



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 11th February 2021

Week 2, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

It feels like we have never been away, as the children and staff have settled back into the routines of school life once again.

We welcome Molly North who is our LSC (Learning Support Coordinator). Molly is using her talents with African drumming to work with our students – Room for Rhythm. The goals of this programme which is on Wednesday mornings is to work on Inclusion, Leadership, Confidence and Pride. To use rhythm and movement to enhance learning, well-being and community connection. From these sessions we can transfer to the classrooms understanding that we can learn from each other, use our listening skills, appreciate people's different talents, be confident to take part and have a go, and use patience and practice to achieve our best . . . We are also bringing in our Pause. Breathe. Smile practices.

This year, particularly during the hot weather we are encouraging the children to have water bottles in the classroom that they can drink as needed to keep hydrated. Because of the devices on desks, drink bottles will be kept in a central area of the class. Bottles can be filled from the drinking fountain, or the fridge should they prefer cooler water to drink.

Thank you to those parents who have dropped off extra produce for staff and students to eat. This is much appreciated. Nothing beats fresh fruit and vegetables. On that note, it is time to announce the next two weeks menus in the four week rotation for Term One. They are attached to the newsletter. In the next rotation the children will experience the lunches they missed out on in the first two weeks. So far they seem to be mostly enjoying the meals (and some having extras for those who are away from school!) There are never any spare lunches left over!

Thank you to Maka for supplying the rest of the Pallet Wall so that the relocation can begin next week.

Do you want a project for your spare time!! This year in the Winter Terms I would love to 'YARN BOMB' our Oak trees at the front of the school. This means we would need lots of knitting, crochet, pompoms, flowers, in fact anything made from WOOL. Let's make it a Poroti School Community project – how colourful can we make our trees at the front of our school? Start now, get others involved.



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!'

You will need to bring 'your family sense of competition, and fun'

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. (If wet we will picnic in the Library)**

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 TONIGHT.

This evening is to enjoy each other's company, and welcome our new families. For those who would like to have a more 'formal' time to discuss your child with their teachers please let us know either tomorrow night or by contacting the school, so a time can be arranged for this discussion.

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. Rally night w Thursday 11 March from 4.30pm at the Mangakahia Complex. Visit Mangakahia Rugby Facebook Page for more information or contact Kylie Livingston on 0211227063."

Afterschool Theatre & Drama Classes at Northland Youth Theatre!

Join our after-school drama classes to learn about theatre-making and acting, all abilities welcome! These classes focus on having fun, developing drama skills, teamwork and building confidence. We explore elements of storytelling, movement and characterisation through games, scenarios and short script work. Our goal is for young people to fall in love with theatre craft. Spaces available in all Classes!

Junior (ages 9 - 11) Intermediate (ages 11 - 14) Senior (ages 14+)

Email office@nyt.org.nz or message us on Facebook or Instagram - @Northland_youth_theatre

FUTSAL ...The ultimate pre-season training for your football. Details/registration Christian 021 246 7328 or christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz

KAMO/IMB RALLY NIGHT...Monday 15th February 3.30pm to 6pm. All grades U5 – U16. New and old players welcome. Registration online or on the night. New players please bring proof of age.

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.
Wednesday 17 February	Tahi Bee Friends 1pm (remember shoes!) Watersafe session – bring togs and towel
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



