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Week 6, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

We have been practising the art of being open-minded and flexible the past few days this week!

Monday saw the Year 7 & 8's off to Technology to start their week. Tuesday was a mix of Callum from "Get Wise' doing workshops on Financial Literacy, and Te Reo with Whaea Hoana, (our Poroti Springs Invertebrate learning.) Callum's presentation was entertaining and kept the students engaged, as well as getting his money messages across. His workshops were geared at the different ages of the students and he had messages for everyone around saving, spending and earning money. Look out for those entrepreneurs at home with an eye to making some extra cash to save. For the seniors it tied into 'goal setting' very nicely with Callum talking about having a goal to save for something, making it realistic and achievable, keeping the goal short term then building on that, rather than setting a goal that is virtually impossible to achieve and you give up.

Room for Rhythm happens on a Wednesday with Molly, and the beats are really starting to happen and resonate from the Library. It is great to see how students take on leadership roles when it is not something they would normally do, keep together as a group and support each other. We are loving it! It's great for our well-being and physical health.

Don't forget upcoming events – check for notices that come home and need to be returned please. If we don't get them back it makes organising these events more difficult. Thank you to those who can support our students during the trips. We do appreciate your time.

- Have-a-go-day at Kai Iwi Lakes this Friday Mrs Pye is in class on Friday for those not going.
- Bee Friends group visit to Tahi Honey House on Monday
- Swimming Sports on Tuesday afternoon starting at 12 noon
- Teacher Only- Day next Friday 19th March

The students were introduced to **Whare Tapa Wha** (The House with Four Walls) in both classes this week as a precursor to starting our Pause. Breathe. Smile. lessons, which each teacher will alternate the teaching of. The four sides /Walls refer to **Family health or wellbeing / Taha Whānau**; **Mental or Brain Health / Taha Hinengaro**; **Physical Health / Taha Tinana and Spiritual health or the unseen energy inside of us / Taha Wairua**. Taha Wairua is the hardest to explain as it can be religious or non-religious, can be strengthened by a connection with nature. We have been looking at how these four walls support our overall well being and if one is unwell then it impacts on the other walls. Looking at the connections between the walls. We have taken things that we have done that day, good or bad, happy or sad and investigated which tapa (wall) they might belong to and then seeing if that situation also links to another tapa (wall). I have been impressed with the way that the students are in general taking this in their stride, and showing some great thinking and giving their views and opinions. This is, (as I explain to the students) new for the teachers as well, and it is taking us out of our comfort zone, but we are finding it valuable both in our personal and professional lives. Growth for everyone.



Swimming Sports: The challenge is being put out to the Parent community from the Staff who are **Defending Champions** of the Student – Staff – Parent Relay. Come prepared to take up the challenge in the pool next Tuesday. (Personally I am a bit worried about the student team this year!)

Timing for Swimming Sports:

- Start at 12 noon with the 'formal' races and demonstrations
- Lunch
- Back to the fun relays, Inter-house Relays, and the Ultimate Challenge Relay.

Children will need something warm to put on over their togs, one towel for drying, and another to have to wrap around in between swimming events.

The bikes are back out in the playground again thanks to the OXFORD TRUST. We now have a bike shed that is orderly and the bikes are easily racked after being used. We received a grant for individual bike storage units and this makes it much easier for the students to access and return bikes. It also means less breakage to our bikes.

Mrs J

Principal

Next week's lunch menu.

We have been pleasantly surprised by the way the children have responded to these lunches. What we think they might not like they love, and vice-versa.

Sometimes you just can't win!



Celebration - Class Awards

Thank you to Nevaeh and Shaylene for leading the assembly this week. Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards...

- Ruby Fawcett for giving 100% in swimming and for trying hard in all watersafe survival skills
- Lucas Fawcett for offering his thoughts to our classroom discussions
- Emma Morling for logically working out her maths problems to achieve accurate solutions
- Josh Chauhan for being open-minded and having a great attitude to learning and a great smile!
- Jaydn Bryne welcome to Poroti School you have settled in so well and you shine!
- Bobbie-Rose Chapman welcome back and well done for settling in and being so enthusiastic in class
- TeMihinga Rapana for consistently doing her homework and being half way up the readicator already !
- Kodie Lord for excellent pie graph work



Josh Chauhan - for your great attitude and work

Lexia Certificates were awarded this week to Maia, Lola and Emma for moving up a level - well done!

JOKE OF THE WEEK.... What do you call a bear with no teeth ? A Gummy Bear !!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Friday 12 th March	'Have a go day' Kai Iwi Lakes
Monday 15 th March	Bee Friends group visit to Tahi Honey House
Tuesday 16 th March	School swimming sports in the afternoon starting at 12 noon
Friday 19 th March	TEACHER ONLY DAY – No students that day please
Monday 22 nd March	TECH for Year 7 & 8 (Remember shoes!)
Thursday 25 th March	School Triathlon
Friday 2 April – Tuesday 6 th	School starts again Wednesday 7 th April.
April EASTER	