



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Kia ora, and welcome

Welcome to the first 'at school' newsletter of 2022.

A warm welcome to our new students and their families; Leah and William, Peri, Jadiana and Tainui, Elsie, Haora and Alice. We hope you enjoy your time at Poroti School, and it is great to have you here.



Already we are seeing changes around our school, not just with the number of students, but our school is changing colour! The painter (Tim) has started refreshing our school with new paint colours. We had 3D models of our school taken yesterday, and a drone sent up to capture more information for the next property project in the middle of the year. An exciting way to start the year.

We welcomed Molly (our Learning Support Co-ordinator) back yesterday. Molly will be taking on a new role this year working with students and their families. We have our own set of drums now, so Molly will still be there to give her expert advice when needed.

The students have met all four-teaching staff now as a full cycle has been completed. Classes are settled and children are slotting right back into routine, or learning the new routines very quickly. Both groups as always at the beginning of the year need reminders, and repetition!

Our Graduate Profile is up and running along with our School Values, Key Competencies and daily Mindfulness. Each has key words that we will be using and there is a link between all aspects. More information at our Parent Evening.



**PARENT EVENING:** Please join us in an ALL Parents and Caregivers are invited evening that the teachers will be running on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. A separate notice /panui is attached.

**PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET:** We are currently updating this and will send it out next week.

**WHAKATAU/ WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS:** Due to the current Covid restrictions this event will be held at school with staff and students only. We hope later in the year to do an event at the Marae. **On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February** we will welcome new students into our school with a more informal welcome, but with the same message of 'Welcome.'

**GARDEN TO TABLE:** This programme will start on Tuesday 1 March and will happen each Tuesday from 11.15 a.m. until 12.50 p.m. The children will work in the House Groups of Kauri, Kowhai and Rimu and rotate each week. GARDENS – KITCHEN – CRAFTS. If you have an interest in gardening, cooking or crafts and would like to be involved we would love to have you be part of this. Please see the Office or Mrs J. Regular or casual volunteers are most welcome.



**TE REO LESSONS:** This year due to time constraints and having Whaea Hoana join us in the garden, we are offering 3 groups for children to have Te Reo Maori lessons on Tuesday mornings. We are taking only those children who wish to take up this option. ALL students from both classes will be involved in the waiata sessions in the afternoon. Whaea Hoana has a skill in developing waiata around our current learning, giving our students another way of learning information. **Please fill in the form below and send back to school if your child is interested in the lessons. All year groups welcome.**

**WANTED- CAN YOU HELP?** We are looking for Air Plants (Bromeliads etc) to add to a structure in our 'well-being garden'. If you can help with any plants we would be very grateful.



**DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES:** Our students made their first book selection this week as part of our Duffy Books in Homes. We are eagerly awaiting their arrival to be presented at our Role Model Assembly later in the term.

The sun is shining, our students are awesome, settled and engaged! It's been a great start to the year with lots happening and lots more to happen!

Mrs J (Principal)

**BOARD REPORT:** Next meeting date to be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. in School Staffroom.

We have one - two vacancies on our Board currently, and would like to second people to the Board. If you are interested in seeing how the school is run, let us know, come and talk with us, or you are welcome to join us at the next meeting (no strings attached!) We are asking because the elections have been pushed out from May to September this year, so still a few months to go before the next Board is elected. Form an orderly queue outside the office when you come to express an interest in these positions. Look forward to talking with you about the possibility of becoming a Board member.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

| TERM ONE                         |   |
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| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February | Year 7 & 8 TECH - please remember shoes                         |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March  | Vision and Hearing screening at school                          |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March     | Year 7 & 8 TECH - please remember shoes                         |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March    | BOT Meeting 7pm   |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March   | Year 7 & 8 immunisation ( <b>this is NOT the vaccination!</b> ) |

### Te Reo lessons:

Each Tuesday Whaea Hoana teaches Te Reo and waiata at our school/ kura. We have timetabled 3 x 20-25-minute slots for learning Te Reo Maori during class time on a Tuesday. These 3 groups will be ability groupings.

This year we are opening this option to those children who are interested in learning the language, rather than all students. **All staff and students will be part of the waiata sessions in the afternoons.**

If you wish your child to learn Te Reo please return the form below before next Tuesday.

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ to be included into one of the groups to learn Te Reo Maori.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

