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Kia ora and welcome

Our aroha and thoughts go out to those affected by the tragic passing of our young people in Whangarei over the past few weeks. You are in our thoughts.

We have had another busy week at Poroti School, practising our lines for our school production (I hope this is happening at home too!), working on our mask creations with Chyna from Mauri Tui Tuia, the seniors continuing their whānau house murals with Molly, recapping our School Values and lots of classroom learning happening.

I was proud of the way the Senior class conducted themselves yesterday in our 'impromptu' soccer / football 3 a-side tournament. For one reason or another our entry was not included in the draw for our Year 7 & 8 team, so we had our own tournament. With no referees on games, the students self-managed and the games were hard fought and well run. They played 5 games each and the final battle came down to two teams in the last round. The team of Puhi, Kimberlee and Sonny came out on top; Te Hina, Matu and Jarred in second place and Travis, Jethro and Peri in third.

We still need another car to transport our Year 5 & 6 students to their tournament on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. If you can help please let Mrs J know by tomorrow.

Mrs Grenfell 'hits' us every morning with a new quote. This term she has focused on Dr Suess. Some of this week's quotes:

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up If only you TRY!"



Week 4, Term 2 2023

"Today I shall behave as if this is the day I will be remembered."

Bill Ahern from the Education Review Office (ERO) will be back in the school next week collecting information and working with me on our Improvement Plan.

**Our Country Meal** hosting at the Complex is sneaking up on us. Keep FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE free. This is our time to shine in the community. For our new parents we host the meal at the complex, so each family supplies two large salads or something to put on the communal table, we take meal orders, serve the food and clean up. We need many hands that night. The complex supplies the cooks in the kitchen. Tell your friends - great meals at a great price. Dessert is thrown in as an extra.



**WATER AND DRIVEWAY:** A number of investigations by a number of different parties is being undertaken to resolve the issue of the flowing water, the stench of decaying vegetation, dying trees and driveways lifting due to excess water. The garden and driveway do not belong to the school so

that in itself is an issue. Please be patient, drive carefully in the carpark, even if you have to come in the other side and keep a look out for our tamariki crossing in that area. We will keep you updated.

Mrs J

**BOARD REPORT:** The next Board Meeting is set for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

We are looking at where we want Poroti School to be in three years – what will it look like? Our next Strategic Plan is underway! Something to think about. Keep your eyes peeled for a chance to have your say in the direction Poroti School goes.



**<u>CHROME BOOK</u>**: We have a chrome book here at school. Approximately 3 - 4 years old works well except you can not plug headphones in to it so not suitable for class use but may be perfect for home use. If anyone would like to purchase this from school, please let us know.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Sore Throats Matter Preventing Rheumatic Fever**: With winter on its way so are many bugs –we are hearing that a lot of tamariki are getting sore throats – For our Maori and Pacific tamariki sore throats can hurt hearts. If your tamariki has a sore throat please get a throat swab from your Practice nurse at your GP practice. Or At a participating pharmacy if your tamariki are: - Maori or Pacific - 4-19 years old Public Health Nurses in your school are available to offer a throat swab to high-risk tamariki with a sore throat during their school visit. All children are at risk of developing strep throat however, research has shown that the risk for this leading to Acute Rheumatic fever is predominantly higher in Māori and Pacific tamariki, this is the reason for the eligibility criteria in the throat swabbing programme.

**BASKETBALL**: Details for our local basketball club.... Located out of Mangakahia Area School they provide quality opportunities and experiences for young people. They are now taking registrations for junior teams and anyone interested in joining can register. Link below. Opportunities are free. Training on Friday's for the following age groups Enquiries to Kaea Samson pj 0204 225 537.

U11s - 4 to 5pm

U13s - 5 to 6pm

U15s and 17s - 6 to 7.30 pm

https://forms.gle/Pt4cvjkmYfdpnX7E7

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	TECH - Year 7 & 8 - remember shoes
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Mauri Tui Tuia
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Years 5-6 Winter Tournament
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Country Meal



**<u>Garden To Table:</u>** A busy harvesting day in our gardens on Tuesday - look at all our produce! These will be turned into delicious creations from our kitchen.



