



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 1, Term 2 2024

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

Welcome to Term 2 and what a busy timetable of events we have for our ākonga. You will have seen the notice re up-coming trips. Thank you to those who have responded. It is not too late to fill in the form and send it back to the office. If you haven't seen it – check the depths of your only or eldest child's bag!!

The corrections crews have done an amazing job over the weekends clearing the fence line between the school and the complex of all the dead trees. It lightens the area and really opens it up to allow other trees to flourish.

This term our 'Wondering' learning is around Te Tiriti o Waitangi. As Mrs Pye said in her 'Staff Snippets' to the Board, we are asking the key questions of HOW and WHY, when we explore parts of our local history and New Zealand's history. The focus has shifted back to this through the Aotearoa / New Zealand Histories Curriculum from previously studying about places overseas with facts about population, capital cities, flags. The new focus is on having specific Knowledge, Understandings and Actions that we are required to teach. In this curriculum students UNDERSTAND – KNOW – DO. This term we are heading up to Waitangi to find out about Te Tiriti and why the signing of it (and events after) are significant. It takes our classroom learning into a new environment.

The BUS: Thank you for your patience around teething issues with the bus route. Janelle (our Board Chair) and I are meeting with the School Transport people tomorrow to discuss our Bus Route and hopefully come to a better solution for everyone.

Netball: Best wishes to our Year 7 & 8 team-under the watchful eye of Vanessa and Jacqui- for their 3 grading games this weekend. The Year 5 & 6 team, coached by Lawrence and Year 3 & 4 team, coached by Ashleigh hit the courts the following week.



Whaea Hoana attended a three-day conference in the holidays with the NZ Tree Cops Association, thanks to the **Whangarei District Council Community Funding Grant**. The conference covered a wide variety of topics of which Whaea Hoana will share the knowledge and practices back to benefit our school Garden to Table programme.

Mrs McMurchy and Tess were successful in **gaining funding from the Ministry of Education** for Teacher Aides and will use this to attend a 'Neurofit' Workshop later in the year and use the knowledge, practices and skills gained to support the students they work alongside of.

GOOD NEWS! I have heard that the School Lunch system will continue despite rumour that it may not. 95% of the students they spoke to voted to keep the School lunches. This term's lunches have started with delicious food- Monday, nachos- Tuesday, ham and cheese sandwiches, apples- Wednesday, pizza, vege crisps, carrot sticks. Not a bad menu. It is no wonder there were no spares.

Mrs J (Principal)



BOARD REPORT: Next meeting date to be Wednesday 5th June at 7 p.m.



- We received funding from the Oxford Trust to cover the costs of the bus to the Science Roadshow and the House of Bricks day. We are very appreciative of this extra support so we can provide opportunities and experiences for our students that we would not be able to otherwise.

- The Board are undertaking training from NZ School Trustees Association (NZSTA) in July



Can anyone organise banana boxes or sturdy cardboard boxes for us so we can start packing up the Library and resources? Your help would be very much appreciated. Thanks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED: Mangapai hockey club are looking for more Year 5 and 6 players. If anyone is interested please contact Toni Wickman tripncowboy@gmail.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Monday 6 th May	Year 7 & 8 TECH – SHOES please
Wed 15 th May	<i>Years 4-8 will be attending Science Roadshow leaving at 10.30 a.m.</i>
Thursday 16 th May	<i>Celebrating our Support Staff in Support Staff Day.</i>
Friday 17 th May	<i>Years 4-8 will be attending the House of Bricks: Bricks Education day starting at 9 a.m.</i>
Monday 3 rd June	<i>King’s Birthday – school will be closed</i>
Tuesday 4 th June	<i>Teacher Only Day – school will be closed</i>
Friday 7 th June	<i>Waitangi Trip – whole school</i>