



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 4, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

Another very busy week for everyone as we gear up to several events that our school and our students will be involved in during the term.

We welcomed Jaydn and his family to Poroti School. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Unfortunately we have only received two offers of help for the Mangakahia Festival yet! I have my fingers crossed that everyone is leaving it to the last minute. If you could spare just a hour we would appreciate it. Please let us know a.s.a.p. It involves working on the Poroti School stall or supervising the Cake Auction.

Today we had Rebecca Thomas from Cognition working with the teachers on Coding, and Robotics preparing for Term 2. As part of a grant we purchased Bee Bots for the Juniors and Macqueen Robots for the Seniors to extend their Micro-bit coding that they have already done. We are also working on our Local Curriculum development.

Next term the Senior class will also be involved in the 'Wonder Project'. This is geared at the Years 5 & 6, but the Years 7 & 8 will sit alongside them. It is part of our STEAM curriculum, and we are just awaiting the name of our Engineering Ambassador who will work with our class for one hour each week on the project. It is about encouraging young people into the world of STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

A small group of students have been invited to attend a 'Have-a-go- day' at Kai Iwi Lakes, on Friday 12 March run by Sport Northland in conjunction with Louise (our Watersafe Instructor). This year it will include Waka Ama, Survival skills and Snorkelling. Sport Northland is hosting the event for children to experience swim and survival skills in a different setting than the school pool, i.e. to transfer what they have learnt into another environment. A notice for permission will be sent home with those children.

The huts are in the process of being re-located to the new venue. Some great construction going on and the huts are rising up quickly into new buildings and many more adventures this year.

Mrs J

Principal

BOT SPOT: Oxford Trust has just approved our application for storage units for both classrooms and a big book storage unit. Last month we received approval for new library furniture, so we are awaiting with excitement for that. Our senior class furniture turned up and is being well used.

WHANGAREI RURAL SCHOOLS' PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

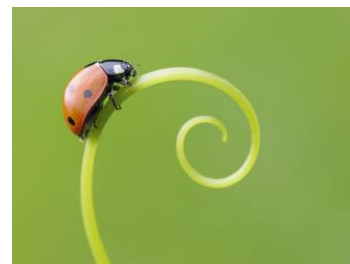
Whangarei South Rotary Club - This photographic competition is on again in 2021:

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.



Celebration - Class Awards

Thank you to Oriwa and Casey for running our assembly this week. Congratulations to the following students for receiving class awards...

Oriwa Tipene - 1st = in reaching Club 50 in Maths

Kodie Lord - 1st = in reaching Club 50 in Maths

Maia Shelford - For the amazing way she has slipped in to the senior class and trying hard at everything

Lola Monos - For a huge improvement in swimming with a great style

Sonny Kendall-Bercich - Welcome to our school and for the great way he has settled in to our class routines

Szaffi Monos - for demonstrating great leadership qualities and for being a great help in the class

Talia Barlow - Welcome to our school and for the great way she has settled in to our class routines



TeHina O'Leary - For her contributions and enthusiasm to all class activities

ASSEMBLY JOKE

Why did the M&M want to go to school?? Because he wanted to be a smartie !!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Matarau School Trail Ride, Sunday 14th March at Lovell Rd. Register from 8am, ride from 9am or preregister and pay at www.mataraufundraising.co.nz by 10th March and go in the draw to win a \$250 Yamaha voucher. Facebook page: Matarau School Trail Ride

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Saturday 27 February	Mangakahia Summer Festival – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. We will have a stall
Wednesday 3 rd March	Watersafe Programme with Louise
Monday 8 th March	TECH for Year 7 & 8 (Remember shoes!)
Friday 12 th March	'Have a go day' Kai Iwi Lakes – forms to be sent home soon – Years 5 - 8
Tuesday 16 th March	School swimming sports in the afternoon
Friday 19 th March	TEACHER ONLY DAY – No students that day
Monday 22 nd March	TECH for Year 7 & 8 (Remember shoes!)
Thursday 25 th March	School Triathlon

