



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 9th September 2021

Week 7, Term 3 2021

Kia ora, and welcome



Our students have returned calm, and ready to continue learning. Today has seen our classes engaged, device-free and focused as if nothing has changed. I think that is because of the routines we established on line. One student when asked to lead Karakia this morning said, “but it’s not 9.30!” Routines!

I am so privileged to be the Principal of such an amazing team and community. The support shown to our staff and our learners (your children) has been amazing. Everyone coped in their own way, and we hope that the support your child received was what they needed. It is a difficult time for everyone and everyone reacts differently to online learning, and the lockdown situation. We know that routine is important for children to reduce anxiety, and we hope with the return to ‘normal school hours’ and the socialisation with their friends this will keep our students calm, and reduce any anxiety they have.

We know too, that some children will react to leaving the comfort of home, and return to school, but we have all been there before and survived, and with lots of support we will do it again.

We have carefully planned for our return to Alert Level 2, making time to welcome our students, allow time to reconnect, acknowledge, celebrate and share with them as they come back into the physical space, and out of the comfort of their homes. Whatever we do we will do together. If you have any constructive feedback for next time (hopefully we won’t need it!) please email me or contact the school. We listened last time and made changes this time.

It’s time to **PAUSE. REFLECT. DO IT. and not play catchup.** Each time we return something will have changed, or something will have to change as a result of lockdown. Some children may have missed some events that they were looking forward to. Their milestone has gone, their chance to do something for the first or last time has gone. This may not seem like a big deal to us, but it may be a big deal to them.

Sir Ken Robinson says “It’s not what happens to you. It’s what you make of what happens to you.”

Enrolments for 2022: If you know of someone who is looking for a school for the end of this year and / or 2022, please tell them to come in and visit us (Obligation free visit!) We are open for new enrolments, and we have no zone restrictions.

Mrs J (Principal)

BOT SPOT: - Our latest meeting was earlier this week. Next meeting date to be advised soon.

- We will be having a family consultation night early in Term 4 to present our Draft Learner's Profile for discussion. More details nearer the time.
- AG Day will continue on Saturday 2nd October in a format very similar to past years.

Congratulations to our Maths Week competition winner: The Imesons (Your prize is on its way.)

Tom's Granny is 58 years old. Let's see why:

- First child born: Granny is 19
- Second child born: Granny is 23 (19 + 4)
- Third child born: Granny is 27 (23 + 4)
- Fourth child born: Granny is 31 (27 + 4)
- Fifth child born: Granny is 35 (31 + 4)
- Sixth child born: Granny is 39 (35 + 4)
- Sixth child is 19: Granny is 58 (39 + 19)

FREE CLOTHES - We have received several boxes of brand-new clothing donated by The Warehouse through Kids Can. There is a large amount of adult sizes in polar fleece jerseys, dress skirts, pants and smaller children's size dress pants and jerseys. Please come in and view if interested - all brand new and free!!

AG DAY - REMINDER - ANIMAL ENTRY FORMS DUE BACK!

Just to advise for the calf, lamb and goat section, there will also be an 'adult' and 'pre-school' category. If you would like to enter, please note on the entry form already sent home or let us know. This is only available for calf, lambs or goats. **Get those entry forms into school please.**

***Keep working on those home exhibits - time is ticking (23 days to go!)
Self-manage your time.***

SCHOOL PHOTOS: After receiving some requests from Parents we had investigated school photos and have booked Thursday 28th October as the date. **Dawn Dutton** will be taking the photos and a pre-order form will be sent home nearer the date. Just prior notice.

WPSSA CROSS COUNTRY - BARGE PARK - We are unfortunately having to inform you that this event has been cancelled this year.

***** COMMUNITY NOTICES *****

MID-WESTERN CRICKET CLUB

(encompassing Maungakaramea, Bream Bay, and other areas south of Whangarei)

Do you have a young person (aged 5 - teenaged) keen on cricket? You are warmly invited to come along to the MGK/Mid-Western rally day.

Junior Cricket 2021/22 Summer Season Rally Day

Will be held on Saturday 2nd October at the Maungakaramea Sports Grounds. On this day the men's premier team will be playing a pre-season match. All intending junior players are encouraged to come along to this afternoon (from 11.30am) to sign up for the season, meet potential team mates, meet coaches, hopefully get a bit of cricket practice in, and be inspired by the big boys' cricket skills as they play. Bring a picnic, your camping chairs and a few \$ for the sausage sizzle.

Season Start Dates

The Super Smash season will start on Friday 29th (Super Smash Fun, C-grade) and Saturday the 30th of October (all other grades). This is the weekend after Labour weekend.

Maungakaramaea Junior Cricket Training Days

Trainings begin after the holidays and are held at the Maungakaramaea Sports Grounds on Thursday afternoons from 3.15-4.30/5pm.

For more information, contact Anna Pascoe Junior Co-ordinator anna.pascoe@tauraroa.school.nz Phone 021459510.

www.facebook.com/Midwesterncricket Any postponements to the rally day will be communicated via the above Facebook page

MAUNU TENNIS CLUB - 2021/2022

SENIOR opening - Saturday September 18 2021. 10.00 am. Fun tournament followed by a shared lunch. New players welcome. (Thereafter, Saturdays at 1.00 pm)

TWILIGHT - starts Thursday September 30. 5.30 pm

JUNIORS - starts Tuesday September 21. 3.15 pm (and Sept 28 - prior to school holidays. No play during the holidays) Resumes again Tuesday October 19.

LADIES DAY - every Wednesday. 9.00 am

QUERIES - Matt - matttrib@gmail.com

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Northland Health Board Oral Health Service is a FREE Community- based service for children under 18 years across the Northland Region. Visit their website <https://www.northlanddhb.org.nz/our-services/a-z/oral-health-service/> for information or to book an appointment. Or google MYTEETH. The good news is that we only have 11 children waiting for an appointment and they are working their way through this list. If your child is experiencing pain with teeth please contact them and they will do they utmost to help with the pain.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM THREE	
Sunday 12 th Sept	GRANDPARENTS DAY
Tuesday 14 th Sept	Bee Friends group Year 8 students second dose
13th – 17 th Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori / Maori Language Week