



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 6, Term 3 2023

Kia ora

Well it certainly has been 4 seasons in one day this week with our students spending days inside due to bitterly cold winds and rain. This week has been no different in the classroom with lots of learning underway: Speeches, AG day exhibits, Science Fair Investigations, and our Business as Usual with Reading, Writing and Maths. The term is whizzing by.

#### **WINTER ILLNESS:**

Several students have been away again this week with various forms of coughs, colds, headaches and fevers. Please continue to be vigilant. We have been reinforcing safe hygiene at school to stem the spread where possible. We have new cases of Covid in our school again this week. RATS tests are available should you need them, just let us know. Stay safe.

#### **Keeping Ourselves Safe:**

Next week will see our school involved with the Police in a learning programme called 'Keeping Ourselves Safe.' A parent newsletter came home explaining the programme and there is always the opportunity to get in touch with us if you have concerns. This forms part of our Health Education programme of learning and we do this on a 3-year cycle.

#### **Cross Country:**

Thank you to those who could come and supported our runners last Friday at the Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo. It is not a Taniwha Challenge without a little rain!! We are yet to receive the results from the day, however we were very proud of our children who ran and completed the challenging courses. It is hard for us to prepare for the hills as part of our training.

#### **Junior Camp:**

Plans are underway with a *secret destination* being scouted!! More details on this exciting venture to follow. WATCH THIS SPACE.

#### **AG Day Beans:**

We hope you all received your bean seeds and the information. If not check your child's school bag. They need to be planted very, very soon to be in with a chance for AG Day. Lots of hot competition I am hearing already!!



### Science Fair:

We will have some exhibits from our Year 7 & 8 students: Te Hina, Emma, Travis, Jarred, Matu and Puhi at Forum North as part of the Central Northland Science Fair. They will go in and set up on Monday morning with Mrs J, stay for judging interviews then return to school. Exhibits are open for viewing during the week if you wish to go and view them.



**BOARD REPORT:** The next Board Meeting is set for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**LOCAL TUTORING AVAILABLE:** 1-ON-1 TUTORING: MATHS AND READING \$40 A SESSION  
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM THREE	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	NO TECH. SCIENCE FAIR exhibits are being set up at Forum North
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 September	Keeping Ourselves Safe programme

### Photos from Taniwha Challenge (thanks Ashleigh)



Did Te Aroha beat the girl from Matarau?



Tayla on the final sprint to the finish.



Mrs J organising the next group of runners. Note the Poroti supporters to the left! Our runners were never short of supporters throughout the day.