



POROTI SCHOOL

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Friday 26th November 2020

Week 7, Term 4 2020

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

It is nice to be home again, but the senior class camp was awesome. We had an amazing group of adult helpers who all pitched in and found their roles to play in our camp schedule. For a number of students there were first time challenges, first time seeing some places, reptiles, doing some activities as well. We all watched the growth of those who attended and we noticed how some students had developed over the year from our last camp in 2019. We had a fun-filled, action-packed week and plans for next year are in discussion!

At the end of a full-on, physical camp week after a day's snorkeling and paddling Clearyaks around Goat Island, our last activity was a visit to the **Leigh Marine Discovery Centre** where Ang and Tim gave presentations and took us on a tour of the touch tanks, microscopes etc and then let us loose to , touch, observe and read at our leisure. We received this email from Tim who is the Director of the Centre. ***"Just a quick e-mail to say how much both Ang and myself enjoyed your visit to us today. Please pass this on to your awesome teachers and the parent helpers and especially your tamariki. Such a great way to end our week". Tim Haggitt (PhD)***

This speaks volumes of our students and the adults that accompanied us to get a comment like this on a Friday afternoon at the end of camp week!

The Juniors (those camp survivors!) looked weary this morning, but it sounds like they had a marvelous time. I loved the photos of their huts of blankets which brought back memories of my childhood days. Action Zone seemed to be a favourite activity enjoyed by all. Rumor has it that a staff member and a parent were very competitive! Thank you to both Mrs Grenfell and Mrs Booth for providing this experience for our Junior class, and to the parents for your support of this camp with your active participation.

The end of the term is not far away, but the schedule is still very busy. Please check the dates at the end of the newsletters, and your child's bag for additional notices so that they don't miss out on anything.

Congratulations to Shaylene and Casey who were chosen to represent our school as part of the Year 7 & 8 Zone Athletics Team to compete against the other Year 7 & 8s from around Whangarei. This event has been held and we are awaiting the official results. We have just heard that Lincoln-Blayze has been selected in the Year 4-6 Zone team to complete next Wednesday in the Long Jump and High Jump. Well done to our three Athletes.

I was privileged to be able to present our Poroti School Strategic Plan for the next three years to my Principal colleagues, our Impact Coaches and several members of the Springboard Trust yesterday. I know that I did Poroti School proud in my presentation, and my thanks to everyone who had input into the plan, especially Janelle for the graphics. My Impact Coach Carolyn Smith (from DOC) and I have been asked to talk with Springboard about our journey this year. What a great opportunity to get our school out there in a very professional arena.

Next Tuesday our Year 7s will be involved in a Community of Learning (COL) Leadership Day at Kensington Stadium from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will require extra transport so if you can help out please let me know. You are

welcome to stay for the event or drop and go, and come back at 2 p.m. Please complete the forms and return on Monday. Thank you.

On Tuesday we will be going to the Moana Glow Show. This was to be held earlier in the year but due to Covid was transferred to December. This is a whole school event, so there is no cost and we will be travelling by bus to and from the show. If you have any problems about your child's attendance please contact Mrs J.

Tu Meke day invitations will be sent home, so keep an eye out for these notices. Unfortunately, not all children will be invited to this day. It is a celebration of consistently following and using our School Values and the students have been aware of this day and the criteria for some time now. It is not an easy decision to make to exclude some children, but we want to reward those who do consistently show respect and value each other. Safety around water is also a factor and we need to be completely sure that children do not put others in unsafe positions due to their behaviour.

Mrs J

Principal

BOT SPOT: The next BOT meeting will be held at the School on Monday 30th November (moved from the 23rd) Minutes are available at school after the meetings if anyone should wish to read them.

V.I.P. LUNCH

This year we are putting out an open invitation to all our parents for your support with our on-line programme during Covid-19.



Wednesday 9th December 2020

12.30 p.m. at Poroti School

RSVP to Office by Friday 4th December.

CELEBRATION - CLASS AWARDS

With the Seniors away on camp our assembly was run very well by two of our senior juniors – Aimi and Szaffi who did a fantastic job! Certificates this week were presented to...

- *Aran Morling - for being a thoughtful, helpful and outstanding student*
- *Kingston Mills-Heremaia - for trying really hard to develop his writing using a learning card*

Lexia Certificates - Congratulations to Szaffi Monos and Tayla Creelman for moving up a level with their Lexia work

Student Joke of the Week...



Why was the boy locked up in a cage in the corner of the classroom?

Because he was the teacher's pet!!!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pre-Christmas/January School Holiday Programme. Tuesday 15th December to Thursday 24th December 2020 AND Tuesday 5th January to Friday 29th January 2021

EDUCARE

Based in the Maunu School Hall, Austin Road, Maunu Hours 8.00am to 5.30pm. 5-13 year old children
Maximum 50 Children. WINZ subsidies available. **Discounts available for 2+ children**

Exciting daily activities. 2 outside visits per week

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ENCHANTED CHRISTMAS SHOW : Santa is bring the magic of the North Pole along with his helpers to the Ellerslie Racecourse Auckland from 4th to 24th December. We have been given some complimentary passes to this event which are valid until 12th December. If you are interested in one of these passes please let us know. The passes are on a first come first served basis.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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Tuesday 1 December	COL Leadership Day – Year 7s
Wednesday 2 nd December	Te Moana Glow Show Forum North – whole school trip
Wednesday 2 nd December	WPSSA Year 4 – 6 Athletics Trigg Stadium
Tuesday 8 th December	Bee Friends Visit
Wednesday 9 th December	VIP Luncheon 12.30
Thursday 10 th December	End of Year Assembly (evening)
Friday 11 th December	Te Meke Day
Monday 14 th December	Student last day of school – finish usual 3pm time

The boys sound asleep in the fantastic tent they created on Junior Camp this week!! More photos to come...



