



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 8, Term 1 2022

Kia ora, and welcome

What a wild, week we have had with the weather! I hope you all stayed safe in the rain and that the clean up is going well. We know some of our families had some major flooding of rivers around their properties. All these things just build on our character, and make us stronger. I too had to take off my shoes and wade through water to test the depth coming down Draffin Road on Monday morning, to find that over the bridge was TOO DEEP so we all had to turn around. But we got here.

Our students have been resilient, and engaged with their learning. I am so proud of the Senior Class who have had to deal with me being like a yo-yo as I am wearing multiple hats this week. They have just been fabulous and shown our school values in their actions, (mostly!) They have organised their house groups, planned the obstacle part of the Triathlon, helped me proof read the newsletter, presented their finished work, and managed some academic learning in there as well. It has certainly made my week so much easier.

HUGE THANKS to Mrs Grenfell, Louise and Annette this week. Between us we have managed to keep the 'boat' afloat unlike some schools. The teaching arrangement we have has certainly helped in that respect. We wish everyone a speedy recovery and look forward to you returning.



We completed our first rotation this week, and were treated to (block your ears Italians) Potato Pizza from the Garden to Table recipes. Potatoes and rosemary from our garden, and the students made the Pizza dough.

Wheelbarrow licences and knife licences are being worked on and some children have already mastered these skills.

Rebecca Te Tai Tokerau facilitator for Garden to Table is visiting us next week to join in our activities, and give us some advice.

TRIATHLON: After much deliberation, and looking at the weather which has been so unpredictable we have decided to POSTPONE the Triathlon until next Friday 1st April with the same arrangements. **THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE!** The gusty winds and rain showers are not what we need for this event. We hope you can all join us, and by then all our staff and students will be back on deck.

Mrs J (Principal)

TEACHER AIDE JOB VACANCY:

We have a Teacher Aide vacancy at Poroti School for an immediate start. It is 20 hours spread over 4 days to work with a young man in the senior classroom to support his learning needs and challenges. You will need to be to commit to all the hours. You will be well supported in this role. We require someone who

has patience and able to use their initiative. Please see Mrs J so we can get this boy back onto his learning journey.

BOARD REPORT: Next meeting date to be Tuesday 12th April **at** 7 p.m. in School Staffroom.

10Year Property Plan: The Board looked at our school's 10YPP which involves property projects around our school, in classrooms, new buildings, lighting, toilets and cloak bay. These will be timetable over two five-year periods. The projects to be put onto our 10 YPP are yet to be confirmed. The pool is one of the projects on the list.

MASKS: Earlier this week the school was provided with a large number of masks and your child would have brought a pack home for your use. Did you know that these masks can very easily be lightly washed in warm soapy water, hung out to dry and re-used over and over? We are all wanting to do our bit for the environment so please if you are not already – please give this a go. When it is time to throw them out, remember to cut off the strings on the side to prevent wildlife getting caught in them.



We have more if you need them.

Community Notices:

I have been given the following phone number for Covid Relief Parcels should you need one: 0800 222 478

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Monday 28 th March	YEAR 7 & 8 Tech – shoes please
Friday 1 April	School Triathlon/ Combo course
Monday 11 th April	Year 7 & 8 TECH
Tuesday 12 th April	Board meeting at 7 p.m.
Thursday 14 th April	LAST DAY TERM 1

