



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 9, Term 4 2019

Kia ora, Greetings

This is the last newsletter from Poroti School for 2019.

As mentioned in my Principal Speech on Tuesday a **HUGE Thank you** for all your support of our students, staff and learning this year. It is so important that we have this in order for us to deliver our programmes especially outside of the classroom.



We wish the Year 8 students Uru (Kamo High School), Jose (Whangarei Boys High School), Rewi (Te Kapua Whetu), and Danny-Lee (Auckland Boys Grammar), all the best in Year 9 next year, and also to Erica who is moving to a new school.

It was wonderful to see all the support our school and students had at prize giving on Tuesday night. We hope you enjoyed our Prize giving items as much as we did performing them for you. It is great to be able to acknowledge our students and their successes coming from hard work and focus during the year, and listen to the proud parents and family members positive comments. Looking forward to 2020, in the school grounds we hope to spruce up the gardens, orchard, school frontage, and the Living Garden. The Obstacle course and new bike track is also on the radar, and well as growing the roll.

It is so great to see the new students that will join our Junior Class coming in for their visits and getting excited about starting in the New Year. If you know of anyone looking for a school near-by please invite them to come and see personally what we can offer their children.

Special thanks must go to our wonderful staff, who go above and beyond for our students. Having so many staff really adds to the dynamics of our school and we have a great team. Mandy in the Senior class, Vicky and Sue in the Juniors, Susan who runs our Office so well, and is Teacher Aide in the Senior Class, Maka our Teacher Aide in the Juniors, Whaea Hoana who is a lady with much knowledge to share with our tamariki and staff, and Donna who keeps our school so clean. I am proud to be able to lead such a wonderful group of staff. Our BOT, (our Governance group,) is also so supportive of our school, and take an interest in what is happening in our classrooms around achievement of our students, and the programmes we provide. I have enjoyed working alongside you all. Thank you for your advice and support this year and I wish you all a safe and happy Festive Season.

As an acknowledgement of their hard work we took the school to Flip Out as a reward, and a day out at the Town Basin, with games, activities and treats. Some very exhausted children and staff returned to school, but all had a wonderful day. Thanks to Ritchies for providing the bus, and Debra for driving the bus which made things much easier for transporting. We intend to make this an annual event to celebrate those students who know and apply our School Values into their everyday school life on a consistent basis all year.

Next year we are looking at 'Exploring and Discovering' as our overarching theme for the year. Staff are meeting to set our planning in place for 2020 after our students leave for their holidays.

Have a wonderful Festive Season with family and friends and I am looking forward to working with you all again next year.

**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 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 are on sale now at the office and the 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.



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.

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.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**KIWI FEEDING DAILY AT 11AM, 1PM AND 3PM
MEET RAUKURA & ZEPHYR**

**HERITAGE PARK RIDES 10-2PM FROM 8TH OF JAN
BIG TRAINS WEDS, THU, FRI
MINI TRAINS WEDS ONLY**

TUATARA ENCOUNTER MON, WEDS, FRI AT 11.15AM

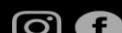
**TORANGAWAEWAE OUR PLACE
ACTIVITY SESSIONS MON-FRI, 10-12PM
6-10 JAN, 13-17 JAN, 20-24 JAN
ARTS/CRAFTS/CREATIVE WRITING/FAMILY FUN PLEASE BOOK**

**SCAVENGERS OF KIWI NORTH: PARK-WIDE SCAVENGER HUNT
@scavengersofkiwinorth #kiwinorth
GO DIGITAL OR PICK UP A HARD COPY FROM THE TEAM**

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT KIWI NORTH

MUSEUM • KIWI HOUSE • HERITAGE PARK

Family Pass \$45.
Individual \$20.
Couple \$40.
Senior \$15.
School children \$5.
Pre-school FREE



DEC 20, 2019 - JAN 24, 2020 10-4PM
GATE 1, 500 SH14, MAUNU, WHANGAREI

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Tuesday 17 th December	Last day at school - school finishes usual time at 3pm.

TERM ONE 2020	
Tuesday 4 th February	First day of school starting at 9 a.m.
Thursday 6 th February	Waitangi Day – no school
Friday 7 th February	Teacher Only Day – no school for the students just the Teachers!
Monday 10 th February	First TECH day for Years 7 & 8 – wear shoes please

**Wishing you all a safe and happy
Christmas with your family and friends!
From the Staff at Poroti School**

