



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 1st February 2024

Week 1, Term 1 2024

Kia ora and welcome to the first 'at school' newsletter of 2024.

A warm welcome to our new students and their families;

Our school 'Theme' this year is "**WONDERING: HOW AND WHY?**"



A **HUGE THANK YOU** to those staff, parents and grandparents who took time out over the holiday break to keep an eye on the school and get the pool sorted. We are 'lucky' to be one of the community facilities who receive support from Corrections. Their crews have done an awesome job getting our school ready for the start of the year. Your help and support are greatly appreciated and have not gone unnoticed.

**FIONA BAIRD:** Our amazing RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) has retired. Fiona has been an integral part of Poroti School over many years. She actually taught here years ago as well. She will be very much missed by our staff, students and whānau for all the wonderful work she has done. We wish her all the best with her retirement.

**BLANKET AND PICNIC EVENING:** Please join us in an ALL Parents and Caregivers evening that will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February starting at 5.30 p.m. A separate notice /panui will come home. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

**WHAKATAU/ WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS:** Our annual welcome to our new students and their families will take place Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. More details to come.

**LIBELLE LUNCHESES:** We have started our free lunches as of today. This year Libelle are making changes, one of which is that we will get to choose the lunches our students receive from a menu. A snack for First Break is still needed. Please let us know if your child is bringing lunch from home instead of having a Libelle lunch.



This programme will start again on Tuesday 13 February and will happen **every Tuesday from 11.15 a.m. until 12.50 p.m.** The children work in their Whānau groups of Kauri, Kowhai and Rimu and rotate each week. GARDENS – KITCHEN – Media / Enviro / Science. If you have an interest in gardening, cooking and would like to be involved we would love to have you be part of this. Please see the Office or Mrs J. Regular or casual volunteers are most welcome.

**THINK AND BE ME:** This year as part of our Health Education we are doing the *Think and Be Me* programme with Cat Levine. For further information Google 'Think and Be Me.' Cat will work with our students and staff during Terms 1 and 2.

**BUS CHANGES:** If your child rides the school bus I will be sending home a Bus Code of Conduct next week. Please read it with your child, sign and return to Mrs J. I am awaiting the results of an application I put in to try and get the bus to travel down Blagrove Road both morning and afternoon. I will inform you of the outcome. We have a new driver and so we are sorting out the route and times. Please be patient and I will let you know as soon as I know.

**OUTSTANDING 2023 DEBTS:** *Unfortunately, we have some outstanding Stationery and Camp fees from 2023. With the auditors due in March we would like to have these paid off.*

**PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:** This year's topics for the *Whangarei Rural Schools Photo Competition* are:

*Years 0-6: Puddles    Years 7 & 8: Trees*

Closing date is Friday 10 May at 3 p.m.

One photo per student. Can be black and white or colour. Taken on a camera by the student. Each photo must have a brief description, the student's name, year level and school.

Email in PDF format to [alansuekirk@gmail.com](mailto:alansuekirk@gmail.com) or organise with the school to send it in.

There are cash prizes to be won.

The sun is shining, our students are awesome, settled and engaged! It's been a great start to the year with lots happening and lots more to happen!

Mrs J (Principal)



**BOARD REPORT:** Next meeting date to be *Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7 p.m.*

**STATIONERY:** Thank you to those who made payments over the holiday period. **The cost for 2024 is \$35 per student payable to the Office or online at 123115-0216227-00 with family name as reference.** Thank you.



**SCHOOL POOL UPDATE:** During the holiday break the pool was painted and we can start filling soon, as it needs time for the paint to cure. It looks amazing!! We need to get it up and running after that. Unfortunately, it will not be ready for the Blanket evening, but class swimming will start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We encourage all our students to take part in class swimming lessons as it is part of our Curriculum and in Northland with so much water around us so important that our children can swim and keep safe around water. ***If your child cannot swim for whatever reason please let us know.*** 'Forgot my togs,' or 'my togs

are wet,' are not reasons. It is about that life skill of 'managing ourselves' and getting them ready, hanging them out to dry after swimming. Swimming will be every day, weather dependent.

**MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL:** This family orientated community event is back again for 2024! Held at the complex on Saturday **24<sup>th</sup> February**.

Poroti School will have a stall with activities: We are looking for donations of:

- Small prizes for Lucky Dip
- Bottles or Jars of anything – We wrap and number. People pay for a number and that is their prize. Like an adult Lucky Dip!

If you can donate we would appreciate that very much. Send to school over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

<b>TERM ONE – February Dates</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>School is open</i></b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>Waitangi Day – Public Holiday</i></b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Picnic / Blanket Evening from 5.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>Years 7 &amp; 8 TECHNOLOGY at Mangakahia – Shoes please (no crocs)</i></b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>Garden to Table starts again 11.15 – 12.50p.m.</i></b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>Whānau Water Tabloids afternoon</i></b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>Years 7 &amp; 8 Technology at Mangakahia – Shoes please (no crocs)</i></b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>School Powhiri to welcome new families and students</i></b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b><i>Think and Be Me programme – First Session</i></b>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b><i>School is involved in Mangakahia Summer Festival from 10 – 3 p.m.</i></b>



**Look at all our ex-Poroti akonga at In-Zone.**

**Oriwa, Te Hina, Meineta, Danny-Lee, Lincoln-Blayze. Lorraine Norris in front.**

**The girls attend Epsom Girls' Grammar and the boys Auckland Grammar.**

**We are proud of you. Have a successful 2024.**



