



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Week 2, Term 1 2024

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

A warm welcome to our new students: Darlene and Maverick who have joined the senior class, Hemiere and Haylin who have joined the junior class. Welcome also to their whānau – some of who we know well. It is lovely to have you as part of Poroti School and we hope that you enjoy your time with us.



**BLANKET AND PICNIC EVENING:** Please join us in an ALL Parents and Caregivers evening that will be held **TONIGHT** starting at 5.30 p.m. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

**LIBELLE LUNCHES:** We are keeping a track of the favourites so we can adjust the menu should changes be needed. Please pack a small snack for First Break and let us know if your child is bringing lunch from home instead of having a Libelle lunch.

**GARDEN TO TABLE:** This programme will start again on Tuesday 13 February and will happen **most Tuesdays 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 – MES (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 you will find a Bus Code of Conduct attached for each child in your family. 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. At present the bus is running the normal route with Yvonne the driver.

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** .... Now that school is underway, please ensure that you let us know when your child is absent and the reason. Our school motto is EVERY STUDENT MATTERS. EVERY DAY COUNTS. It is important that our students are here as regularly as possible to

progress their learning and achievement. You can use the form on the website, phone the office and leave a message or email [porotischool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:porotischool@xtra.co.nz) . Soon you will be able to text!

**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.



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:** Class swimming will start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Children will need togs, (can be shorts and t-shirt) and a towel. Long hair to be tied up please. We expect all our students to take part in class swimming lessons as it is part of our Health and PE 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 for not swimming. It is about that life skill of 'managing ourselves' - getting themselves ready and hanging togs out to dry after swimming. Swimming will be every day, weather dependent. We have a number of rash shirts and togs at school as well as bathing caps for those children with long hair not tied up.

**ADVICE NEEDED:** Because they have been sitting in the water for such a long period of time our beautiful Totara trees have died. These have been in our school grounds for many years. If you or someone you know can advise us to what needs to happen next, we would

appreciate any advice. There are the two in the middle of the grounds and 2 more on the back-fence line.

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



**MANGAKAHIA  
SUMMER FESTIVAL**

**Saturday 24th February 2024**  
**Mangakahia Community & Sports Complex**  
**10am - 3pm**

Tractor & Pony Rides      Food Stalls  
 Local Produce      Market Stalls  
 Bouncy Castle      Live Music

**FREE ENTRY**

Further info at [www.mangakahiacomplex.org.nz](http://www.mangakahiacomplex.org.nz) or [facebook.com/mangakahiacomplex](https://www.facebook.com/mangakahiacomplex)



