



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 7, Term 4 2019

Kia ora, Greetings

**URGENT NOTICE:** The bus will not be running tomorrow night after school. If you cannot pick up your child Mrs J will deliver them home. Just let us know in the morning or ring school to make arrangements tomorrow.

This term is whizzing by very quickly, and it will be the end of term before we know it.

Last week the Senior class headed to the Bay of Islands for their camp. The weather, the group of students, parents, instructors and the scenery was spectacular. A group of very tired campers returned home on Friday after a super week full of activities which challenged our students. All students pushed themselves to their own limits and all completed every challenge. We discovered some 'hidden talents' in some of our parents while we were away, like the fact that our Board Chair Kerry is a great pizza oven fire builder and cook! We were extremely lucky with the parents we had on our camp – they participated fully and were a great asset to the camp and the enjoyment that our kids had because of their support.

Junior Camp is on today and tomorrow, with lots of exciting activities. I have just viewed their land art and it looks amazing. Keep a look out on Facebook for more action from the camp.

The Roofing project is well underway, and we are coping with the disruption of not being able to use the main block when they are on the roof – even with a power outage yesterday.

We were delighted to learn that our **Oxford Trust grant for sports gear** was approved.

Congratulations to Rewi, Jose, Danny-Lee and Delilah who were selected to represent our zone in the WPSSA Years 7 & 8 Athletics Championship event on Wednesday this week. Unfortunately Danny-Lee was unable to compete due to other schooling commitments, but Rewi, Jose and Delilah performed very well. The results are not in yet so we cannot give you their placings.

Dr Melinda Webber has returned our data analysis from the survey our staff, students, and families participated in. The summary makes interesting reading, and is mostly very positive. Melinda has given us suggestions for how we can improve our situation particularly around recognising and being aware of their own 'Culture' and cultural identity for all of our students. Knowing that we all have cultural identity, and being able to celebrate our diversity. It makes interesting reading and I would recommend that if you participated in the report you would like to see the findings. If you wish to have a copy of the summary please contact the office or see Mrs J. I can email if needed.

We hope to start swimming next week. Please support us in preparing our students for a summer around the water, and encourage them to bring togs and towel when we open the pool. It also helps us cope with the hot weather.

**MRS J  
PRINCIPAL**

**BOT SPOT:**

The BOT have decided to open the pool over the Christmas holidays. At present we are getting it ready for swimming and will notify you in the next newsletter as to when they are available. The cost is \$70 per key, with \$20 of that being a bond, refundable on the return of the key.

The BOT have agreed to a **Teacher-Only Day** next February. School will start on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, and children will attend on the Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Thursday is Waitangi Day, and Friday will be the Teacher-Only Day with no students at school. This day is a day of Professional Development for our Teaching Staff.

**END OF YEAR EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR:**

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December: VIP Lunch at 12.30 p.m.
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: End of Year Prize giving in the evening to be held at school
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Whole school day out at Flip Out.

**OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS:**

With the end of year closing in we would like to close off any outstanding accounts from the year. Invoices are being sent home regarding this. Could you please arrange to pay on-line or through Susan in the school office. Thanks.

## Community Notices

**Girls' Brigade...** invites you to join a fun and energetic group for young women aged between 5 and 18 who want to make the most out of life. Our motto is 'To Seek, Serve, and Follow Christ'. We are currently taking new enrolments for 2020. We meet on Thursday nights during term time: 6.00 - 7.45pm at St John's Golden Church, 149 Kamo Road, Kensington commencing 20 February contact Brenda 027 2771159 or 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei commencing 20 February contact Sue 021 2600792

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Camp
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	WPSSA Year 4 – 6 Athletics
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	VIP Luncheon
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Assembly