



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 21st May

Week 6, Term 2 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

We are back to 'normal' in Alert Level 2 with 100% attendance. The children have been relaxed and settled, while still enjoying the excitement of seeing their friends again in real life. Mrs Booth and I have been impressed with the way they have taken the health and safety routines on board. The things we are doing are just good everyday hygiene habits e.g. washing hands before eating, and after playing. We welcomed Mrs Pye and Mrs Grenfell back today. It is good to have everyone back on site. The children have come back to their learning very well, and that is a reflection of their time during Lockdown and the involvement of the families / whānau with their Home Learning during Lockdown. Even with changes like sitting apart, splitting groups for Kapa Haka, not touching each other etc, it has shown the open-mindedness of our students in adapting to the changes and accepting them without hesitation.

This week the Life Education Caravan is at school with Nadine and Harold the giraffe taking lessons. The Junior class are talking about ***"What makes us Special and Unique?"*** and ***"What is the importance of Kindness?"*** The Senior class have opted for ***"How do we see the world and is it ok to think differently?"*** and ***"What are the impacts of the decisions we make?"*** Each class will receive 2 'in-caravan' sessions this week. We have learnt that for every decision we make there are 3 choices that we could make! The Juniors learnt that they can be kind to their friends and be 'above the line.' Ask your children what this means.

Our ***'Unlocked Expo'*** will open for viewing from next Wednesday in the Library. This is an expo of our students Lockdown work. Feel free to come in and view in your own time. ***If you have any of your children's work you would like to exhibit in this expo please send it to school on Friday so we can set it up ready for viewing.***

Mrs J

BOT SPOT:

The Board of Trustees had their May meeting via Zoom and have not made a decision about the date of their next meeting. The BOT is looking at options for spending the School Improvement Funding we received in a one-off offer from the Government. We will notify through the newsletter of the date of the next meeting. Minutes are available at school after the meetings if anyone should wish to read them.

YEAR 7 & 8 TECH:

We have decided that our Year 7 & 8's will not return to Tech at Mangakahia Area School for the remainder of this term. One of the main reasons was the fact that we would be mixing with three other schools during that time, and we wanted to avoid that risk, small as it might be. We will provide alternatives here at school.

THOMSON FAMILY FAREWELL:

The Thomson family (Jake, Alana, Hana, Morgan, Issac and Haki) are leaving us very soon to move to a new job out of our region. We are sad about losing this wonderful family, but wish only the best for this whānau. The Thomsons and their wider whānau have been very visible in our school and in their support of our school events, working tirelessly in the kitchen on camps, being on our Board of Trustees, working at Country meals, judging at AG Day, baking for raffles etc that we felt it was only fitting to farewell them with a lunch on Wednesday 27th May. To work around the health and safety issues to ensure everyone is safe and we conform to the regulations, food will be prepared on site. Everyone is most welcome to join us from 12 noon.



SCHOOL POOL KEYS:

As the school pool is now closed, please can pool keys be returned at which time the bond money will be refunded.

....Community Notices....

ORAL HEALTH:

We would like to advise, that as part of the Northland District Health Board's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be some disruption of oral health services to schools and communities in the coming months.

We will continue to provide a relief of pain service for any child who requires urgent oral health care. In these situations please contact our free phone number 0800 MYTEETH (0800 6983384).

RENTAL HOUSE WANTED:

We have had an enquiry from a lady who is looking for a 1-2 bedroom rental house in the area for \$200 - \$320 per week. She is working part time and has references available. If you know of something that may be suitable you can contact her on 022 477 488 or Jaykay43@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Wednesday 27 th May	Shared lunch for Thomson family 12 noon. Eating at 12.30 p.m.
Monday 1 st June	NO SCHOOL - QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND