



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 8th September 2022

Week 7, Term 3 2022

Kia ora and welcome

These Spring days are beautiful, but there is still a bitterness in the air. Keep layered up so layers can come off as the weather warms up.

Our Kai Ora funded raised gardens arrived on Monday. They have been milled using local trees and look and smell beautiful. We have to make them up and there are 5 x 3 metres by one metre boxes. All the pieces are cut to measure and I have the screws.



If anyone has an hour to spare to put them together this would be appreciated.



Speeches are well underway in the school. The Senior class are experiencing Essay writing and turning the essay into a speech, and the Juniors are speaking on 'A Fantasy Pet,' writing at home and supported by Mrs Grenfell at school. Seniors will be presenting their speeches next Friday, with a speaker selected to represent Poroti School at the Mangakahia Lions Speech competition. As well as the written component

the oral language and presenting of the speech has many valuable aspects to it. For the school speech they are only speaking in front of their classmates who they know. Please support this and encourage your child to take on this challenge. They have all spend a lot of class time on the essay writing.



We had a visit from Bill Ahern from ERO (Education Review Office) on Wednesday. He took a guided tour of our classrooms and grounds discussing the things we do at Poroti, meeting staff and students, and learning about our Strategic Plan and goals, before heading off to write up his notes and visit another school. He will be back in November.

Senior Camp: A big thank you to all those parents who offered to come with us this year. We are lucky we have so many wanting to come. Unfortunately, due to costs we have had to turn some away, and cut off of the number of adults we can take. This is something we will be looking at for the future.

Junior Camp: I know that Mrs Grenfell is underway with the organisation of this camp also.

Our prize of the 100 seedlings arrived this morning from Zealandia Horticulture Limited. WOW they are amazing and very healthy looking. Leeks, lettuces, corn, tomatoes, basil, cabbages to name a few. They will go great planted in our new raised gardens.

For both camps can you please return forms if you have not already. The camps may seem a long way off, but a lot organisation is involved for them to happen.

I hope those kumara plants are growing well? Remember to get those recipes out for the pies Dads, and the rural themed cakes or cupcake ideas planned.

Mrs J (Principal)



BOARD REPORT: Next meeting date is **Tuesday 20th September** in the staffroom at 7 p.m. This is a transition meeting to farewell our departing Board members and welcome the new Board.

Cloak bay project: Our cloak bay is about to get an upgrade with new ceiling, walls and floors. This is long overdue, but it is all part of the property upgrade projects. This project is being started on Oct 3rd (school holidays) They aim to be completed by the end of the holidays.

NITS: These seem to be doing the rounds again, please check your child/ren's hair. We have shampoo and combs at school if needed, just let us know and we can send some home.

WANTED: If you have any unwanted ice cream containers and lids please send them to school. They are great for under our Garden to Table seedlings as water catchers.

AG DAY COUNTDOWN: The countdown has begun! In preparation for our AG Day grocery raffles, over the next four weeks we will be asking if families can please provide items for our very popular raffles. This week it is 'PACKETS' - please could all families donate an item of packet food which can be dropped in to the office. **House points are on offer!** Thank you.

We are receiving some awesome support from sponsors and are very grateful - if you know of someone or a business that may like to offer some sponsorship or prizes, please do let us know and we can provide a letter to pass on to them or approach them ourselves. Our amazing sponsors who have helped so far include....

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| • Graeme Johnson Jewels & Time | * | Actionzone | * | LIC Whangarei |
| • Pak n Save | * | Noel Leeming | * | Whangarei A & P Society |
| • Flip Out | * | Custom Woodwork | * | GAS Maungatapere |
| • GAS Maungatapere | * | Sean & Sue Grenfell | | |

Please support those who support us when you can!!



A beautiful day this week for our Garden to Table. Our gardens are looking amazing. Thanks to funding from Kai Ora we have just had some top soil delivered and some new raised timber beds. We have tomatoes ready to plant out and the pumpkins have gone in. In media craft we have been making some mosaic tiles to brighten up our garden edging. The smells in the kitchen were again amazing with apple crumble - thank you to Whaea Hoana for supplying us with the apples. Imagine on a warm sunny day enjoying hot apple crumble and ice cream for lunch! We also made lettuce pesto with lettuce, parsley and garlic from our garden and flavoured tortilla chips.

FOR SALE - PICKED FRESHLY FROM OUR GARDEN: Spray free, healthy mixed lettuce. If you would like some of our delicious lettuce we are selling freshly picked mixed lettuce in bags for \$2. All funds raised will go back in to our Garden to Table programme. You can use your lettuce for the quick and easy "Lettuce Pesto" recipe with tortilla chips - very popular with our students this week. Send in money and order for same day turn around.



LETTUCE PESTO

- 4 packed cups of lettuce (your choice of varieties, a mild flavour works well)
- 1/3 cup fresh parsley
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- 1/2 tsp salt
- olive oil to desired consistency (1/4 to 1/2 cup)



Place lettuce, parsley, garlic, cheese and salt into food processor. Pulse and add olive oil slowly until desired consistency reached. Use as a spread, dip or great with pasta. Store in fridge up to 2 weeks.

TORTILLA CHIPS - Cut plain wraps into dip size triangles, brush with olive oil, salt and pepper and add any herbs / flavourings you like. Bake in hot pre-heated oven until golden and crisp.



CELEBRATION - CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving class awards this week...

- Subira Njenga - for consistently using her school values - especially 'respect'
- Temepara Cassidy - for trying her best in everything that she does
- William Carroll - for an outstanding attitude to learning and great participation in everything
- Marley Imeson - for great independent learning but for also always knowing when to ask for help when needed
- Travis Crowson - for fantastic work on his speech introduction
- Monty Livingstone - for superb listening during teacher reading time
- Peri Clark - for superb listening during teaching reading time
- Lucas Fawcett - for a fantastic hook with his speech
- Puhi Nathan - for a stunning improvement in measuring time
- Lola Mōnos - for amazing time management and work ethic
- Puhi Nathan - for great use of "ed" starts in his tornado writing

Lexia - well done to Aimi, Peri, Subira and Sonny for moving up a level with their Lexia

Readicator - well done to Jethro and Kimberlee for reaching the top of the Readicator



Marley Imeson - for always being helpful and kind to others



Journey Clark - for helping other people and for learning hard in class

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAUNU TENNIS CLUB: SENIOR opening day: Sat 17 Sep 10 am, and each Sat thereafter from 1 pm
TWILIGHT tennis each Thu 5:30 pm starting Thu 29 Sep LADIES DAY every Wed 9 am JUNIOR COACHING: Starts Tue 18 Oct. 4-8 yrs 3:15 pm start. Others 4 pm. Queries to Matt Trubshaw (027 478 6655) or Jill Trubshaw re juniors (021 611 522)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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Tuesday 13 th September	Tahi Bee Friends – remember shoes
Tuesday 20 th September	BOT Meeting 7pm staff room

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