



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 4, Term 2 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

We have had a lot of students away this past two weeks. We realise that it is the season of change, and children get colds, sore throats etc. Please keep us informed as to why they are absent from school. We worry and wonder when we cannot get in touch, as it is part of our daily responsibility. Research shows that student attendance is linked to both wellbeing and attainment. There are a number of interesting research documents and graphs on the educationcounts.govt.nz website. Our latest Attendance Report from Attendance Matters shows our average attendance was 89% when the acceptable level is 95%, (9 days off per term)

Thanks to Mr Johnson our new tables are now put together and in use on the deck. It is like having a family gathering at lunchtime with the number of people we can sit around each one. Great conversation.

Our year 7 & 8's had a very successful sports tournament at Kensington Park on Tuesday with a win, one draw and a couple of losses. Great fun held by all, despite the cold conditions. They got better as the day went on. A BIG thank you to Maka and Janette for supervision and coaching for the day! Our year 4 – 6's will have their day next Wednesday 2nd June and information was sent home yesterday to those involved.

If your contact details change please let us know so we can update our records.

The Honey Jar labels are underway, and when they have been printed and stuck on the jars we will be ready for sale. We will be selling at the Country Meal as well. \$10 for 500grms and we have a small number of 250 grms for \$5.

If you have any **recipes using HONEY** and are happy to share we would love to make them into a booklet.

Mrs J

Principal

BOT SPOT:

- The turf project will hopefully start on Monday of next week.
- Our Learning Support Co-ordinator space (Room 4) refurbishment has had the approval. We are waiting on a start date for that.
- Working bee has been set down for Sunday 20th June 9 a.m. start. Lunch provided. The Obstacle course area has been set as the target, so we can then see what we have, and make a plan for the upgrading and maintenance. More details later.

SENIOR CAMP: This year's Senior Camp is from Monday 1st - Thursday 4th November. **NB** We leave on Monday this year due to bookings. We are heading to Lonsdale Park up North this year. Camp may clash with Central Day, but we can sort that out for students who wish to go to Central Day.

ROOSTERS!!! We have two beautiful roosters roaming around the outside of our Chicken Coop. They are not ours – not sure where they came from. If you would like them or could 'rehouse' them please feel free to wander down at dusk when they roost in the mandarin tree by the Chicken Coop.

CHICKENS!! Our school chickens have 'disappeared!' Please keep an eye out if you are around the school over the weekend, or on the complex with sports practices and games. If you can help with the mystery please let us know.

WINTER WARMERS: As our school is part of the 'Kids-Can' organization we have been very fortunate to receive food supplies from them – many of which are tinned soups and warm foods. With the cooler weather now upon us, we are making up small boxes which will include soups, rice, spaghetti or baked beans – enough for a warm meal or two! If you would like a 'winter warmer' box for your family please let us know or collect from the office. The food is for you not our pantry!



****HELP US WIN A \$10,000 SPORTS GRANT !!!!! ****

No Strings Attached!! - AA Insurance is offering one lucky North Island primary school the chance to win a \$10,000 sports grant to be spent on whatever will help our students tackle their sporting dreams - new turf, coaching, boots, bibs - spread the word and nominate us – Enter for us at aainsurance.co.nz/big-little - it only takes a couple of minutes !! Entries close 19th June 2021


Complex Country Meal - Our turn to hold the Country Meal is coming up fast. This is a huge fundraiser for us and we have been very successful in the past with the raffles that we sell on the night. We are starting the weekly collection now!! This week "CANNED GROCERIES"" - please can all families donate items of canned food towards our raffles. Next week will be non-perishable "PACKET ITEMS"". Items can be brought to school with students and dropped in at the office. Thank you for your support.



WHANGAREI LIBRARY LUNCHTIME MATARIKI TALK - TAIPARI MUNROE

Taipari Munroe is a well-respected Kaumatua and educator. He is the Kaumatua of Poroti's Maungarongo Marae. Taipari will be speaking about Puanga and Matariki from the perspective of our northern culture at the Whangarei Library Teen Space on Friday 25th June 12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. Free entry. Seating on a first come, first served basis.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Monday 31 st May	Year 7& 8 TECH – NB 2 weeks in a row due to a swap with schools.
Wednesday 2 June	Years 4-6 Winter Tournament – details sent home earlier this week.
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. 
Thursday 17 th June	Room 1 visit to Heritage Park
Sunday 20 June	Working Bee 9 a.m. start