



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 27th August

Week 6, Term 3 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

What a great day on Friday with our Cross country day at Poroti School. The wonderful support for our runners from the spectators (under 100!) and our own kids was awesome. Everyone who started a race completed their race, and that was our goal. There were some great runners who lead the way in the front, and some who showed great persistence and determination. The Whangarei Primary Schools' Sports Association has an event at Barge Park tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 23rd September 2020. We will have some children competing at this event if it goes ahead. Thank you to everyone who supported our event.

It is wonderful to look out in the morning and during the day, and see our school shirts being worn with pride. They look great, and it is good to see a range of matching colours, not just one colour.

A big thank you to Oxford Trust for granting our application for bike storage units. This will make it easier to keep our bikes upright and in better repair. It will also ease the ability of getting them in and out of the shed. We look forward to getting them set up and getting the bikes back out again as the warmer weather approaches.

AG Day: This year it is on Saturday 17th October, which is also the General Election. Our school is a Polling Booth and we see this as an opportunity to promote our school to the wider community! Put the word out in the community to come along and vote, then support our AG Day stalls, look around our exhibits and have something to eat.

Over the next couple of months all teachers will be undertaking Professional Learning in the form of Zoom meetings around Write That Essay: Sentence types, paragraph types, and assessment. These sessions are being done in the Teachers' own time during their non-teaching days, which shows their commitment to our students writing and the teachers' own learning.

With the Lions Speech competition drawing closer, the Senior Class have now completed their Speech Essays, and transferred them onto Cue Cards ready to practice. Ask your child about this and encourage them to read them aloud to you so they become more confident and familiar with their speech. The better they know their speech, the less likely they are to need their cue cards, which means they can focus on engaging their audience, eye contact, and use their voices for effect.

Mrs J

Principal

BOT SPOT:

The next BOT meeting will be held at the School on Monday 23rd 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 14th 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.

HOUSE GARDENING DAY:

Next Tuesday September 1st is our Gardening Day. We are having an Inter-house competition for the Gardens at AG Day this year, and Tuesday is the start. We will be preparing the gardens, and planning the gardens in our House Groups. Please ensure that the children are dressed suitably for working in the gardens and getting a little dirty. They can bring a change of clothes for after the activity.



LUNCHES AT SCHOOL:

We are very happy for our students to use the Kids Kitchen at school, but lately it has been so packed (and the staffroom) with children needing fruit cut up, spoons for yoghurts, etc. As part of **Managing Self** we are asking that spoons are packed in lunchboxes, fruit is cut or peeled with skin still around it to keep it fresh if necessary. Staff are spending their lunch break helping the kids with their lunch requests. We do have extra food if your child finishes their 'home packed lunchboxes.' We have asked the children to tell you if they need extra sandwiches.



Jethro, Aimi, Emma, Szaffi, Lola

Some of our keen 'bee keepers trying on their suits!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Tuesday 1 st September	Gardening Day – House groups preparing for AG Day gardens.
Thursday 10 th September	School Disco - Onesies and P.J theme 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Monday 14 th September	Teacher Only Day – School is closed to students
Tuesday 15 th September	Bee Friends group – Lesson 2
Thursday 17 th September	Lions Speech Competition at Complex