



POROTI SCHOOL

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Kia ora and welcome

It has been an awesome week at Poroti School with lots of authentic learning happening integrating many curriculum areas, our school values, and our Graduate Profile skills as well as the Key Competencies (life skills). Matariki has certainly been celebrated here at Poroti. On a personal note, I too got to celebrate the birth of our first grand baby. A beautiful girl called Aria Hanna Johnson. I know I now join a very prestigious group of women!

After attending an ERO (Education Review Office) meeting in Dargaville with our Board Chair Kerry Lord, we know more about what to expect of the new process that ERO is working within called 'Te Ara Huarau.' Next term our 'School Evaluation Partner' Bill Ahern will come to Poroti to start our journey. ERO are working to design a partnership with us to support our evaluation of what we do at Poroti, and how we can improve that from a teaching and learning and Board perspective. We will work from our Strategic Plan, Strategic Goals, and Annual Plan, looking at our priorities for moving forward. This is a long-term relationship over 3 years, not the previously short, sharp visit of 3 days. We see this as being a positive experience for our school and community. Below is an excerpt from the website. Should you want to know more, visit the website by searching 'Te Ara Huarau.'

Te Ara Huarau: An ERO evaluation partner will work alongside each school, building a professional evaluation relationship with each school over time. Our evaluation role will connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of an ongoing improvement journey. We are supporting each school to build and sustain high-quality evaluation as part of their planning for improvement. Consideration of a school within its wider network and community is woven throughout Te Ara Huarau, which will also identify opportunities where evaluations can occur at a community level.

Matariki Celebrations: On my return from Dargaville, I walked into the classrooms to find the tuakana-teina approach to learning being demonstrated as our students were working on their Matariki star mobiles. The older students were supporting the younger students to complete their works of art. It is pleasing to see the development in this i.e. the older students are no longer doing the mahi/work for the younger students, but supporting them while they do their own mahi / work. The questioning of the older students has improved over time, and watching the relationships develop makes us proud.



Emma and Haora working together on Matariki stars

This continued on Wednesday into our **Matariki Cultural Food Festival**. Thanks, must go to Mrs Pye for organising the event, and staff for jumping on board to make the event so awesome. **Special thanks to Cheryl, Keenu, Soffi and Janelle (our Poroti Mums)** for their knowledge, and food preparations for and during the event, and to Molly and Diane (Mrs Booth's Mum) for supporting the event on the day. It was great to learn how to pronounce the name of the dish, and people's names, and be introduced to new foods and find out about their place in their cultures. Our students embraced this opportunity and enjoyed the food they cooked, on tables set up by the House Leaders, even taking up the challenge of using chopsticks.



Winning House Table – KAURI

POWHIRI: This year we have decided to welcome our new students and families during the Māori New Year, so our School Powhiri will take place on Tuesday 28th June at 10 a.m. at Maungarongo Marae. We will leave school at about 9.40 a.m. and walk to the Marae. Families are welcome to join us. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Bring to staffroom please. Girls and women if you could wear a skirt for the Powhiri that would be appreciated.

ROLL RETURN AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Thank you to those who have responded. If you still have the green form at home (attached to previous week's newsletter), please can you return this as soon as possible. It is very important for us to have returned to gain information needed for our annual Roll Return, and the Board's investigation of making ASC something that Poroti School could set up on a more permanent basis with an ASC carer, (not the staff members.) This would mean the children in ASC would have a programme set up in their own space.

Enjoy your long weekend – Friday for Matariki and Monday as it is a Teacher Only Day when teachers will be looking at Assessment and reporting to parents.

Mrs J (Principal)

BOARD REPORT: Next meeting date is Tuesday 9th August in the staffroom at 7 p.m.

Board Elections: This is an election year for our Board. Elections are in September for the next 3-year term. If you have an interest in being nominated for a place on our Poroti School Board, sitting in on a Board meeting is a good way to find out what is involved and whether it is what you imagined! Let us know if you wish to do this over the next couple of months. Information around nominations will be out soon, so keep thinking about who in our community would be someone who could sit on our Board in a Governance role. They do not need to be a parent of the school, but someone who has a connection and willingness to move Poroti School forward into the future. Come and talk with us.

STATIONERY: *Please could all outstanding stationery payments be made by the end of this term. If you need to discuss, please contact the office. Thank you.*

YEAR 8 TAURAROA AREA SCHOOL OPEN DAY: Any year 8 students who are looking to attend Tauraroa Area School next year and would like to attend their Open Day on Friday 5th August, please can you return the Registration Form sent home recently. This is a day that our Year 8 students who intend going to TAS need to attend. Should you need another form, please let us know.

Whangarei Library : On Wednesday 29 June, the Central Library will be hosting Kyle Mewburn from 4pm – 5pm to talk about her books and how to be a writer, so if you have any keen writers at your school, this session is a must! This is the writer our students will be doing a workshop with, so we encourage others to attend this session.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WHANGAREI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL: Whangarei Girls' High School will be hosting an Open Evening on Wednesday 10th August at 5.30pm - 7.30pm for new enrolments.

Whangarei & Districts Lions Clubs - Including Mangakahia Lions Club.
Citrus to the South Project.

WANTED : *Lemons, Mandarins, Oranges, Tangelos, Grapefruit, Lemonades.*
Local Lions Clubs around Whangarei are collecting up surplus citrus fruit to send to the South Island.

The collection for Mangakahia Lions Area will be at Maungatapere Hall, State Highway 14, Maungatapere from 9.00am to 12.00noon on Sunday 3rd July, 2022.

YOU, families & whanau of local Mangakahia Valley Schools can help by bringing your boxes or bags of surplus citrus fruit to school on Friday 1st July.

Lions Club members will pick up the fruit from your school at 3.30pm on Friday 1st July.

OR

Drop off your surplus citrus fruit at Maungatapere Hall on Sunday 3rd July between 9.00am & 12 noon.

Mainfreight, Whangarei will transport the boxes of fruit to the South Island.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Friday 24 th June	National Matariki Holiday
Monday 27 th June	Teacher Only Day (no school for students)
Tuesday 28 th June	School Powhiri to welcome new staff, students and families at Maungarongo Marae at 10 a.m.
Wednesday 29 th June	Kyle Mewburn writing workshop
Monday 4 th July	TECH – Year 7 & 8 – remember shoes

MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS



