



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 5, Term 2 2023

Kia ora and welcome

A very warm welcome back to Tayla and Emma and their family. It is as if you never left. We are happy to have you back at Poroti, and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

The pronunciation of our school name POROTI has come under debate this week. As part of our Te Reo lessons Whaea Hoana has been working on the vowel sounds. She has checked the senior class for their pronunciation and they got the all clear. Her suggestion is to listen to your child's saying of POROTI and the vowel sounds.

It is hard to believe we are in Week 5 already. Lots of things happening here at Poroti School.

- Mauri Tui Tuia workshops are being enjoyed by our students on Mondays, and they are making masks to show what is on their outside, but also what is on the inside in paint.
- Molly is continuing to work on our House group Murals and they are looking stunning - can't wait until they are hanging up on the school buildings.
- Learning of lines, and adding the acting to their parts is on the agenda as part of our preparation for the production of 'The Lorax'. **Please encourage your child to practice their words at home with expression, clear voices and volume!** We have booked the complex for Thursday 22nd June – so add that date to your diary. See attached notice.

A few of our children are becoming sick with Strep Throat. Strep Throat can lead to Rheumatic Fever. Throat swabbing can be done at Otaika Pharmacy, Buchanan Pharmacy (Tikipunga) and Kensington Pharmacy, if you cannot get into your GP or Nurse. Antibiotics are generally prescribed, and it is important to complete the whole course.



Covid appears to be on the run again, hitting a number of schools in and around Whangarei. Keep an eye on your children for the symptoms. We still have a number of RATS tests here at school should you require some sent home just in case. Stay safe.

We still have an abundance of flowing water and very sodden ground around the school. Small lakes and bubbling springs are appearing, so we have stopped students from using parts of the grounds and we are changing our Matariki planting area because of this. If you are in over the weekends, please encourage people to stay out of these parts of the school for Health and Safety.

I have spent time with Bill Ahern (our ERO reviewer) and he will be sending new documentation to the school board and myself for next steps in our journey.

We wish Andy and Vicky Booth all the best as they vie for the national Ballance Farm Environmental Awards in Wellington. Being the Regional winners, they earned the right to enter in the National awards. We are thinking of them and crossing our fingers.

We have been successful in getting funding from Oxford Trust for a bus and entry into Clapham's Clock Museum as part of our Hundertwasser Arts Centre visit next term. Greatly appreciated.

Next week will see some staffing changes at Poroti School due to staff attending conferences and Jury Service. I am very appreciative of having a team around our students who are willing to step in and take up the reigns for our students' learning. Please give your support to those who are here next week.

Mrs J

BOARD REPORT: The next Board Meeting is set for Tuesday 6th June at 7pm.

Class Awards

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

- TeHina O'Leary - for achieving the top mark in the senior room maths test
- Maturangi Arama-Heta - for great reading in our production script
- Subira Njenga - for consistently working independently and achieving to a high standard
- Shiquan Erueti - for working really hard to improve his reading skills
- Alice Cooper - for being open-minded when it comes to sharing friends
- Cassidy Elliott - 'caught being good' for picking up other people's belongings at the end of play so they don't get wet
- Alice Cooper - 'caught being good' for her kindness when playing with others
- Sonny Kendall-Bercich - 'caught being good' for involving other students in playtime games
- Puhi Nathan - 'caught being good' for including another student that was feeling sad and inviting them into the game

Puhi, Kimberlee, Sonny - for being the winning football team in our senior school tournament

Peaches, Alister, Leah and Jethro - for being voted most valuable players in their respective football teams

Readicators - well done to Maia and Leah for reaching the top of the readicator chart

Lexia - well done to Aimi for moving up a level with her Lexia



Marley Imeson - for consistently demonstrating our Poroti School values

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 ph 0204 225 537.

U11s - 4 to 5pm

U13s - 5 to 6pm

U15s and 17s - 6 to 7.30 pm

<https://forms.gle/Pt4cvjkmYfdpnX7E7>

2x2 Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste for two minutes, twice a day
Taitaia ōu niho ki te pēniho pūkōwhai mō te 2 miniti e rua ngā wā ia rā

TIPS TO KEEP YOU SMILING

**For children over 5 years,
use a **soft** toothbrush
with a **pea sized**
drop of adult toothpaste**

Need a dental appointment for your child?
CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

