



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 11, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

It has been great to be back at school this week and connect with our new students, our returnees and our 'regular' students, and staff. Despite the fabulous conference I was on I missed everyone!!

The Tai Tokerau Principals' Conference; 'Making Connections: Powerful Stories Shaping Our Future,' last week did not disappoint once again. The MC was Pio Terei who is an inspirational man who wears many hats. The calibre of speaker and their messages ranging from Chris Clay who was named international innovative educator of the year by Microsoft ahead of over 200,000 other nominees. He pushes the boundaries of possibilities in education and beyond exploring the future, (which was rather scary in parts!) to hearing Annah Stretton; the fashion designer speaking about her work with RAW (Reclaim another woman,) transforming a life of crime into a life of promise with some very powerful messages. Rawiri Paratene (actor,) and Rob Hewitt (survivor,) with truly inspirational stories to listen to and take from. Having the opportunity to sit and speak in conversation with these people leaves a mark on you. Without the support of our BOT and our Staff, I would not have the opportunity to have access to this type of professional development as the Principal. It rejuvenates the mind and soul. Thank you. Oh and in between the speakers I won best dressed costume for my Geronimo Stilton costume! It was not all mahi!

It was a great day with the Senior class on Thursday as we ventured up the Ross Track to the summit of Parihaka and did an inquiry on the maunga (mountains) of our area and some of the history of Parihaka. The day was completed with a warm swim and slides at the pools. Good for the aching muscles from the run down the maunga! Thank you to those parents who were able to join us and support our students especially on the climb up the mountain. Congratulations to everyone for achieving that milestone.

With the holidays upon us I wish you all a safe and happy break and safe travels to those who are journeying around the country or beyond. We look forward to seeing you all back refreshed and ready for another exciting and busy term.

Mrs J

Principal



**BOT SPOT:** The next meeting is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7 p.m. in school staffroom

**DRAINAGE PROJECT:** The drainage project will be started next Monday, and will last at least the first week of the holidays. It will be great to get this project completed and have the boys' toilet floor replaced and relined flat again! Please be wary of this project and the contractors should you choose to use the school grounds over the holidays. Thank you.

**HONEY:** We have been extremely lucky to receive a large quantity of honey from our Tahi Bees programme. We will be putting the honey into jars and selling it as a fundraiser. If you have any recipes that use HONEY as an ingredient and would be happy to share either email the school on [porotischool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:porotischool@xtra.co.nz) or send to school on our return in Term Two if you are happy to have them put into a recipe book. Watch this space for honey sales information.



**POOL KEYS:** The pool will close down for wintering at the end of the Term One Holidays. Could you please return your keys for your refund.

**WOOL:** In Term Two we will be running 'Clubs' on alternate weeks to Assembly (Thursday afternoon.) These clubs will be linked to Yarn Bombing the Oak Trees and the front area under the trees. If you have any wool, yarn, string etc please send it into school before the end of the term. If you have any connections with places that could supply larger quantities as a donation and need a letter please let us know.



**WORKING BEE:** A group of parents have organised a working bee for the school on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April (first Sunday of the holidays). The school will provide a BBQ lunch and refreshments during the day. Time is 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come down and help out even for an hour or two if you can. Many hands make light work.



**Jobs:** Preparing the court and surrounds ready for turf, Weeding, digging over gardens, cutting back trees, removing moth plant and tobacco weed,

**Tools:** Weed eaters, spades, forks, pruners, hoes, wheel barrows,

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

*Kiwi North – School Holiday Activities* -Kiwi North have lots of exciting Autumn Activities for children over the holidays from 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April. Visit [www.kiwinorth.co.nz](http://www.kiwinorth.co.nz) for all the details.


**April School Holiday Programme - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**EDUCARE**

Based in the Maunu School Hall, Austin Road, Maunu, Hours 8.00am to 5.30pm, 5-13 year old children  
Maximum 50 Children, WINZ subsidies available, **Discounts available for 2+ children**  
Exciting daily activities, For further information please email: [info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](mailto:info@schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz), ring Christin on 0274821331 or visit our website - [www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz](http://www.schoolholidayprogrammes.co.nz)

*Circus Kumarani* is offering a school holiday program for youth 8-18 years old these school holidays. Students will learn circus skills, build confidence and have fun! From the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 10am-2pm at the Kamo War Memorial Hall, Whāngarei. The sessions cost \$40 per child, or \$100 for 3 (3 children one day or one child 3 days). Friends and whanau are invited to a show at Friday 1pm to see the skills of students and their instructors! Spaces are limited so sign up at [www.circuskumarani.co.nz](http://www.circuskumarani.co.nz) or find the 'Circus Holiday Program - Whāngarei' event on facebook for more details."

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term One
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Working Bee at school 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 
TERM TWO	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Teacher Only Day</b> - on Assessment and Reporting
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School starts for Term two</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Country Meal at Complex:</b> Keep this date in your diary. It is our turn! For our new families this is an important event for our school to be involved in the community. Details to come. 