



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 5, Term 3 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

With our ever-changing world we have managed to continue on with our learning, and ensuring that we are safe and sensible about our hygiene. Our kids have shown great resilience in this environment.

On Tuesday our Bee Friends group started their journey with Samantha and Nanette. The group learnt about the different types of bees, royal jelly, wax-capping, life-cycle of the bees, stings and safety measures to take, as well as being outfitted into their bee-keepers suits. We are looking forward to getting out into the hives next time.

We are lucky to have such wonderful people in our community who come in and help with our environment. A big thank you to Graeme Johnson for helping to get our Fence Post Kids into our newly planted area under the oak trees. Keep your eye out for the others. It is great to see the colour which helps to brighten the day. To Andy Booth for tackling the trees in our orchard area so we can erect the shade house and start germinating our seeds ready to plant our gardens.



We are hoping that tomorrow we will be able to hold our Cross country at 11.30 a.m. The weather is so changeable! We will make the call in the morning and let you know.

Please note the Teacher Only Day notice below. This is a Professional Learning day for our staff.

Just to reassure you during these uncertain times that we are taking precautions to ensure that your children are safe. Hygiene has been a priority with staff supervising hand washing, ensuring that children social distance as much as possible, and continuing with normal teaching and learning programmes to keep children in a routine. We are prepared for whatever Alert Level we remain in or go into. Should you have any concerns please contact me.



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It has been pleasing to see the senior children using problem-solving and decision making for situations that have arisen during break times. While staff have facilitated this the students have done the thinking, discussing and coming up with a solution that will work for them. Key Competencies and life learning in real and relevant situations at work.

I am working with the BOT on our next three year Vision and Strategic Plan. At present it is in Draft Form requiring some more consultation and thought. It sets out our plan and direction over the next three years at Poroti School.

Keep safe, and let us know if you have any concerns. We are all here to listen and help where we can.

Mrs J

Principal

#### **BOT SPOT:**

The next BOT meeting will be held at the School on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7 p.m. Minutes are available at school after the meetings if anyone should wish to read them.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY:** The BOT have approved a Teacher Only Day on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. This day will be used for strengthening Teacher knowledge around Assessment, and Reporting as part of our Teaching and Learning Programmes. School will be closed for instruction that day.



**SCHOOL SHIRTS:** School shirts are being sent home with the students that were interested in getting them. These are free shirts which were kindly funded through a grant from Oxford Trust. Each student received two shirts in the colours of their choice. These are not a school uniform, but if students want to keep them they are required to be worn at school only. We also ask that they be kept in a clean and tidy condition as they will be viewed by any visitors we have entering our school. This is optional so if the shirts are not wanted, please send them back to us so they can be re-allocated. When we leave the school we will wear our 'dress' or 'sports' shirts. These shirts are for every day school wear.

## Celebration - Class Awards

- **Kitohi Shelford** - for building his amazing constructions and creations and for great story telling about what he had made and what it can do
- **Nehemaia Shelford** - for great participation and joining in class
- **Emma Morling** - for learning so much about writing an essay and for great listening skills
- **Angel Peeni-Takarangi** - for being a super reader, being independent in his learning and taking help when needed
- **Lincoln-Blayze Siafa** - for his great determination and persistence with his Taniwha Challenge training



**Meineta Siafa** - for consistently demonstrating our school values

**Lexia Certificates** this week - well done to **Emma Morling** for moving up to a new level

**Readicator Awards** - well done to **Damien Fowlie** who has reached the top of the readicator this week

### **JOKE OF THE WEEK**

Why did the student eat his homework?

*Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake !!!*

### **WOW !!! - Check out some of Room 1's awesome chalk drawn planet pictures....**



**Lincoln-Blayze**

**Lola**

**Riley**

**Meineta**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

TERM TWO	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Poroti School Cross Country at 11.30 a.m.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 7&8 TECH - remember shoes
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Tauraroa Area School Open Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Gardening Day – House groups preparing for AG Day gardens.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	School Disco - Onesies and P.J theme 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Teacher Only Day – School is closed to students
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Lions Speech Competition at Complex

