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Thursday 15th September 2022

Week 8, Term 3 2022

Kia ora and welcome

It is nice to be sitting at the Office desk typing this newsletter in quiet solitude! (I love our kids don't get me wrong!) It is extremely busy with students at varying stages of their school AG Day exhibits depending on their level of time management, but on the positive flip side the exhibits are looking amazing. Again, this year teachers have opted for different activities based on our curriculum learning. As well as creating work, it is also about how they present their work showing their own flair.

With the announcement of the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day on Monday 26th September it means that your children will maybe have an extra day to complete their home projects.

Te wiki ō Te Reo Maori week (Maori Language week) Commemorating the 50th anniversary of te Petihana Reo Māori. This week is extra special as 14 September marks the 50th anniversary of the Māori Language Petition, an event that led to many of the kaupapa we have today, including Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

This week has been, and still is Te wiki \bar{o} Te Reo Maori week, and our students and staff have been getting into this by speaking kupu (words) whenever they can into their korero (talk). It is pleasing to hear just how many kupu we do have. We try to do this all the time, but it pays to be reminded.



POROTI SCHOOL WORKING BEE

A working bee to spruce up the school grounds ready for AG Day has been called for ... Saturday 24th September from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The school has some tools, spades, rakes, brooms, but if you could bring other things like weed-eaters etc it would be appreciated.

SUNFLOWERS: Crombie Lockwood, as part of their 'Trees for Survival' sponsorship have given us enough sunflowers for all children to have a pack. We have decided to grow these at school in our shade house, for those children who want to, and work through the eight achievement challenges. If all 8 are completed they will go in to a draw for a fabulous prize to the Crombie Lockwood Kiwi burrow in Taupo all expenses paid for a family of 4. There are also spot prizes along the way. They get three types of sunflowers to grow. Sunflowers will come home in the holidays for looking after!

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.

WELL-BEING DEFINITION: After lots of mahi and consultation we have finally arrived at a Poroti School Well-Being definition. This will be unpacked with staff and students to decide what it will look like, what we will see and how we will measure our success in achieving this. If you have any ideas please feel free to contribute them. The 'I' refers to anyone who enters our school.

Poroti School is a safe space where I feel . . .

- Happy
- Connected
- Valued
- Accepted



WANTED: If anyone has an old bathtub or large container suitable for making a herb garden, please get in contact.

AG DAY COUNTDOWN: The countdown continues...This week in our Grocery Raffles we are asking if families can please provide a grocery item that is 'SOMETHING BEING WITH THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR SURNAME' - please could all families donate an item of 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....

- Graeme Johnson Jewels & Time
- Pak n Save
- Flip Out
- GAS Maungatapere
- Siafa & Stephens family
- Actionzone
- * Noel Leeming
- Custom Woodwork
- * Sean & Sue Grenfell
- LIC Whangarei
- Whangarei A & P Society
- GAS Maungatapere
- Farm Source

Please support those who support us when you can!!

AG DAY PHOTOS: AG Day photos that are being taken at home MUST be sent in to school by *Friday 23rd September* at the very latest to give them time to be cut, backed and laminated with the child's choice of colour. Any photos received after this date will be displayed as received without backing or colour.

TOUCH RUGBY LAST CALL!!! If your child would like to play touch rugby please send form back (attached to previous newsletter) or contact the office. Last day to register with us is **Wednesday 21st September**. Competition starts Thursday 20th October from 4.30pm. School will pay for our students to play.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM THREE		
Friday 16 th September	Speech competition in school	
Tuesday 20 th September	BOT Meeting 7pm staff rooom	
Saturday 24 th September	Working Bee 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at school	
Monday 26 th September	Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day – Public Holiday so no school!	
Friday 30 th September	LAST DAY TERM 3	
	Bring in Home exhibits	

	AG Day morning working on exhibits
Saturday 1 st October	AG DAY