



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 1, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

It is great to see our students again, and get into our new learning and the routines of school life. A special welcome to Tahlia and Unique and their families. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Poroti School.

The students have already settled into school, and back to work! The sound of the cogs whirring in their brains as they start their learning at school is heard down the corridors of Poroti School. There is a lovely feel within the classes and the playground. They seem happy to be back, as we are to be back with them.

This year our theme is '**Learning without walls.**' It was interesting to hear what the Senior students thought this would entail, and where it would take place. Some exciting learning and experiences to be had for us all this year.

Swimming is underway, and the pool and changing rooms (with the new tube matting) look great. By the afternoon a cooling off in the pool is almost essential. Please supply a bag of some sort to keep their togs and towel in.

Keep your eye on the diary that appears in the newsletters for events that are happening at school. A more detailed notice /panui will come home nearer the events.

PALLETS and WARATAHS: I am looking for about 20 more pallets and old waratahs to finish off the pallet wall so we can relocate the huts. If you have any, or can pick up the free ones around town we would really appreciate them asap. Thanks.

Watersafe (Louise Collings) will be in school over 3 afternoons for pool sessions around survival skills in water, with both classes. With all the water around us our students need to be able to confidently and competently know what to do if they get into dangerous situations, or out of their depth. It also builds classroom relationships and teamwork as they have to work together in some scenarios. As a part of this a small group of students will have the opportunity to attend the Sport Northland 'Have – a – go- day' at Kai Iwi Lakes in March.

Mrs J
Principal

WHĀNAU / FAMILY NIGHT: Every year we hold an evening that brings everyone together, to mix and mingle and find out information about the classes, expectations, etc. This year we have decided to do something a little different for those who are 'experienced, and have heard it before!' There will be opportunity for new families to make a time to meet with teachers.

You will need to bring 'your family sense of competition' and any questions you feel you may need answered either in a group setting or individually.

AGENDA for the night:

5.30 – 6.45 p.m. The pool will be open and time for dinner. **Bring your own family picnic dinner and blanket.**

6.45 p.m. Everyone meet together and the whānau challenge begins!

After challenge: Coffee and cake and Conversation – Question Time, Suggestions

We look forward to seeing and meeting you all next Thursday evening.



FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES 2021: Our school is part of the School Lunch scheme this year. We had our first lunch yesterday. The children enjoyed the fresh sandwiches and were looking at the two slices of apple wanting to know where the rest of the apple was! Very little waste which is great. Students may require a little more food if they have a bigger appetite e.g. another piece of fruit, or other foods not in packages. This will also help with our mission to reduce our landfill bins.

HOT DOGS AND ICE BLOCKS: Due to the free lunches we have decided that the Hot Dog and ice blocks will not happen this year.

BOT SPOT:

We have a number of projects happening in the school this year. Hopefully this will not cause too much disruption, and the results will be so beneficial to our school and our working environment. They include Drainage and stormwater work, new Tiger Turf, Room 4 upgrade at this stage.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MANGAKAHIA JUNIOR RUGBY"Registrations are open for the 2021 Junior Rugby Season. Our Rally night will be held on Thursday 11 March from 4.30pm at the Mangakahia Complex. Please visit the Mangakahia Rugby Facebook Page for more information or contact Kylie Livingston on 0211227063."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Thursday 11 February	Whānau/Family night- a reinvented evening starting at 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday 16 February	School Powhiri at Maungarongo Marae starting at 10 a.m.
Monday 22 February	TECH for Year 7 & 8 (Remember shoes!)
Saturday 27 February	Mangakahia Summer Festival – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. We will have a stall

