazing what you can do with tyres, pallets and tarps.

Please find attached-what we hope is-the Final draft of our new school shirt. The colours may alter slightly from the picture, but not so you would see a difference. Please let me know **by next Tuesday** if you have any major concerns because the final decision is being made and the order put in on Tuesday. We feel we have done all we can in consulting with as many people as we can, so everyone's input has been taken into consideration – not an easy task!

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

BOT SPOT:

Next BOT meeting is Tuesday 27th August at 7 pm in School Staffroom .

The roofing project is due to start at the end of September, so we are in for some more disruption, but both projects will have positive outcomes for the school.

SENIOR CLASS CAMP:

We have booked the dates of Tuesday 19th November until Friday 22nd November for our Senior Class camp. It will be in the Bay of Islands area. If you would like to attend as a parent please let me know as early as possible. We need to Police Vet those who did not come last year as our Policy requires. This takes time, so even if you are unsure and are thinking 'maybe' it would pay to let me know, and get the Police Vetting done. No Police Vet then sorry we cannot take you with us.

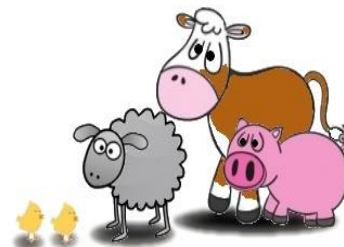


TANIWHA CHALLENGE:

Tomorrow Friday 9th Parents welcome to come and watch. We will be leaving school at 9 a.m. on the dot! Please send suitable clothes and shoes to run in. They can change after running. Warm clothing is essential for up on the hill at Te Horo.

AG DAY – 19TH OCTOBER 2019.

For those entering an animal on the day, please send back your entry forms as soon as possible – (entry forms were attached to previous week's newsletter). 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).



CELEBRATION – CLASS AWARDS

- *Tiaan Fowlie - for trying really hard to make great choices in class*
- *Teyla-Jay Kingi - for being a great role model in the classroom*
- *Jarred Fowlie - for trying really hard to make great choice in class*
- *Hamish Powell - for speeding along with his times table and choosing good places to work*
- *Delilah Ropata-Erceg - for great science fair work and sharing of her writing*
- *Hamish Powell - for great group discussion within his reading group*
- *TeMihinga Rapana - for reaching the top of the readicator*

Student Leadership Award - * *Kodie Lord – for working hard and being on task*



Te Hina O'Leary - For showing great leadership and a positive attitude in accepting change

Student Joke of the Week

- Want to hear a joke about paper???? *Never mind, it's tear-able !!*

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

Mangakahia Complex Country Meal - Tomorrow - Friday night from 6m - come along and support your local Mangakahia Junior Soccer club who are hosting the meal this month. A great family outing, kids meals and raffles on the night.

VODAFONE WARRIORS WOMEN'S LEAGUE TEAM:



Girls only between age of 5-15 years. Come to the Tikipunga Domain this Saturday between 11.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. for a skills and drills session, and signing autographs.

Kauri Museum Matakohē 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	
Friday 9 August	Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo (Cross country) for whole school.
Monday 26 August	Year 7 & 8 Tech – remember shoes
Tuesday 27 th August	BOT Meeting 7pm staffroom
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