



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 4, Term 1 2022

Kia ora, and welcome

It feels like summer again! It is awesome doing duty and seeing the children running around playing tag, bouncing on the trampoline, riding bikes, and creating sand sculptures in the sand pit, with smiles on their faces.

This year we are encouraging our senior class to take on leadership roles. We have our House Leaders, but we are also deciding on other areas such as Librarian, Bike Monitors, Bus Monitors etc. Some children were disappointed to have missed out on House Leader, but we will tap into their other talents to provide them with those leadership opportunities.

**Lunches:** Of late it is disappointing to see a number of students eating very little of their lunches even when asked to 'try' some. We know some days the choices are better than others. The days when chocolate cake is on offer is very popular! We give them the option by showing the lunch, so we minimise the waste. The MOE spent \$27,000 on school lunches for our school last year! It is heart breaking to see the waste. If this continues we may reduce our numbers to those who are eating the lunches. If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback on this topic please let us know. Libelle are great at taking on board feedback, and making adjustments.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Our congratulations go to Kerry Lord (Poroti School Board Chair) in his real job, that of General Manager of Foreno Tapware Ltd for his business success in the Northland Business Excellence Awards. Foreno was named winner of the Medium Business Award, and topped it off with Winner of the Supreme Award for 2021. We are lucky to have such calibre of people on our Board.



**HOUSE LEADERS:** Congratulations to the following students who were elected as house leaders for the year...

- Kauri - E.J and Maturangi with vice Leader Te Mihinga
- Kowhai - Lincoln-Blayze and Te Hina
- Rimu - Jethro and Lucas

**Pre-warning:** A Teacher Only Day has been set for **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be during term two but please note this date in your diary now. It is the Monday after the new Matariki weekend if you are looking to take a break away! No students to come to school on this day.

Mrs J (Principal)

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

**BEES IN SCHOOLS:** In light of the recent increasing spread of Omicron in the community, Tahi has made the decision to cancel the remaining in-field sessions for this year's Bees in Schools Programme. They are very disappointed to have to make this call, but in the interest of keeping our students and our staff safe, they feel it is the best decision. Their beekeepers will continue to service our hives and harvest this season's honey in the coming weeks. The honey will be extracted at their premises and returned to school as planned.

**STATIONERY:** Students stationery for 2022 has been set at \$35. Payments can be made directly to our school account 123115 – 0216227 -00 (with name as reference) or in cash at the office. Thank you to those who have already paid.

**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. We start next Tuesday 1 March.



**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 and absent notice on the website which will come through to the office automatically. Thank you.

## Community Notices:

**NETBALL:** Is your child interested in having a go at netball this year ? Open to boys and girls – Mrs Booth is seeking interest for a possible Poroti School team - see notice at end of newsletter and return if keen.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with entries to be submitted no later than 3pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.*

For 2022, there are still 3 sections with a specific focus; photos can either be colour or black and white.

Years 1-6: *Action*  
Years 7-10: *Sand Patterns*  
Years 11-13: *Reflections*

*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.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>TERM ONE</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Garden to Table - 11.15am to 12.50pm
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 covid vaccination!</b> )
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School Triathlon – details closer to time



## **Netball 2022 Expressions of Interest**

### **Kia Ora Whānau!**

Mrs Booth is seeking expressions of interest from students who are keen to play netball this season. Girls and boys are both welcome and there is no commitment at this stage. I just want to know if there is enough interest from students for Poroti School to put a team into the Whangarei Competition.



Please have a chat to your children, ask if they would be keen, fill in, and return this form to school as soon as possible. Thanks!

The netball season starts the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and runs through to mid-September. Team registrations must be in by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, hence this note coming home now. Once I know if there is enough interest or not, I can start planning for uniforms, transport, training, fees etc. Please don't let any of this put you off filling in the form! If there is enough interest, we will make it work!

Yes, my child \_\_\_\_\_, is interested in playing netball this year.

Year Level:

Signed:

