



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Week 3, Term 1 2023

Kia ora and welcome

What a whirlwind ride we have had in Te Tai Tokerau / Northland these past few days. I am sure, like me you are thrilled to see the sun and have heard the words "School is open!" Thank you all for your patience and support throughout Cyclone Gabrielle and to those who offered to come and help clean up. We were very lucky with no major damage, just lots of tree debris all around. The trees have been trimmed to alleviate any danger. I hope you have not encountered too much damage from the water and wind and if you have let this sunshine continue to add the recovery. I am sure a lot has been learned about living without power or communication. Please contact us if there is still any support we can offer.

Not having been in the classroom for more than 2 days this term I was so looking forward to this week and being back with our Senior students, but it was not to be. Cyclone Gabrielle had other plans. Maybe next week!!

Believe it or not it was sunny last Friday and we held our Water Tabloids Afternoon. We were having so much fun we didn't actually complete all our activities. From tipping cups of water over their heads (like musical chairs – when the music stopped – the cup was tipped!), to throwing balloons filled with water over a net with a cloth 'catapult.' There was lots of laughter when the balloon wasn't caught and it broke! Then to moving along an obstacle course and a large water-filled pad in a water balloon and spoon race. The 'blob' was great for diving on, cartwheeling and commando crawling along under the water sprouts. Water guns came out next! While the children were concentrating on getting their paper cup along the string to the other end, the staff were distracting them with water balloons and water guns. All in all, a successful afternoon of fun.

**POOL:** We now have a full pool (thanks to Cyclone Gabrielle), and we just need to get it treated and valeted next week. We will let the students know when it will be open for swimming.

**MRS MALEY'S last day is today.** Mrs Maley has been with us for two years (this time!) and has been working as a Teacher Aide supporting our learners mostly in the Junior Classroom, but has shown her skills in the crafting room for Garden to Table, costumes for the dancing juniors, and in the kitchen. Mrs Maley has been a valuable staff member, and has a wonderful manner with our students. We will miss her, but wish her all the best in her new job.

**THANK YOU** also to Olivia who has been on our Poroti Board for a few years now, and is leaving the district to venture south on a new journey in life. Thank you, Olivia, for your support of our school in so many ways, as a parent, a Board member and driving those projects you had a passion for. We wish you all the best in your new phase in life. Olivia is also taking her two girls with her, Lola and Saffi, who will also be sadly missed by the staff and students. We know that they will embrace this new journey with their mum and will be an asset to their new school. Keep in touch, and maybe we will see you back sometime.



Mrs J (Principal)

**BOARD REPORT:** Next meeting date to be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February (TONIGHT) at 7 p.m. in School Staffroom.

**STATIONERY:** Thank you to those who have made payments. **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.



**YEAR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATION:** Forms are coming home for Year 7 & 8 Immunisations (not covid). Please can you complete and send back forms to us whether you wish your child to have the immunisation or not. Information on the immunisations can be found in the forms or there are video links to watch on... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuwcOyMjAzc> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIKS9uQCQU> Immunisations will take place at school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL: ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO!** This family orientated community event is back again for 2023! Held at the complex. Thank you to those who have donated. 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 and Spin the Wheel
- 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 donations to school office. Thank you.*

**NETBALL:** Our two netball teams were very successful last year and we are now seeking interest for children that may wish to play this year. Please complete form at end of newsletter. This is just seeking interest at this stage.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

TERM ONE	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Years 7 & 8 students to TECH at Mangakahia Area School – wear shoes please
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Whole School weeding of gardens – please dress accordingly or bring clothes to change into .
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School is involved in Mangakahia Summer Festival from 10 – 3 p.m.

**NETBALL - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Yes, my child / ren ..... are interested in playing netball this year

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