



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Week 5, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

The weeks keep rolling on and there never seems to be enough hours in the day to complete everything we set out to do!

Our thoughts are with our colleagues and their schools in Auckland, and those of our Poroti families who have family and business commitments in Auckland during this Lockdown period. I travelled back from what was to be a week-long hockey tournament in Tauranga but was cancelled late Saturday night to join the throngs of travellers trying to return home. Disappointing, but on the positive, all that training I did for the tournament is good for my health!!

**THANK YOU** to those who helped out on the stall and cake competition on Saturday at the Mangakahia Summer Festival. It is getting bigger every year and the quality of stalls as well. We had a successful stall and cake auction, raising a good amount of money for the school. On reflection we are looking to have something that draws people in more – rather than a static stall. If you have any ideas for games, activities for 2022, please let us know. It's never too early to start planning. Congratulations to two of our students who won their respective cake competitions: Nevaeh – over 10 and Jethro – under 10. Thanks to Graeme Johnson Jewels and Time for the sponsorship of the prizes.

**Next Tuesday** we are having **GET WISE Financial Literacy** lessons for all students. A junior lesson and the Years 5- 8 have two sessions. Kids learn to be cash clever. The sessions are geared at the ages of the students. Teaching children good money habits from an early age can really help to set them up for the future. Through the workshops, kids learn the fundamentals of money in four different stages - from identifying needs and wants and learning to save, right through to budgeting - giving them a solid foundation to build on.

**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** is our **TEACHER-ONLY DAY**. Staff will be looking at STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Curriculum and in-class planning for Term Two, Localised Curriculum work and training on the Student Management System we have at school. Rebecca Thomas from Cognition and Rob Webb from eTap will be working with staff that day. **The next Teacher-Only Day will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – this will mean that after the Term One holidays students will return on the Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May not Monday. This TOD will be on Assessment and Reporting. Eight Teacher Only days were awarded to schools as part of the Collective Agreement to be used by June 2022.

Unfortunately, Mrs Crowson has had to leave her Teacher Aide position with us. We thank her very much for her commitment to our students and for the way she fitted into our Teaching Team. We wish her all the best.

Mrs Maley (Annette) will be making a come-back to Poroti School in the role of Teacher Aide starting on Monday. A familiar face to some of us. Welcome back Mrs Maley.

Welcome also to Diane MacLaren who comes in on a Wednesday to listen to, and read to some of our children. We are lucky to have such caring community members who support our children's learning. Diane has quite a following as we have children from both classes queuing up to read to her.

Mrs J

Principal

## 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

**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](http://www.mataraufundraising.co.nz) by 10th March and go in the draw to win a \$250 Yamaha voucher. Facebook page: Matarau School Trail Ride

**STEM CELL TECHNOLOGY** – Free Seminar – Join speaker Jane Bennett for a presentation to learn what stem cells are and what they do, why they are essential for health and how you can naturally support your body's ability to heal and renew. Ph Jane 021 526 342 to book your seat. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Sherwood Park Golf Club from 10 – 12pm.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	TECH for Year 7 & 8 (Remember shoes!)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	GET WISE Financial Literacy workshops
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	'Have a go day' Kai Iwi Lakes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Bee Friends group visit to Tahi Bees – details confirmed when we have them.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	School swimming sports in the afternoon
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b> – No students that day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	TECH for Year 7 & 8 (Remember shoes!)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School Triathlon
Friday 2 April – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER	School starts again Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April.

