



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 3, Term 1 2022

Kia ora, and welcome

Thank you to those parents who attended our Parent 'Life in a Poroti School Classroom' meetings. It was lovely to meet with you, and be able to introduce some of our new parents to other parents as well. We hope you all learned something new. We as staff enjoy being able to share our programmes with you, and welcome any feedback or ideas. ***The message is please come and see us, or let us know before something small becomes a bigger issue.***

Week 3 is coming to an end, and our students are well into their learning. Both classrooms are buzzing and coming to terms with the reality of being in the school routine, and adhering to our school values with their behaviour both inside and outside the classrooms. Just a few reminders given!

HOME LEARNING: The learning that comes home from our classes is to consolidate what is being done in class. Our assessments show that those who do their home learning regularly certainly show improvements in the class learning. Try to keep reading a relaxing time, support your child's mistakes, read some of the story yourself to them. Praise when they get things right. Make it fun to learn spelling, basic facts, and get involved yourself. We don't want home learning to be a conflict between you and your children. Pause. Breathe. Smile.

With the changing weather and then moving into winter, we need to be vigilant with our health and that of our students. *Please watch for symptoms of COVID-19. If any of the following symptoms develop, ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your doctor. Common symptoms of COVID -19 are like those found in illnesses such as a cold or the influenza. You may have one or more of the following:*

- *New or worsening cough*
- *Sneezing and runny nose – fever*
- *Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste*
- *Sore throat*
- *Shortness of breath.*

While "Improving Attendance" is a school-wide target for 2022, we also want to ensure that we keep our community as safe as we can. If you are unsure ring Healthline or your doctor for advice. School is open and we want as many of our students as possible here on-site learning. So far this year attendance for most students is looking very good. Keep up the good work everyone.

Strategic Goal 3: Nurture a school culture that values people: As we work through our Strategic Goals for the School Rebecca Thomas, (who has worked with the staff and students on many projects including Digital, and Graduate Profile) is collecting student voice around a series of questions related to the school. She was impressed with the ease at which our students could tell her how they felt, and what they thought from the 5-year olds through to Year 8's. She conducted a 'silent debate' in the senior class which proved a

very successful session. Including the fact that the class was silent for 6 minutes! She still has some more student voice to collect and then she will deliver her findings to the staff so we can move to the next step.

HOUSE LEADERS: Today is the day for the big elections! House Leaders for Kauri, Kowhai and Rimu will be voted on today and announced tomorrow morning. This year's leaders will take more of a Leadership role in the school.

WHAKATAU/ WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS: We were unable to have this last Tuesday 15th so this will now take place next Tuesday 22nd February.

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 22nd February** we will welcome new students into our school with a more informal welcome, but with the same message of 'Welcome.'

Mrs J (Principal)

TE REO LESSONS: A reminder if you would like your children to have Te Reo Maori lessons on Tuesday mornings with Whaea Hoana to please send your forms back. Forms were attached to last weeks newsletter. We have had an excellent response, but still a few spaces left.

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

2022 TECH: Year 7 & 8 students will have their first day at Mangakahia Area School for Tech this coming Monday 21st February. Tech days are fortnightly on a Monday. For our students new to Tech closed in shoes must be worn for safety reasons. Please ensure on Tech days children come to school with shoes. Be here ready for the van at 8.45 a.m. Students will be given their TECH books on Monday before leaving.

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.
- Any clean, side plates for our kitchen, so the children can plate up their cooking. Ours have done a vanishing act! They don't have to be matching.
- Volunteers for Garden to Table either in the Garden, Kitchen or Craft areas. Tuesdays 11.15 a.m. until 12.50 p.m.



STUDENT ABSENCES: If you child/ren is not going to be at school for the day, please can you contact the school before 9.30am to advise. Either by phone or alternatively you can submit an absent notice on the website which will come through to the office automatically. Thank you.

CELEBRATION - CLASS AWARDS

- William Carroll - Welcome to Poroti School and for 'rockin it' in the Junior Room
- Haora Ngawaka Adams Edmonds - Welcome to Poroti School and for 'rockin it' in the Junior Room
- Tiaan Fowlie - amazing management in the Junior Room
- Te Aroha Cooper - amazing management in the Junior Room
- Peri Clark - using our school values and for great manners
- Leah Carroll - for great listening skills and using our school values



- Jadiana Tepania-Potts - always putting up your hand and for great mat manners
- E.J Pene - for being an amazing helper in class with a positive attitude
- Tainui Tepania Potts - for your very quick maths brain
- Jaydn Byrne - for great thinking and contribution of ideas in the Senior Room
- Te Hina O'Leary - for great thinking about what you are going to say and share
- Tainui Tepania Potts - for great thinking and quick observation in Prime Climb



Leah Carroll - for great supporting of other students in our school

Community Notices:

RENTAL REQUIRED: Jan (our Bus Driver) is looking for a house to rent in the area, with grazing for horses. If you can help or know of somewhere please contact her on 0210583638. Thank you.

WHANGAREI ROTARY CLUB PHOTO COMPETITION: On again this year with competition starting **Tuesday 1st March 2022 with entries to be submitted no later than 3pm on Friday 13th May.**

For 2022, there are still 3 sections - each with a specific focus;

Yrs 1-6: *Action*

Yrs 7-10: *Sand Patterns*

Yrs 11-13: *Reflections*

The photos can be either in colour or black and white.

The students are expected to take the photos themselves and write a brief caption that goes with their photo. One photo per student, and one student per photo (i.e 2 students or more cannot submit a 'combined entry').

The photos, once submitted, will be the property of the Rotary Club of Whangarei South. Send the photos to school and we can forward them on, or call for details of where to send.

TE MANAWA TAHI COMMUNITY TIMETABLE: If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional wellbeing, or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them. This is a free service and each site will be identified by a Te Manawa Tahī flag. Hubs open from 9am until 12pm unless otherwise stated. Drop into a hub or make an appointment by calling 0800 5248 4256 or email TT.Support@education.govt.nz. Up-coming dates are...

Wednesday 2 nd March	Whānau Focus Centre – 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville
Thursday 10 th March	Ministry of Education Office – 24 Kaka Street, Morningside Whangarei
Wednesday 23 rd March	Bream Bay Community Trust (10am to 12.30pm) – 9 Takutai Place, Ruakaka
Thursday 31 st March	Ministry of Education Office – 24 Kaka Street, Morningside Whangarei

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Monday 21 st February	Year 7 & 8 TECH - please remember shoes
Wednesday 2 nd March	Vision and Hearing screening at school
Monday 7 th March	Year 7 & 8 TECH - please remember shoes
Tuesday 8 th March	BOT Meeting 7pm



Room Two Water Fun – Last Friday Room 2

enjoyed an afternoon of fun water activities - lots of laughs + lots of water !
 - thank you to our great photographer Lincoln-Blayze for some great shots !



