



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 29th February 2024

Week 5, Term 1 2024

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

It is great to see most of our children turning up to school every day, keen and focused on their learning. *If your*

child is absent from school please let us know as we have to keep a school attendance sheet and send it to the Ministry of Education each Friday. We know children get sick, and families have commitments but keeping regular attendance at school is a foundation stone for our tamariki's learning and their futures. At the end of each term we receive a report on our attendance and Poroti School has a good record of attendance. Either ring or leave a message Ph 4346867 or fill in the Absence Form on our Poroti School website. As our motto says:



Every student matters. Every day counts.

MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL: *Thank you to those who contributed items and those who helped on our stall on Saturday.* Another fun day with a chance to promote Poroti School in our community and fundraise for camps. Special thanks to Ms Macdonald for all the behind the scenes wrapping and organisation and Tess for her energy in the front of the stall.

DISAPPOINTING NEWS: Over the weekend *our competition pumpkin was removed from our school gardens.* The children have been growing this and taking care of it for the Community Pumpkin competition. It was heartbreaking to see their reactions when they went to water it and it was gone. Because we wanted the pumpkin to grow the biggest it could we only had one to put all our energies into, so we have no backup pumpkin.



GARDEN TO TABLE: The gardens are slowly returning to a state that we can plant again. The house groups are really putting in the effort to get them up and running again. Kauri in the kitchen this week made delicious banana cakes and Rimu discovered How and Why with Kitchen Science experiments in the Library using pantry items. We love Tuesdays!

Senior Class Camp: Prior notice for two reasons: Getting leave from work and paying off the camp fees. This year's camp for Room One will be up North from Tuesday 19th November until Friday 22nd November. It will be approximately \$120 per person. If you wish to start paying this off with a small amount each week we are very happy for you to do so. We provide experiences and opportunities on these camps that leave memories!

VISITORS THIS WEEK: We had Edward from Libelle Lunches and Libelle's Operational Manager Gary visit this week to see and talk about what we do around food in our school.

Christine Morris (our temporary RTLB) came in to visit and get to know our school and staff. She will be our point of contact until our permanent RTLB takes over.

Fiona Baird: Our wonderful RTLB came to visit for morning tea. It was our opportunity to say THANK YOU and farewell to her. She has been a big part of Poroti and amazing for our staff, students and whānau during her time with us.

CAN YOU HELP? Do you have any information or stories about the road names of Poroti i.e. who they were named after? How did they get the name? The meaning of the name. The senior class are looking at our Poroti history through our street names and the connections of the people and places to those names. See Mrs J or email principal@poroti.school.nz

Mrs J (Principal)



BOARD REPORT: Next meeting date to be Wednesday 3rd April at 7 p.m.

Discussion around the 'dead' Totara Trees – We are getting advice from an Arborist and deciding on the next plan of action. I am told that these trees may be 80-90 years old, but they don't like sitting in water as they have been.

Our Oxford Trust application for Netball uniforms was successful, so with that funding, the Mangakahia Lions funding and the school we are able to outfit our Netball teams in new uniforms this season.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TIKIPUNGA FOOTBALL CLUB - Seeking girls aged 11-13 for the coming season. No experience needed. First training 7th March. For details email secretary@tikipunga.co.nz

BUS DRIVERS WANTED!!! *Are you retired? Or thinking about it? Why not support your whānau and get paid to do it as a Ritchies bus driver? Ritchies buses are the lifeline of our schools and communities, and we need new drivers right now.*
All you need is a clean driver's licence and we take care of the training. There's good pay, guaranteed hours and a great team to work with Contact Malcolm at our Dargaville Depot 09 4394902 or email jobs@ritchies.co.nz and we can go from there.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

| TERM ONE – February and March | |
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| Friday 8 th March | <i>Swimming sports – Parents get your team ready! Kids have been going to swimming lessons!!</i> |
| Friday 22 nd March | <i>School Tryathlon</i> |
| Friday 29 th March – Tuesday 2 April | <i>Easter holidays – Please note that Tuesday is also a holiday. We start back on Wednesday 3 April.</i> |
| Friday 12 th April | <i>Last day of Term One</i> |

