



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 5, Term 1 2022

Kia ora, and welcome

Life has certainly been busy so far this year at Poroti School. New children are settling into routine, and making new friends, and our returnees are showing them our School Values.

Our daily MINDFULNESS is showing our students how to calm themselves when they feel anxious, or angry. While some find it 'uncomfortable' or out of their comfort zone to do at the MINDFULNESS time, we are hopeful that they will find the time and place to practice. Four deep, slow breathes IN and OUT, can take a child or adult to a calmer space. Take time to breathe and relax even once a day.



During our Assembly first thing in the morning our students from the Senior Class are rostered on to lead this time. Please ensure that our students are here before 9am so they can take on this Leadership role and support their Assembly Buddy. Thank you.

Garden to Table started on Tuesday. We took a whirlwind tour of what the programme will look like IN THE GARDEN – IN THE KITCHEN – and IN THE MEDIA / CRAFTS areas. Session One will start next Tuesday. Harvesting our potato crop showed great results in our potato yield. These will become our first kitchen cooking ingredients.

**YEAR 7 & 8 TECH:** There has been a change of date from Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**WATER AFTERNOON:** It was such a fun afternoon yesterday, listening to the laughter, and watching the students supporting each other in their house groups, and getting wet! It is hard to believe how much enjoyment can be had with water, water balloons, cups of water, sponges, drainpipes and buckets. Good old-fashion games! The afternoon ended with a balloon throwing and catching competition on the turf – it sure was hard to bust those balloons! We have lots of photos to share.

**FREE:** Through KidsCan we have supplies of Nit Treatment and combs, and feminine products. If you need any please let us know and we can send them home, or collect from the office. They are there to be used.

Mrs J (Principal)

**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.

**BOARD REPORT:** Next meeting date to be **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m.** in School Staffroom.

## 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.



## Congratulations - Class Awards...

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards at assembly....

- Emma Morling - for always being so thoughtful and caring to others
- Jethro Imeson - for great thinking in our science enquiry
- Lola Mōnos - for great thinking in our science enquiry
- Aimi Morling - for super basic facts progress and great initiative
- Jethro Imeson - for top quality maths and reading work
- Te Aroha Cooper - for magical work in reading and homework
- Alexis Harmse - for her persistence in keeping on trying with her work
- Marley Imeson - for great thinking, - always thinking about the 'bigger picture' in her learning



Lola Mōnos - for being an awesome tech assistant in class and after school

**Our Assembly award winners proud of their achievements.**



## Community Notices:

**NETBALL:** Wow! we almost have a team already!! Reminder to please send back your form if you are interested in your child/ren having a go at netball this year? Open to boys and girls – Mrs Booth is just seeking interest at the moment for a possible Poroti School team - see notice at end of last week's newsletter.

**MAUNGATAPERE MOUNTAIN TRUST WORKING BEE:** Maungatapere Mountain Trust need help with weeding maintenance on the Mountain. Please join them for a working bee on: Saturday 19 March 2022. 9.30am—1pm. Meet at the car park opposite Watrous Downs, SH 14. Bring: - Sturdy foot-wear and gloves. Small kitchen knife and several plastic bags. Drink and a snack. Questions? Ph Sara 0220104092

**NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING**

Offering

The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

**PARENTING COURSE**

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

**TOPICS COVERED**

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR  
GROUPS  
INDIVIDUALS OR  
A BUNCH OF  
FRIENDS

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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

**Vax Evening Mangakahia** - Thursday 10th March 1pm - 6pm. The DHB will be holding a vaccine evening in the carpark at Mangakahia Area School. They will be offering Boosters & Paeds (5 – 12yr olds). There will be some vouchers and also spot prizes.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 & 8 TECH - please remember shoes
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Board meeting at 7 p.m. <b>(NB Change of date)</b>
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





## Potato Harvesting

Our first "Garden to Table" session was held on Tuesday with a highlight being digging for potatoes.

In their house groups the challenge was on to get the most potatoes!

Potatoes were dug, weighed and displayed.

- winning house with the heaviest yield - Kowhai
- winning house with the 'biggest' potato - Kowhai



A total yield of over 12 kilos - well done team!  
The potatoes will be used for cooking in next week's kitchen session and then shared with everyone for tasting!



Weighing the potatoes.



Hunting the garden for the best potato plant to harvest.

