



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 1, Term 3 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone. I hope everyone survived the rain and are beginning to dry out. It has been a busy start to the term with lots of new faces arriving at our school.

A special welcome to our new students Bobbie Rose, Angel, Peaches and Lana and their whānau. It is great to have you all here at Poroti and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

We also welcome Louise and Leeanne, who are taking on the role of Teacher Aide in the Junior and Senior class respectively. We are lucky to have them join our staff team. Welcome also to Luke Mott who is with the Senior Class for 5 weeks as a Year One Teacher Trainee Student on practicum. Luke has already become an active member of the Room One team, and will return to us at the end of the year for another two weeks.

After attending a meeting around Central Day it was agreed after a lot of discussion that if strict criteria are followed calves should be allowed to attend the **Whangarei Central Day**. Following on from this I am taking the lead from other schools and Poroti will be reinstating **real calves** as part of our annual **AG Day**. It will be up to each parent to assess and manage the risk. The School will have procedures in place on the day to avoid any possible risk of infection. If you are interested in entering calves and would like more information please contact the school and we will send home the criteria for Whangarei Central Day.



The annual **Speech competition between schools** is back on this year. The Senior class will prepare for this with a representative from the class speaking on our behalf. This even, which we host, will be at the Mangakahia Complex on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m. Mrs Pye and Mrs J will be introducing and writing the speeches during our Senior class writing programme.

**Parent Interviews** will be held next **Tuesday and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July**. A booking form will come out tomorrow please look out for this in your child's school bag. If you can not make these dates there is an option available on the form to organise a date that suits.

The Junior class were very excited and proud of the kites they had made to celebrate Matariki. They were seen rushing around the playground with their kites flying above them. In the Senior class wires, batteries, bulbs, questions and answers were being put together to make our Electricity Quiz Boards. Everyone managed to get their circuits operating when the question and answer linked correctly.

**Fit K** is underway getting ready for the **Taniwha Challenge** (which has had a change of date: **NB Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August**)

Later in the term we will start our preparation for **AG Day** which is being held on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. If you have any ideas for **Parent Challenges** let us know, or have some craft or baking ideas for the students let us know. We will hold an AG Day meeting in August to get underway. Look out for the details in the newsletter.

Mrs J

Principal

### **BOT SPOT:**

The next BOT meeting will be held at the School on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7 p.m. Minutes are available at school after the meetings if anyone should wish to read them. The BOT have some property projects about to get underway again, and we will inform you as the approval of these projects is received. Currently we are investigating a new front fence to replace the dented, wire fence, and resurfacing or turfing the court area.

### **WRITE THAT ESSAY DIAGNOSTIC REPORT RESULTS:**

Our Year 4 – 8 students completed the WTE assessment and the School received a very comprehensive report around their writing. We were able to compare this with our first sample done in October 2018 at the beginning of the programme.

Reading through the report it was pleasing to note many **positives**: Students are able to write 'on demand' tasks, writing output across the year groups was positive showing our students respond strongly when asked to complete an on-demand writing task, sentence length is now within the range expected, fluency (using a range of sentences in their writing), Students are not repeating themselves in paragraphs, and Coherence (the pieces of the whole writing fit together).

It also highlighted areas to focus on: Expansion (expanding ideas across three or more sentences) and Precision (specifics). These are areas we had already identified and have just started to focus on. Students had started to show development of precision with 92% already using at least one precision every four sentences.

### **TERM THREE WITH MRS PYE:**

Last term went far too fast but a highlight for me was using microbits with Room One for the first time and introducing some to coding for the first time and for the 'experts' extending their skills on coding into using them with electrical circuits.

This term (as part of our exploring and discovering year-long theme) we are 'exploring Space and our Solar System. We are also using an app called Stop Motion to learn how to animate objects like plasticine or lego and make them move in a movie much like how cartoon clips like Mickey Mouse first began.

Speeches will come up quick and we will continue to focus on the structure of a speech (introduction and paragraphs) that will become important as students learn to write essays.

Our unit on time is continuing and I have discovered SO MANY students cannot read an analogue clock. Can your child? At Year 7 and 8 this should already have been mastered so I can move on to 24 hour time and solving time problems.

The challenge is on to beat me at cross country training-only three have managed it so far!

That's a BRIEF roundup of the term. There is new writing and art on the website and in class. Do have a look. Thanks for reading this and for your fantastic support of class learning and homework (which will be given out Friday).

**OPEN EVENINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS:** It is the season for the local High Schools to be having their Open Evenings to market their schools for perspective students and parents. While this is for Year 8 students looking for a High School for Year 9, it is also an opportunity for those parents of Year 7 students to start looking. This makes the decision easier for next year, and we can start the transition process for our students early, so they are comfortable moving into the next stage of their learning. Just look on line under the High Schools you are thinking about for your child.

**HOODIES.....HOODIES.....HOODIES:** ..... Remember our school hoodies!!!! Calling for last orders so we can get underway with this.. We have passed the minimum order of 10 units but are so close to 20 now we have decided to wait just a bit longer as an order of 20 will bring the price down even more !!!! .....so please if you are keen, please call or come in to the office for details.

**FIT K preparing for the Taniwha Challenge:** We will be travelling to Taniwha Challenge next month (Inter-school Cross country event) set down for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We will be doing some training, but for those who want to achieve Top Ten or better their own personal best, my advice is to keep training through the weekends. Our aim for the Taniwha Challenge is to see everyone complete the course to the best of their ability. It's a great day out and we see so much support from our students to their school mates at this event.

They will again be having their delicious hangi available which consists of Pork, chicken, pumpkin, kumara and cabbage. Cost \$10. If you would like to order a hangi, please complete the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return back to us. Orders must be back to us by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August with payment attached or you can pay online to the school account 12-3115 - 0216227-000 please use child's name as reference.



## Photos from Room 2 this week.

Check out their great kites made in class, they certainly had fun flying them in the wind !



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

| TERM TWO  |                                      |
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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July                      | Year 7 & 8 TECH - remember shoes     |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> July | Parent Interviews                    |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August                   | Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo         |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> August                    | Year 7 & 8 TECH - remember shoes     |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August                   | Bee-Friends programme                |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August                    | Year 7&8 TECH - remember shoes       |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September               | School Disco - Onesies and P.J theme |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September               | Lions Speech Competition at Complex  |

## HANGI ORDER – TANIWHA CHALLENGE TE HORO THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

I would like to order                      ( number) of hangi at \$10 each.

Name of child .....

Amount attached \$ ..... OR I have paid online (account 12-3115 -0216227-000)

Signature .....