



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Week 6, Term 1 2023

Kia ora and welcome

It is good to be back and back into the classroom with our wonderful students. Yesterday was 'International Women's Day' and our seniors discussed and wrote about women who motivated or inspired them. Reading their writing was a privilege, as they really thought about the women in their lives. Sometimes we don't know the impact we have, or even realise the impact we have on our children. Here are some extracts from their writing:

*"My mum motivates me to do things I don't like, she always says "you can do it!" She motivates me because I see her doing things."*

*"My mum inspires me to work hard with my learning because she works hard with her farming."*

*"My nana motivated me. She pushed me to achieve my goals, and to be active. She taught me to work hard, be kind and don't let anyone put me down. My nana told me to work hard for your goals because nothing ever comes to you without working for it."*

*"My neighbour Lily is the person who inspires me to do more with horses. Lily is always helpful, she definitely motivates me to do more. When I grow up, I want to be just like her."*

*"My Auntie is the woman who inspires me. She is a lawyer and I would like to be like her. She is smart, independent, healthy and fit. I have her name."*

**Book Character Day:** With reading and qualities of characters our focus this term, we have decided to have a 'Book Week' starting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. This will culminate in a Book Character Dress Up Day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. You can help your child with their thinking and planning so that they can come dressed up for a fun day. More details nearer the time. Get those costumes ready. Be creative.

**Swimming:** It is good to see our students swimming now the pool is up and running. Swimming is a compulsory part of our learning programme (Health and Physical Education curriculum). Remember to bring a towel as well as your swimming gear. Our **Inter-whānau Swimming Sports** will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon.

**Reading Together:** It was a great turn-out for our first Reading Together workshop. Thank you to the parents who attended for their honest discussion and interactions during the workshop. The evening started with a magnificent banquet purchased from the Poroti Tavern, who will be providing our dinners over the four weeks. Thanks also to Mrs Grenfell and Cassidy for their wonderful demonstration of reading together. See you again next Tuesday.

Mrs J (Principal)

Next meeting date to be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. in School Staffroom. NB the change of night for March due to Reading Together being on a Tuesday night.

**STATIONERY:** Invoices will start coming home for stationery. We ask that this please be paid by the end of this term alternatively you can make arrangements with the office to pay in instalments. 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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# MANGAKAHIA FOOTBALL

All players  
from 4 years  
are welcome.

Join the Mangakahia Football Whangarei facebook page for the registration links and information or email  
mangakahiasoccerclub@gmail.com

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM ONE	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading Together – 6 to 7.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	School Year 7 & 8 immunisations
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 & 8 TECH – Remember shoes
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Bee Friends - Remember shoes
	Reading Together – 6 to 7.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Sports 1pm - details closer to the time
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Board Meeting 7pm



Bee-Friends is back up and running and generally takes place fortnightly on a Tuesday. If your child is involved, please ensure they wear tight fitting closed in shoes to help prevent stings.



