



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 8, Term 2 2024

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

Welcome back to our wonderful cleaner Donna. It is good to see you back. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Ashleigh for stepping in and covering for Donna while she was away. We really appreciated you helping us out Ashleigh.



Another very successful Country Meal, so thank you to those who contributed to this success by supplying delicious food, setting up the slide show, donating raffle prizes (which people commented on how amazing they were), taking orders, serving food, clearing tables and washing dishes, helping set up and clean up and selling raffle tickets. We always do

ourselves proud at this community event and promote our school very well. It is not only a fundraiser, but great marketing of our school. We received a number of very positive comments throughout the evening from the salad selection to the raffle prizes. A special thank you to Tamsin for her hardworking efforts delivering meals to the tables (at one stage she was the only one!)

Education to Employment Expo: The Year 7 & 8 students attended E2E at Mangakahia Area School last Friday. Although the number of organisations in attendance was smaller than in previous years it gave our students some ideas and information towards thinking about their futures. Some found maybe a new career pathway they had not even thought about. If you need a tyre changed we have some students who can do that too. Congratulations to Puhī and Sonny (3rd place) and Leah and Kimberlee (2nd place) in the tyre changing challenge. Puhī also won Northpower's Pedal power for electricity challenge. Horticulturists, Early Childhood Educators, IT and Animators along with Trade Academy Education were also on deck to talk with our students.

Assessment and Achievement: Leading up to Report writing teachers are focusing in depth on achievement at Mid-Year and looking at the next steps for individual children. While there is monitoring and tracking of students throughout the year it is more intense and formalised at Mid-Year. Teachers are noting some very pleasing results across the age groups in all areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. As we know all children learn and achieve differently and we look to see progress from each individual child. A number of factors can enter into the achievement of our students. Because we know this we have undertaken the **Relationships First** Professional Learning for our staff, which involves looking at relationships between teacher and students, creating the optimum learning environments and looking at our own teaching practices to ensure that we find the right balance between great relationships and quality teaching practices for our Poroti Students.

Think and Be Me Rotary Games: On Monday our Year 1-6 students had a fun-filled session with games as part of our Think and Be Me programme. See the photos on the next page.



BOARD REPORT: Next Board meeting date to be Wednesday 31st July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM TWO	
Monday 24 th June	<i>Senior Student Leadership Team organising School Tabloids event</i>
Thursday 27 th June	<i>Group of students visiting Pakotai to celebrate Matariki</i>
Friday 28 th June	<i>Matariki Day – National Holiday and school will be closed.</i>
Monday 1 st July	<i>Years 7 & 8 TECH – shoes please</i>
Thursday 4 th July	<i>School MATARIKI events + School Powhiri for our new students and whānau</i>
Friday 5 th July	<i>Last day of Term 2: Happy Holidays!</i>

Thanks to Rotary, People Potential and the Think and Be Me programme for a great morning of games. So well organised and lots of fun.



Moving the tank as a team.



Connect Four – a game of strategy



Cornhole Bean bag toss



Jenga requiring great concentration



Swing ball



Noodle Hockey. Pool noodles and a soft, spiky ball. So much fun!



Paper, Scissors, Rock! Who will win and move on?