



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 1st April 2021

Week 9, Term 1 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

It has been a high energy week this week according to our Luna Calendar. The students have been in good spirits and engaged. We have seen a lot of tuakana – teina this week especially during our Poroti Springs Investigation on Tuesday. The classes were both animated during our Room for Rhythm sessions today, with the senior class experimenting with their home-made Chuka Chuks (percussion balls.)

Each of the six groups was fully immersed in the tasks at hand: scooping up a net full of 'Invertebrate,' sorting and classifying them, and recording the number. The puna (spring) was crystal clear and thriving with Invertebrate. We hope to visit the puna once a term to record during the different seasons and compare the fresh water life from one season to another. Whaea Hoana is teaching us the names and information about the Invertebrate through waiata that she has written for us. It will become a Poi waiata for our performance.

The Junior students wrote to me asking to have swings put up at the school. We have investigated this together with some of the Senior students. As part of the Inquiry we have looked at a location for the swings, what is already here at school, safety issues, what type of swing we could have i.e. individual, groups, natural, man-made or bought. We have started to make models of our favourite type of swing. Once all the



information is put together we will take it to the next level, asking students and families what they think, or maybe a grant application or making our own.

Thank you everyone for your *amazing* support of our EASTER RAFFLE. We have raised a great amount of money which will go towards the students new swing. With so many tickets sold (over 500!!) we have decided to give a prize not just to the top raffle ticket seller but also to the "Super Sellers" selling so many sheets of tickets. There have also been a large array of chocolate and Easter treats making lots of prizes to send home to the lucky winners. Such a great effort.



Have a wonderful Easter weekend and travel safe if you are driving. We look forward to seeing you all back safe and happy next Wednesday.

Mrs J

Principal

BOT SPOT: The next meeting is Tuesday 13th April at 7 p.m. in school staffroom.

STATIONERY PAYMENTS DUE: If you have yet to pay your child's stationery (this year \$25 per student), please can this be paid by the end of this term. This can be paid at the school office or online at 12-3115 - 0216227-000. Please use your child's name as reference. Thank you to those who have already paid.



Poroti Springs Visit Investigation



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.



TROPHIES: Please return all trophies by the end of the term. I will get them engraved and back to you in Term Two. Please bring them into the Office. Thank you to those who have returned them. House Points are flying out of the Office on their return



WORKING BEE: A group of parents have organised a working bee for the school on Sunday 18th April (first Sunday of the holidays). There will be a list of jobs put out in the last newsletter so you can come prepared with the right tools. 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 for an hour or two if you can. Many hands make light work.


COMMUNITY NOTICES

You're invited to Easter at ARISE on 4th April. Arisechurch.com/easter. Happy Easter.

MANGAKAHIA JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB - Anyone interested in playing junior soccer this year for the Mangakahia Soccer Club please contact Rebecca on 021 129 5734. Boys and girls age 4 – 12. All welcome !!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Friday 2 April – Tuesday 6 th April (EASTER)	School starts again Wednesday 7 th April.
Monday 12 th April	TECH for Year 7 & 8. Bring shoes please
Thursday 15 th April	Senior school Parihaka trip and swim. Back by 3p.m. ready for home
Friday 16 th April	Last day of Term One – 3 p.m. finish as normal
Sunday 18th April	Working Bee at school 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 
TERM TWO	
Monday 3 rd May	Teacher Only Day on Assessment and Reporting
Friday 11 th June	Country Meal at Complex: 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. 