



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Week 4, Term 3 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

A very warm welcome to Spike and Nehemaia and their whānau to Poroti School. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

What a difference a few days can make. As you will know we are back in Alert Level 2. We are reinforcing, SAFE and SENSIBLE hygiene habits: i.e. Social distancing, handwashing, and the elbow cough. As a school we are following the guidelines sent to us from both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. Below are some of the issues we have been alerted to.

*All our children are still expected to be present at school, unless they are unwell. If children are unwell, then caregivers need to inform the school (as you normally would). Business as usual - BAU!*

*At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school and early learning. There are appropriate precautions in place. For schools, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults. We have this in place in our classrooms, and the children have adapted very quickly to the procedures.*

*If the decision is made by the parents or caregivers that the child will remain learning from home as a precaution for the next week or so, please support them with learning at home as you would for children who are self-isolating or staying away while they are ill.*

Please know that we are prepared for this Alert Level 2 and are taking every precaution to ensure the safety of both staff and students. If the announcement is to move into Alert Level 3, we will then move back to our Home Learning Programme that we had during Lockdown. Devices will be issued as last time, and we will operate a similar system with both Hard copy and On-line. I will keep you updated, as more information comes to hand.

**Individual student Digital Citizen contracts** are attached to the newsletter. We have updated this and tied it into our School Values, as part of our Learning around Digital Technology. Please ensure that you and your child understand what is in the contract. This is important so that you know what you are signing your name to. We want to encourage Good Digital Citizenship skills and attitudes in our students, and keep them safe on-line both at school and at home. Good digital citizenship is the same as being a good citizen, just on-line. It is part of our Digital Technologies Curriculum and has a very important place in our use of devices and on-line programmes. Please return these to school as soon as possible, or come and ask any questions you may have. Thank you

**Bus children:** Just to let you know that Debra's last day with us (before retiring) will be Friday 11 September. I would like to have a shared lunch for her with the bus children that week. I will let you know details nearer the time.

**Gardens:** It is getting to the time when we are out in the gardens again. Both classes are preparing for this, and we are bringing back the gardens for AG Day this year. The Senior Square Foot gardens and their covers will go into the gardens next week, and planting will begin.

Keep safe, and keep in touch. We learnt a lot last time, and will be so much better prepared should the extreme measures come into play again.

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 4 new school gazebos that were funded by an OXFORD TRUST grant have arrived and will be 'unveiled' at the Taniwha Challenge. We have put one up to check everything is okay, and it looks great.

**TANIWHA CHALLENGE - NEW DATE** - The new date for the Taniwha Challenge is now next **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. Thank you to those who offered to transport or take their children and meet us there. If this new date no longer suits for your offer of transportation, please let us know. As tough as it is keep training so you don't lose all that good work, time and effort you have already put in.



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>TERM TWO</b>	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Bee-Friends programme starts
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Taniwha Challenge
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 7&8 TECH - remember shoes
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Tauraroa Area School Open Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	School Disco - Onesies and P.J theme
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Lions Speech Competition at Complex