



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 8, Term 4 2021

Kia ora, and welcome

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2021.



It was a good decision to move inside on Tuesday night, with the light drizzle outside. Thanks to those who helped switch venues at such short notice. This was the first time we have had to hold a Vaccine Pass event, and so it was disappointing that not everyone could attend. We endeavoured to cater for everyone, but as it was the first time for this type of event there were glitches, which in hindsight could have been done differently. It is hard at the moment with Schools in Alert Level 2 until the 1 January 2022 for curriculum, but for some events they fall under the Covid Protection Framework and we are in RED in Northland. For me as the Principal it is a real juggling act from one system to the other, and the guidelines are very strict. Thanks to the Board and Staff for their support in this decision -making process.

As I mentioned on Tuesday night, I am blessed to be surrounded by a fabulous and hard-working team both on the Staff: (Mrs Pye, Mrs Booth, Mrs Grenfell, Ms Macdonald, Whaea Hoana, Annette, Louise, Donna and the Board, (Kerry Lord, Moera O'Leary, Janelle Imeson, Olivia Mitten, Thereza Clark, Lorraine Norris (Hapū Rep.) and Mandy Pye (staff rep) It is also pleasing to note that the staff will remain the same in 2022, which allows for consistency, and being ready to roll on Day 1 of Term One. I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to continuing the combination again in 2022. To Mrs Baird (RTLB) and Molly (LSC and drummer,) Thank you for your input into our students' well-being, learning and behaviour management. It has been a pleasure to have your support. To our wonderful students: it has been a crazy year, but hats off to you all for coming through it with positive attitudes and with focus on your learning. To our parents and caregivers: your support through this unprecedented year has been great, and we have appreciated the time and effort you have put into your child's Home Learning, classroom support, those extra off-site activities like camps and trips, and our 'elective afternoons.' It adds a whole new dimension to our classrooms, and our students' learning.

To our leaving Year 8s and their families: Thank you for your contributions to Poroti School in so many ways. Thank you Kodie, Casey, Damien and Oriwa for sharing a part of your learning journey with us at Poroti School. It has been a pleasure to have you here. You all have so much going for you in many different ways, and you have many different strengths. Use those talents and strengths and make the most of the opportunities that are in front of you. Best of luck for 2022 and keep in touch as we are always keen to hear about life after Poroti School from our ex-students.

ATHLETICS (PART TWO!) We continued with our round of Tabloid activities and then came the big Inter-house event: The TUG OF WAR! After the round robin it was down to two houses Rimu and Kauri with RIMU coming out the winners and also taking out the ATHLETICS in the Number One Spot.

AMNESTY: *If you have any school books, i.e. reading or Library or any other items from school please return them so we can start our End of year stock take. No questions asked! Thank you.*

Look out for a school email or newsletter around the end of January 2022 about the start of the year procedures.

Have a safe, happy, relaxing holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you in 2022.

Mrs J (Principal)



BOARD REPORT: Next meeting date to be confirmed.

Next year is the Board Elections. If you are keen to become a Poroti School Board member please come and see us to see what is involved.

SENIOR CAMP: Please could all outstanding senior camp payments be made before our last day next week - Tuesday. If you need to discuss payment, please can you contact us. Thank you.

POOL KEYS FOR SUMMER! Unfortunately, the leak is still there, so this combined with strict covid rules means that sadly we will not be able to open the pool over summer. We are having to have the hose on almost all day for the children to swim each day until the end of the term when the pool will be closed. It will not be serviced over the holidays and will be off limits. We will get it up and running in time for school to resume in 2022. The school grounds will still be open for families to use and enjoy respectively over the holidays. Should it be noticed that someone may be using the pool it would be appreciated if this could be communicated to the principal immediately.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Congratulations to the following lucky winners of our raffle draw...

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| 1. MTA voucher \$50 | Mandy |
| 2. Bunnings voucher \$80 | Hank |
| 3. Maungatapere Transport voucher \$50 | Skylah Allen |
| 4. Maungatapere Transport voucher \$45 | Tamsyn Booth |
| 5. Maungatapere Transport voucher \$40 | Tim Creelman |
| 6. Whangarei Aquatic Centre Family Pass | Josh Chauhan |
| 7. Whangarei Aquatic Centre Family Pass | Olga |
| 8. Whangarei Aquatic Centre Family Pass | Lisa Hatwell |
| 9. Action Zone Game Pass | Szaffi Monos |
| 10. Home Sweet Home wooden sign | Ashleigh Creelman |
| 11. Gone Fishing wooden sign | Greg Imeson |
| 12. Grocery Hamper 1 | Alice Chapman |
| 13. Grocery Hamper 2 | Shelley Bocket |
| 14. Grocery Hamper 3 | Susan M |
| 15. Ke te Kōrari 1 | Lola Monos |
| 16. Ke te Kōrari 2 | Soffi Harun |



To everyone for your support !

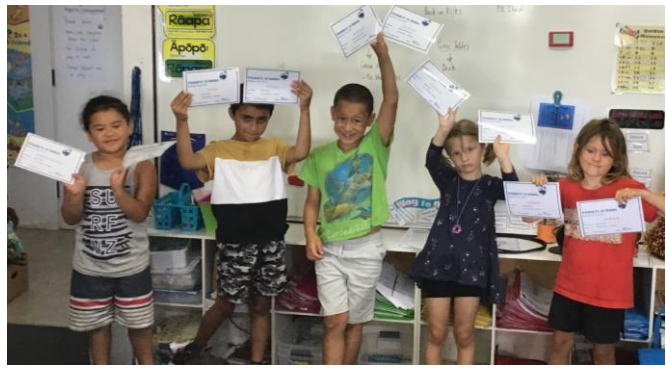
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Friday 10 th Dec	Kai Iwi Lakes No Bus in the morning.
Monday 13 th Dec	Whole school Cycle Day in Whangarei with Sport Northland and Kevin
Tuesday 14 th Dec	Last day for the students Normal 3 p.m. end of the day and bus is running.
2022	
Thursday 3 rd February	FIRST DAY TERM ONE 2022



A FEW END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY MOMENTS....





SOME OF OUR ATHLETIC DAY SUPER-STARS !!

