



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 5th December

Week 8, Term 4 2019

Kia ora, Greetings

It's the final countdown!!

Congratulations to Lincoln-Blayze who was in the Zone Team to compete at the Year 4-6 Athletics Championship event in town. Lincoln-Blayze competed in the Year 4 High Jump.

The pool is well underway with just a few things to be done to finish the process of getting it ready and safe for swimming. Mr J and I have put up a new sun shelter for the expected hot weather. Hopefully it will be more successful than last years!

Today was our chance to say **Thank You** to those who have supported us this year in one way or another with our VIP Luncheon at 12.30 p.m. For those who were unable to make this event please accept our sincere appreciation of your support of our school, staff and students.



Junior Camp was awesome! A big **THANK YOU** to Mrs Booth and Mrs Grenfell for your wonderful choice of activities and organisation. To the parents who came along and supported the camp thank you. The camp fire and marshmallows, glow sticks in the dark, and Adventure Forest challenges all made for an exciting time for our Junior class and gave them all memories to keep for ever. It is great to see parents and staff sharing the photos on our Facebook Page so those unable to come along can see the fun and faces of their family members as they do the activities and face their challenges.

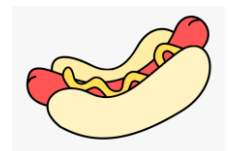
**MRS J
PRINCIPAL**

PRIZEGIVING:

A reminder for Prize-giving next week – Tuesday 10th December to be held here at school. Due to the building and scaffolding we will just have the Prize-giving this year starting at 7 p.m. **ALL children** need to be here at 6.30 p.m. please to get ready for the starting performance!!

LUNCH ORDERS TOMORROW – FRIDAY:

There will be no lunch orders tomorrow for hot dogs as we will be providing students with free sausages. Iceblocks at 50c will still be available.



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 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. Keys will be on sale from next week. Pool will be open the week of Monday 16th December for key holders.

The BOT have agreed to a **Teacher-Only Day** next February. School will start on Tuesday 4th February, and children will attend on the Wednesday 5th 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.



RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DONATIONS

Christmas is a hard time of year. Especially for families who are away from home. This is an opportunity for you to donate and help make their Christmas special. The Thomson family are heading down to Ronald McDonald house on Wednesday 18th December for their oldest twin boy to have surgery on his hernia. They have asked if anyone would like to donate items that they can take down with them on the Wednesday. The items Ronald McDonald house are in need of are ... Christmas treats, sandwich spreads, tinned foods, non-perishables and unwrapped Christmas gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to one of our students Te Hina who very kindly donated \$30 of her own money she earned from doing jobs at home. Awesome Te Hina. You are amazing !

2020 STAFFING:

We have been fortunate to maintain our Teaching Staff for 2020. Mrs Booth and Mrs Grenfell in the Junior Class, and Mrs J and Mrs Pye in the Senior Class. Ms Macdonald will be back to organise us in the Office.

AMNESTY: No questions asked!

Can you please return all school property i.e. reading books, Library books, hats, etc that you find. We are at present ensuring that everything is sorted ready for the new year. THANKS.

END OF YEAR EVENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR:

- Tuesday 10th December: End of Year Prize giving in the evening to be held at school. Children here at 6.30 p.m. Prize giving to start at 7 p.m.
- Thursday 12th December: Whole school day out at Flip Out. Free bus will be provided for students thanks to **Ritchies**.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS:

There are still a few outstanding accounts relating to stationery and senior tech. Please can this be paid either in cash at the office or online with your child's name as reference – 123115-0216227-00 before the end of the term. Thank you to those who have already paid.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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Thursday 5 th December	VIP Luncheon
Tuesday 10 th December	End of Year Assembly
Thursday 12 th December	School trip to Flip Out in Whangarei
Tuesday 17 th December	Last day at school - school finishes usual time at 3pm.