



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 1, Term 1 2023

Kia ora and welcome to the first 'at school' newsletter of 2023.

A warm welcome to our new students and their families; Benji, Dontè, Tahua, Shiquan and Laquandre and their families and whanau. We thank you for choosing Poroti School and hope that your time with us is successful and enjoyable.



Our school 'Theme' this year is "**SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS**"

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to those parents who took time out over the holiday break to keep an eye on the school, mow the front paddock, and get the pool and water leak investigated. Your help and support are greatly appreciated and have not gone unnoticed.

**BLANKET AND PICNIC EVENING:** Please join us in an ALL Parents and Caregivers evening that will be held next week. A separate notice /panui is attached. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

**PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET:** We are currently updating this and will send it out next week.

**WHAKATAU/ WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS:** Our annual welcome to our new students and their families will take place next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. It will be held in the Library and get underway at 9.15 a.m. Please feel free to join us even if you are not a 'new' whanau. Skirts are encouraged for girls to wear if possible. We will have Kai Hakari to finish the formalities and hope to finish up about 10 a.m.

**READING TOGETHER PROGRAMME:** We have received funding to run the 'READING TOGETHER' programme.

*Reading Together*<sup>®</sup> is a gold standard, research-based workshop programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading (and thereby also supports teachers in their classroom programmes).

We are running this programme on a Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. (dinner for the families, and child care provided) for 4 weeks at the end of Term One, starting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Invitations and further information will come home in a separate newsletter.

**LIBELLE LUNCHESES:** We have started our free lunches as of yesterday. A great start too with a 'meatball' subway type roll. Met with approval! Please let us know if you wish to remove your child from this scheme so we can adjust numbers.

**GARDEN TO TABLE:** This programme will start again on Tuesday 14 February and will happen *every Tuesday from 11.15 a.m. until 12.50 p.m.* The children work in their Whānau groups of Kauri, Kowhai and Rimu and rotate each week. GARDENS – KITCHEN – Garden CRAFTS. If you have an interest in gardening, cooking or crafts and would like to be involved we would love to have you be part of this. Please see the Office or Mrs J. Regular or casual volunteers are most welcome.



The sun is shining, our students are awesome, settled and engaged! It's been a great start to the year with lots happening and lots more to happen!

Mrs J (Principal)

**BOARD REPORT:** Next meeting date to be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m. in School Staffroom.

**STATIONERY:** Thank you to those who made payments over the holiday period. **The cost for 2023 is \$35 per student payable to the Office or online at 123115-0216227-00 with family name as reference.** Thank you.



**SCHOOL POOL UPDATE:** During the holiday break work was started on repairing the leaks in the pool. Unfortunately, the next step requires at least 3 days of fine weather! We will keep you updated.

**MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL:** This family orientated community event is back again for 2023! Held at the complex. Poroti School will have a stall with the following activities: Tombola, Lucky Dip, Lollipop Tree and Spin the Wheel. We are looking for donations of:

- Small prizes for Lucky Dip
- Bottles or Jars of anything – We wrap and number. People pay for a number and that is their prize. Like an adult Lucky Dip!

If you can donate we would appreciate that very much. Send to school over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>TERM ONE</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	WAITANGI DAY - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Whakatau / Welcome to new students at 9.15 a.m.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Picnic / Blanket Evening from 6 p.m. ALL WELCOME
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whānau Water Tabloids afternoon
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Garden to Table starts again 11.15 – 12.50p.m. Board meeting at 7 p.m.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Years 7 & 8 students to TECH at Mangakahia Area School – wear shoes
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School is involved in Mangakahia Summer Festival from 10 – 3 p.m.



