



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 3, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

A warm welcome to Sonny and his whanau. We hope your time at Poroti is a happy one.

The free lunches are having mixed results as the menus step up. Generally, the overall consumption is high most days. For some of our students getting used to trying new foods has meant having an 'open mind,' which happens to be one of our Poroti School Values. I have a meeting with Kyla from the MOE and Libelle next week to give our feedback. We ask the children after each new meal what they think, and have been recording this. Our feedback has been listened to and we have adjustments made to the lunches. We also see the amount of waste in the Food bucket.

**YEAR 7 & 8 TECH lunches:** Libelle are not able to take our lunches to Mangakahia, **so can you please pack a lunch on Monday for your child or they can order from the Titoki Store.** **Year 7 & 8 TECH:** First day on Monday. Please remember **shoes** and the van leaves our school at **10 to 9** in order to get to class on time.

**Covid – 19:** This was a slight disruption to our society, and for some may have impacted on your work life as well. Thank you to those who took the safety precautions and self-isolated. We appreciated you making us aware of your situations. We are aware that everyone deals with Covid-19 and the news of community cases differently. If you would like some extra support for your child, e.g. they might be feeling anxious, so they can continue coming to school, please let us know so that we can look at possible solutions. On a positive note we are back in Alert Level 1 and can also now travel to and through Auckland.

**Water safe:** Louise from Sport Northland ran survival and rescue skills pool sessions yesterday. It is always a reminder that these survival skills need to become a habit, something they automatically revert to should the situation call for it. We hope that this never happens, but being prepared and having that knowledge and practice is a good thing. She was very good in the way she delivered her programme so that the non-swimmers also got to experience the rescues of our swimmers from the side of the pool, and were able to hear her key messages.

**Swimming:** Swimming is a major part of our Physical Education Programme at this time of the year, so for those children who do not have an injury or are sick, we need to see you in the pool. We have Zone Swimming trials coming up, along with our own school inter-house swimming sports on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. As staff we make the decision to swim based on class swimming numbers and weather conditions, and the swimming time is dedicated to the swimmers just like when you are working with a reading or maths group. Please support us by encouraging your child to swim.

**Mangakahia Summer Festival:** Our school is running the cake competition again this year, and auctioning the cakes off in a silent auction on the day (Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) Please see attached flyer with the information. We will be running kids' games from our stall.

We would appreciate donations of:

- Small prizes (from \$2 shop) for Lucky Dips
- Tombola items- (A Tombola is a game in which people pick tickets and certain tickets win prizes.) - Bottles filled with product, chocolate, boxes of product, anything that can be wrapped as a prize.

Bring into school from tomorrow onwards please. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs J  
Principal

**BOT SPOT:** We have had confirmation that the drainage project and the fixing of the boys' toilet floor will take place in the next school holidays, with the turf around 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## WHANGAREI RURAL SCHOOLS' PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Whangarei South Rotary Club - This photographic competition is on again in 2021:

We had a winner (Jethro) in 2019

- Competition officially opens on March 1 221
- There are three sections
  - Years 1-6 with theme '**It's a small world**'
  - Years 7 – 10 with theme '**Body art**' (Photos of!)
  - Years 11 – 13 with theme '**Sports action**'

Students take the photos themselves, and write a brief caption that goes with their photo. One photo per student.

- Competition closes Friday 7 May at 3 p.m. (End of Term 2)
- Cash prizes \$50 for each category winner and an overall supreme winner.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Key Functions**, ones that empower your child.

This family-friendly workshop hosted by Dyslexia PLUS, Whangarei. 1 Adult and 1 child (8 or older) combos are invited to this 2 hour introductory workshop on the 8 executive functions that can transform 'I can't' to 'I CAN'.

This will be led by RTLB Janet Stowell who has written the book 'The Executive Function Toolkit for Classroom Teachers'.

**Saturday 27 February, 10 – noon, Whangarei Women's Club Rust Ave. \$15 per combo.**

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4ecqjrw2> by 23 February.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
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
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Watersafe Programme with Louise
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	TECH for Year 7 & 8 (Remember shoes!)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	'Have a go day' Kai Iwi Lakes – forms to be sent home soon – Years 5 - 8

