



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 7, Term 2 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Thank you to those who could make the Thomson family farewell... It was a lovely way to say thank you to the family and we wish them all the best in their job and school. We know they will stay in touch.

The UNLOCKED Expo is open for viewing all throughout the day, from today until next Friday. Feel free to come into the Library and view the exhibits in your own time. As part of the expo a presentation was put together by Mrs Pye to showcase some of the work done, as well as the transformation of our Google Meets from the chaotic first meeting through to the more orderly ones! It was great to see the confidence grow in the children as they got used to being on-line and seeing themselves. We all enjoyed watching this yesterday.

Staff are carrying out assessments on individual students and preparing for report writing over the next few weeks. This will not impose on the normal classroom programmes, and is a part of teachers collecting data so we can make informed judgements about your child's learning.

We are continuing our safe hygiene practices at school, and our 1 metre spacing where possible. The children are being very responsive to these practices. Each child reacts differently to being back at school, and we are continuing to monitor and observe students, but if you have any concerns about your child's well-being please make contact and discuss this with us. We will also be in contact if we have any concerns, or see any behaviours that concern us.

On Wednesday June 10th Mike Cameron – an artist – will be on-site working with a group of our students. This was to be held on a date in Lockdown. It is part of our Community of Learning Art Collaboration project, and is a catch-up so we can continue with the project alongside the other COL schools.

ELECTIONS: If you are interested in working at the General Elections later in the year you can register for a job now. They are looking for 25,000 people from all over NZ to help run the 2020 General Elections. Visit elections.nz or call 0800 36 76 56 for more information or to register your interest now.

HOLIDAYS: Several people have asked when our next holidays are so they can start planning. Last day of term will remain as Friday 3rd July – the same date as previously set.

NEW ENROLMENTS: If you know of anyone who has a young child looking for a school, please send them to have a look around Poroti School and talk to us about what we can offer their child. Word of mouth is the best way to promote our wonderful school, so spread the word!

Mrs J

Principal

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.

SCHOOL HOODIES: Last term we sent out information regarding 'school hoodies' following feedback and interest we received. If anyone is interested in purchasing a school hoodie or would like more information, please let us know. Pictures and costs are available at the office. We need a minimum order of 10 before we can place an order.

KIDS KITCHEN: The kids kitchen will be available from next week. This is for food brought from home and for lunchtime use only. All health and safety hygiene rules will be followed.

HEADLICE TREATMENTS: We now have new stock in – please contact the office should you need any.

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.

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 | |
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| Monday 1 st June | NO SCHOOL - QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND |
| Wednesday 10 June | COL Art Project |