



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 6, Term 1 2022

Kia ora, and welcome

What a week it has been managing Covid and all the things that go with it. My appreciation goes out to the parents who quickly responded to their children, and to our senior students for their mask-wearing. This has helped minimise the spread in our Senior Class. At present we have had 5 positive tests in the Senior class, and some children self-isolating as Household contacts. The infectious time in our class has long passed. As you will have heard the number of days needed to self-isolate changes to 7 at 11.59 p.m. on Friday night. This may cause some confusion, particularly for those not completed their ten days isolation. I will clarify when I receive today's bulletin from the Ministry of Education outlining the new changes.

The Senior students who have been in class every day, my congratulations to you, and the sensible way you have continued your normal routine and class learning. I am very proud of you. It is part of our lives, and it is about how we deal with it. Yes, there are the worrying moments when you 'over think' and wonder, (I know, I have done just that) but just watch how our children are taking it in their stride, and be proud. Let's follow their lead, and get on with life and learning.

Remember RATS tests are available for testing if you are unsure, and want peace of mind. I have heard if you don't want to order and wait in line, that Warehouse are the cheapest.



Tuesday was full on after first break. From garden shed tours of equipment, building compost bins and getting the layers started, painting plant pots, stretching t-shirts to make plant hangers, photographing the different activities, and then to the kitchen following the delicious smell of the most amazing potato wedges made from potatoes harvested from our school gardens last week. Look on our website www.poroti.school.nz for Blogs written by our Media group and photos. Each week one house group will write Blogs telling you about the GTT day.

For strand the Juniors are studying 'Measurement'. Estimating heavier than, lighter than, balanced and now learning about grams and kilograms. They have been busy measuring things around the classroom on many types of scales including 'human scales' (Those ones most people are scared of). Both Mrs Booth and Mrs Grenfell are reading David Walliams books, "Gransta Granny" and "Ratburger." Just in case you were wondering what the children were talking about!

Triathlon: Our Triathlon is set for Friday 25th March starting at 1 p.m. It will consist of a run, bike, water obstacles and we are working on a fun, mystery end to the Triathlon before a short run to the Finish Line. (Hopefully it works out?)

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

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 27th 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 15th March at 7 p.m.** in School Staffroom.

FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES: We still seem to be having a large amount of 'daily waste' with our free school lunches - which is a combination of the children not enjoying or liking them and also with many students being away at present. We are now considering whether it is viable to continue with this next term and would value your feedback. Please can you note your preference and send back the form at the bottom of this newsletter. Thank you

GARDEN TO TABLE: Our first official "Garden to Table" food sample of Potato Wedges was a huge hit and the students have asked for the recipe - perhaps a new recipe to try with them at home!

Potato wedges

Crunchy and golden on the outside and soft and fluffy on the inside. Serve them with dipping sauces or have them up with some fish or chicken nuggets. You will need a hot, hot oven to make these wedges delicious!

Ingredients

- 1 kg desiree potato (cut into wedges)
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tbs chicken salt
- 1 tbs dried oregano



Method

1. Preheat oven to 220°C fan-forced. Line a baking tray with baking paper and set aside.
 2. Place the cut potatoes and oil in a large bowl and toss to coat.
 3. Sprinkle the chicken salt and dried oregano over the potatoes and toss to make sure all pieces are coated.
 4. Lay in a single layer on the baking tray. Bake for 40 mins, stopping after 20 minutes to turn the wedges.
- Optional : Serve with sour cream and sweet chilli sauce.

Community Notices:

COVID SUPPORT : Thereza Clark is our local contact person for any positive cases we have here in Poroti. What does that mean? If a case is positive then the Wellness Hub will contact Thereza and her role is to touch base and see how the Hub can help the whanau. Te Roopu Takiwa o Mangakahia has set up a Covid Hub currently based at Waiotomotomo (the little whare attached to Mangakahia Area School). If you have whanau or need any help please be in contact with her. Ph 021 870 057.

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



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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Monday 14 th March	Year 7 & 8 TECH - please remember shoes
Tuesday 15 th March	Board meeting at 7 p.m. (NB Change of date)
Tuesday 15 th March	Year 7 & 8 immunisation (this is NOT the covid vaccination!)
Friday 25 th March	School Triathlon – details closer to time

SCHOOL LUNCHES TERM 2 (please select Yes/No and return to school – thank you)

Yes, I would like my child/ren to continue to receive a free lunch every school day

No, I will provide a lunch for my child/ren every school day

Name

Signature.....



Water Fun Afternoon...

A great afternoon was held last week involving pipes, water balloons, wet sponges, noodles and more, the students had fun getting wet in a variety of ways. Travelling around in their house groups they had to use co-operation to tackle the different activities.



