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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Week 8. Term 3 2023

Kia ora

Welcome to Daisy and Hamish and their family who have joined us recently in the junior room. It is lovely to have you here. We hope you enjoy your time with us here at Poroti School.

It has been great to see the sun again. The feeling in the playground is much brighter with new games and activities. Handball has gone and has been replaced with table tennis, Newcombe ball, gutterball and padder tennis. It is awesome to see everyone playing together and even this week when on duty we have seen some progress in the bat and ball co-ordination.

As the winter season winds to a close we would like to thank our awesome Netball coaches Vanessa, Jackie and Cheryl, along with Mrs Booth and the loyal Saturday supporters. It has been a successful season and I know the students are already looking forward to next year.



On Monday mornings we acknowledge those who do play sport-students and staff- and what a variety of sports we have had: Netball, Football,

Rugby, Basketball, Hockey, Squash and Motocross. Win or lose each week we get wonderful reports of the games.

**AG Day:** I hope that the Scarlett runner beans are planted and germinated because the race is on! Preparations for Home activities should be underway and I know that some have already started because I have been asked for equipment to help at home. School activities are underway. Please get those animal entries into the Office.

**Speeches:** Some children have completed their speeches and will be bringing them home to practice. Please support by listening if they ask. The more they practice, the more they will know their speech and that means more confidence in presenting their speech. We are looking for eye contact, gestures and expression of voice. This year the Seniors have done 'A Day in the Life of . . .' so we have 21 individual topics.



School Values: Proud – Open—minded – Respectful - Outstanding – Trustworthy and Independent As we approach the end of the term, we are mindful of bringing the school values back into our focus to ensure that the behaviours and learning expectation we expect from our students continues. Having the warmer weather and being able to get outside in the sun (and that Vitamin D) certainly changes the moods of everyone.

**Garden to Table** was back this week. Along with Honey biscuits the kitchen crew tried their hand at pickling daikon radish harvested from the garden. At the time of print we had not had the taste test, but it looks great in the jars. With the warmer weather seeds are being planted into the shade house and the gardens have been receiving lots of TLC and new soil.



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Maunu Tennis Club 2023/2024 season - The new season is nearly underway.

Seniors - Opening Day. Sept 16 at 10.00 (There after Saturdays at 1.00) New members welcome

Juniors - Tuesday October 10 at 3.30. Includes coaching. New members & all levels welcome

Seniors Twilight - starting Sept 28 at 5.30

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

	TERM THREE
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	TECH – Year 7 & 8 - Remember shoes
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Tahi Bee Friends starts at 1 p.m. – 6 children will be involved in this programme
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Poroti School Board meeting at 7 p.m.
Thursday 21st September	Mangakahia Lions Speech Contest – Top Year 8 competing
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	END OF TERM THREE – normal 3 p.m. closing
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	FIRST DAY TERM FOUR – School starts at 9 a.m.