



POROTI SCHOOL

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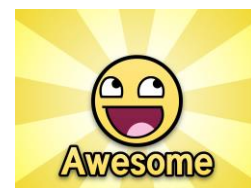
Thursday 5th March

Week 5, Term 1 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

The rain has been a welcoming sight, so I hope that those tanks are starting to fill up.

It was so great to be a part of the Mangakahia Summer Festival last Saturday. Our school community rallied around, and a **BIG THANK YOU** to those adults who came and helped on our stall selling food, running the games, collecting cake entries, and to those who baked the wonderful food to sell. Thanks also to **POROTI GROWERS** for their donation of the yummy corn. We kept our prices low, and still managed to raise close to \$700 after expenses. The whole day had a relaxing vibe and after talking with our students on Monday morning they all had a great day. Thanks to **GRAEME JOHNSON JEWELS AND TIME** for sponsoring the Cake competition prizes.



On Tuesday we had a school trip to Ballet in the Box. It is always interesting when you take children to something outside of their comfort zone. Some adapt and appreciate new experiences and are open-minded, while some still feel uncomfortable. Our students fit into both of these categories, but mostly it was an enjoyable experience watching a different style of dance. Forum North was packed with over 290 students from different schools, so we were lucky in getting free tickets to this one-off show.

Our students Meineta and Lincoln-Blayze (alongside ex-pupil Leo-Aki) performed in the Niuean Dance group at the Pacifica Festival on Saturday. According to the students this was also a very hot and successful day.

We are about to choose our Whānau House Captains next week, and get ready for the first challenge of the year – the Swimming Sports. Our Whānau groups are Kauri (Blue), Kowhai (Yellow) and Rimu (Green). Each staff member is allocated a Whānau group. Kauri is Mrs Booth and Mrs Grenfell, Rimu is Mrs Pye and Ms Macdonald, and Kowhai is Mrs J and Whaea Hoana.

Write That Essay in-class coaching with Jane happened on Wednesday. These coaching clinics are a follow-up to the Teacher Professional Learning workshops. Jane works with our students and teachers around varying aspects of writing. In the Junior class modelling with the Sentence trains, and teaching the older students how to improve their writing and their output (the number of words that they write). In the Senior class modelling a lesson on Generating ideas, Selecting the best, Ranking/sequencing the ideas ready for paragraphing and then writing supporting sentences to add detail. This is to teach our students, how to plan their writing and how to add detail to their writing. This will also increase their output. All throughout the writing process we look at different sentence types, moving into the different styles of paragraphing.

MRS J

PRINCIPAL

BOT SPOT:

Next BOT meeting is next Monday 16th March at 7 pm in School Staffroom. Minutes are available at school after the meeting if anyone should wish to read them.

TEACHER AIDE:

We are looking for a Teacher Aide to support one of our students. The job is one hour a day or we could negotiate one hour, 15 minutes over 4 days. If you know anyone who would be interested please contact Mrs J for further details.

POROTI HOODIES: Due to interest received, we are now able to order some 'Poroti Hoodies'. These are a grey hoodie with our Poroti School logo on front and POROTI on the back. If you are interested in ordering prices range from \$38.05 plus GST for a kids crew hoodie to \$39.50 plus GST for ladies/men crew hoodie. Payment must be made up front before we can order. Pictures of the hoodies are available at school if interested.

SCHOOL T SHIRTS: We have received funding from OXFORD TRUST to purchase school t-shirts. We have sized the children and asked which colour they would prefer – a choice of 3 – cyan, light blue and a teal colour. All colours of our logo. We will order them and each child if they wish can have 2 FREE School t-shirts to wear to school. Obviously with only 2 they would not be worn every day. This is an option for families to take up. More details when the shirts arrive.

TE MANAWA TAHI O WHANGAREI: Te Manawa tahi o Whangarei is a learning support hub where you can go in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service. They are held a Back 2 Basics ECE, 179 Newton Road Maungatapere.

Dates: Wednesday 25 March 2020 from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

EAR CARAVAN: The Ear Caravan will be at Back 2 Basics ECE on 16th March and 14th April from 8.30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

STATIONERY: Thank you to those families who have paid already. A reminder please for those yet to pay – this year it is a flat fee of \$25. This can be paid at the office or online with your name as reference. The bank account is 123115 – 0216227-000.

....Community Notices....

WANTED TO RENT.... Kia ora tātou. We are a family of 6, Mum and Dad both work, with 4 children all of school age (one comes to Poroti School). We are looking for accommodation (3-4 bedroom or open plan design) / a place to call home around Whatitiri or surrounding district preferably before the end of March. Please contact Hoana on 0225422110 if you are able to help. Thanks in advance.



Mangakahia Rugby Club Rally Day - Thursday 12th March from 5-7pm at Mangakahia Sports Complex. A well run and resourced club with excellent coaches and teams in all grades from U6 to U14 (IMB). All players welcome.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Friday 13 th March	12 Seniors at Have- a – go day at Kai Iwi Lakes. Those not going Mrs J is at school for you!
Thursday 19 th March	School Inter-house swimming sports in afternoon. Start time 1.30 p.m.
Friday 20 th March	Year 7 & 8 Immunisation
Monday 23 rd March	Year 7 & 8 TECH
Friday 3 rd April	School Triathlon- details nearer the event

