



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 15th August

Week 4, Term 3 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Welcome back to Richard and his whānau . Richard has joined the Junior Class. It's lovely to have you back.

After a rather wet, but successful Taniwha Challenge the staff sat with a cup of tea and reflected on the success of our students, and the support they received from their whānau and school mates. Thank you to everyone who made the trip over to Te Horo for the annual event. Nothing was dampened by the weather and the mud!

It is a busy time in the Senior Class with Science Fair Projects, Research Projects and Speeches on the go along with normal classroom learning. They have access to these via devices if they wish to work on them at home. We visited Maungatapere today to view their Science Fair projects and it proved a very valuable trip.

I have been reading lots of great writing from the Junior Class as they proudly walk into the Senior Class to share their work. That is the part of my job I really enjoy.

Next Wednesday we have Write That Essay Coaching clinics at school with the WTE Facilitator coming to work with staff and students.

UNIFORM DESIGN: We have finally put in the order!! Thank you to everyone who gave their views and opinions throughout this process. It has been a long process but one which needed to take time to ensure we got it right. It has been a journey of highs and lows, of lots of korero between lots of people, but I know we have ended up with a design that the majority like. A special thank you must go to Janelle for her time in changing the designs on a regular basis, and leading this journey. We will now look forward to seeing them on our students.

The concrete for the new ramp area at the back by the Library will be done this week. The outside carpentry work on our broken windows has been finished. The new steps and railings look great and it is good to be able to walk up the steps knowing that is secure and safe.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

BOT SPOT:

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

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:

The Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo was truly an authentic Cross Country course-mud, hills, rain, and more mud! We are so proud of our students who competed. All who started their race finished and without being stressed which was our goal. We believe we truly 'punched above our weight' with 24 children running and 10 finishing in the top Ten. Congratulations to our Top 3 Place getters:



Szaffie – 2nd – 5 year old girls

Lincoln-Blayze – 4th – 9 year old boys

Hana – 5th – 6 year old girls

Tiaan – 8th – 4 year old girls

Erica – 9th – 10 year old girls

Te Hina – 3rd – 7 year old girls

Hamish – 5th – 8 year old boys

Casey – 7th – 10 year old boys

Jethro – 8th – 5 year old boys

Meineta – 9th – 11 & 12 year old girls

Those who are 8 and above have a choice to compete in the Whangarei Primary Schools' Cross Country at Barge Park on Wednesday 28th August. For those who wish to compete at this event we will continue to train (and find some hills to practice on).

AG DAY – 19TH OCTOBER 2019.

Reminder for those entering an animal on the day, please send back your entry forms as soon as possible so we can organise ribbons etc.

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

****TAURAROA AREA SCHOOL PRESENTS TAS CREATIVE – CELEBRATING OUR MUSIC. FORUM NORTH \$5 STUDENTS, \$10 ADULTS. 7 P.M. 21ST AUGUST.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM THREE	
Wednesday 21 August	WTE coaching clinics in class
Thursday 22 August	Te Ahua and Digital Technology
Monday 26 August	Year 7 & 8 Tech – remember shoes Science Fair exhibits to Forum North
Tuesday 27 th August	BOT Meeting 7pm staffroom Tauraroa Area School Open evening from 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday 28 th August	ST John First Aid presentation at school
	WPSSA Cross Country Barge Park
Friday 13 th September	School Speech Competition