



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 2, Term 4 2019

Kia ora, Greetings

The term has continued to be busy, and I must say the students appear very tired after their holidays and a week of last minute preparations for AG Day. Hopefully with the long weekend approaching they will catch up on the sleep and return to school rested.

Once again our Annual **AG Day** was a success. There was a calm, vibe on the day with people pitching in to help out at activities, catching up with old friends and just enjoying the sunshine. Our students, staff and BOT added their feedback on the day so we can further improve our day. The indoor exhibits were amazing and both classrooms showed some creativity in their ideas especially around the 'Kiwiana' theme, the time and commitment to training their calves and lambs was a credit to them and their parents. We hope that next year's event will see calves back for real. Thank you to everyone involved in making this day a success both socially and financially. We raised over \$1200, once expenses had been taken out. Well done everyone. If you have any feedback or new suggestions for next year please let us know. A lot of it comes down to manpower which is why we are limited to what we can offer.

Yesterday the Years 4-8 tackled hailstorms, 50 km winds and 21 kilometres on our **Bike Northland Cycle day...** the saying "I was not expecting that!" came to mind when we got to the Bike Northland centre ready for what I thought were some cycle skills training, and a bike around the loop, and then Kevin explained what was really going to happen! Thank you to the parents who transported and to those who rode with us. Our kids showed resilience and perseverance and for all of us that was a practice for what is to come on camp!

Next week appears to be a 'normal' working week with Monday off due to Labour Weekend and Tiritiri Matangi on the Friday. A note will come home on Tuesday with all the information. It will be the same arrangements as last time. We have a couple of adult spaces if you would like to come, just let us know.

Athletics on Wednesday 13th November is the next BIG Fundraiser for us. Please add that date to your calendar and come down to help and support our students. The BBQ tent will be operational again and as always busy we hope.

After AG Day and the sighting of the new uniforms, many people asked about purchasing jackets and hoodies. We are making enquiries about costs and will let you know as soon as we have that information.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL





Poroti School Facebook Page is being Updated

If you haven't found it and liked it yet, please do so. We aim to put school and community notices on it as well as a few snippets of school happenings. You are welcome to contribute (positively!) to this as well.

PLEASE BE AWARE this is an open group, so if you **do not** want staff members to post photos of your child, give us a call and we will endeavor to support your wishes.

If you post pictures of Poroti Children, please make sure it is OK with their whānau.



From Mrs Pye

This term homework continues. **Spelling City** needs to be done regularly at home. If your tamariki tell you that they have done their assignment, they can still revise their word list using games or practice test. This is important as they will need to know them for the test that happens on Thursdays.

The Ladder Challenge ...begins this term. This is a competition where children compete with each other in their basic facts to get to the top of the ladder. Remember to spend time testing your children on their times tables and other basic facts.

There will be no homework sheets going home this term. Study ladder is still being added to and I recommend this if you would like to support maths learning at home.

BOT SPOT:

We received \$2,500 from the **OXFORD TRUST** for bark to start updating our school entrance, to match our new logo and uniforms.

The BOT received a Data report on Writing (our target area), Reading and Maths at the last meeting from Mrs J and Mrs Pye our Staff Rep. This showed the movement of achievement of our students across the expected levels of the NZ Curriculum for all year groups. It also reported on our Maori student achievement. This data was late being presented to the BOT. It was achievement up until the End of Term Two. Due to our low numbers I have shown it as percentage only for this newsletter. Results are below.

Writing	Above or At the expected NZ Curriculum level	Below or Well Below the expected NZ Curriculum level
All students	47%	52%
Maori students	47%	53%

This is our target area, and changes to achievement data take time. We know through Write That Essay and in-class teaching our students have a positive attitude to writing and we are seeing progress within our classroom programmes. This is the first step in making those changes. We have identified this as a need and will continue to target writing and specific students in 2020.

Reading		
All students	75%	24%
Maori students	86%	13%
Reading has been a strength in Poroti School. Our students are engaged with books, and with the support from Home with reading we hope to keep this achievement progressing.		
Maths		
All students	58%	41%
Maori students	66%	33%
Maths will also continue to be a focus in classroom programmes to bring up the achievement. Again home learning is important, so keep that going with your child. In some year levels (students moving into Stage 4 and 5) there are some big steps to make, as they are moving from working with whole numbers e.g. $6 + 7 = 13$. It is how they solve this that makes the difference i.e. they can count on from the biggest number (a lower level) or use doubles knowledge ($6 + 6 = 12 + 1 = 13$) or make a ten ($6 + 4 = 10 + 3 = 13$). In the last two strategies that are working with parts of whole numbers. This is the foundation for future learning. Knowing their basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts is paramount.		

MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL CULTURAL FESTIVAL:

Our whole school will be attending this annual event to be held on Thursday 14th November. Permission slips will come home shortly. Mangakahia School is again offering for sale their delicious Hangi at \$12 each. If you would like to order please complete and return slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return back to us with your payment.

WORKING BEE:

Due to a number of 'key' people not being available the weekend we chose, the Tuia 250 flotilla arriving on the Saturday the BOT have decided to postpone the working bee from that weekend.

We have several gardening type projects needing to be completed, a shade house to erect, and creating a pathway through the Living Garden. A list of the jobs will be sent home and another date later in the term. If you do have some time on your hands and can come down and do some of the jobs that would be very much appreciated.

Te Manawa Tahi o Whangarei: Supporting your child's learning:

The Ministry of Education (MoE) and Resource Teachers Learning and Behaviour(RTLB) will be commencing a new Learning Support delivery model called **Te Manawa Tahi** in the Whangarei area from 14 October 2019. As part of this new way of working they will be hosting **Community Hubs** where whānau and community members can come in and talk to education specialists about their child's learning needs, on their terms. Anyone can call **0800 5248 4256** to make an appointment with the Te Manawa Tahi team. This is a free service.

We have a **school hui here in Week 4 Term 4, Wednesday 6 November: 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.** to find out the details and ask questions.

SENIOR CAMP:

Information around camp will start coming home next week. Please keep an eye out for it. Fees have been set at \$80 per student for this year's senior camp. Payment can be made at the school office or

online at 123115 – 0216227-000, please use student's name as reference. Part payments are welcome but fees must be paid in full BEFORE 19th November - thank you.

Community Notices



The Girls Club House Tour 2019 - Go on a tour inside and around some of Whangarei's finest homes on Saturday 9th November or Sunday 10th November 9.30am – 4pm and support a good cause. Tickets available from eventfinda for further details www.girlsclub.org.nz All proceeds go to North Haven Hospice.

Whangarei Lions Club Fireworks Spectacular - This year on Saturday 2nd November at Sememoff Stadium, gates open 6pm. A great family night out.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Monday 28 th October	Labour Day – no school
Friday 1 st November	School Trip - Tiritiri Matangi
Thursday 7 th November	Central Calf Club Day – Riley, Te Hina and Jethro attending
Monday 11 th November	Year 7 & 8 TECH
Wednesday 13 th November	Poroti School ATHLETICS
Thursday 14 th November	Mangakahia Cultural Festival – Poroti School performing

MANGAKAHIA SCHOOL – HANGI ORDER

14TH NOVEMBER 2019

Yes, I would like to order..... hangi at \$12 each

Childs name

Payment Attached **OR** I have paid online (123115 – 0216227-000 use child's name as reference)

Signature

ORDERS MUST BE BACK TO US BY 7TH NOVEMBER

