



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 16th March 2023

Week 7, Term 1 2023

Kia ora and welcome

I don't know about you, but I am unsure of where this term has gone! We have been extremely busy around our school this week so it is always good to start the day with Mindful breathing to calm ourselves down and set the mind ready for the day. Taking time to think about ourselves for a few minutes is essential in these fast-paced times. The feeling in the room is very relaxing, peaceful and calming.

Reading Together: It was great to see another good turn-out from our families for the Reading Together workshop. The Library was a quiet, relaxed scene as parents and their children interacted during the reading session as they shared how to select the right book at the right level and then practised their reading together.

Strike: Even though our school remained open with classes as usual, today saw Principals and Teachers take to the streets away from the classroom to fight for improved conditions for both Principals and Teachers, which ultimately improves conditions for the children that we teach and care for each day.

Easter Raffle: That time is fast approaching so the annual Easter Raffle drive is on again this year. If you could please bring in Easter items over the next 2-3 weeks and we will issue tickets to the families next week. The raffle will be a multi-draw with a number of prizes and the draw will take place on **Wednesday 5 April** in time for the holidays. Top sellers, individual and family will also win prizes. Help raise money for our camps and trips.



Book Character Day: With reading and talking about qualities of characters our focus this term, we have decided to have a 'Book Week' starting Monday 27th March. This will culminate in a **Book Character Dress Up Day on Friday 31st March**. You can help your child with their thinking and planning so that they can come dressed up for a fun day. Get those costumes ready. Be creative. Find a book they like, then find the character. Feel free to dress up and join us.

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 24th March in the afternoon. Parents get your relay team together!



Relationships First: As part of our staff Professional Learning teachers have had classroom observations done over the last two days, followed by coaching feedback sessions. All staff took part in this. This fits into our strategic plan of "delivering quality teaching programmes." Teachers reflect on their 'pedagogy – how they teach in theory and in practice and look at ways to improve on that.

Mrs J (Principal)

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

CELEBRATION - CLASS AWARDS

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

- Emma Morling - for a stunning job in her rotation work
- Maia Shelford - for fantastic motivation in her writing and for amazing swimming progress
- Benji Haridas - for sensational progress in swimming time and having fun in the pool
- Alexis Harmse - for being helpful and supportive to other people in class and at playtime
- Aran Morling - for adding great words to his writing leaving us wanting to know more

Readicators: Well done to Kimberlee Cooper, Aimi Morling and Emma Morling for reaching the top of the Readicator.

Caught Being Good: Travis Crowson - for always being kind and encouraging to our new students

Winning House this Week: Kowhai

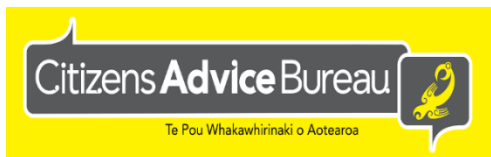
COMMUNITY NOTICES



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



Next week is Citizens Advice Awareness week. Did you know that Citizens Advice in Whangarei are there to offer free, confidential and independent information and advice so that people know and understand their rights.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

