



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Week 6, Term 1 2025

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

We had another sunny and successful day for our swimming sports with students committed to helping their house groups – many students, staff and parents going the extra to represent their house colours. Some great competition in all year groups, adding in a mix of fun inter-whānau relays finishing with the ultimate relay: STAFF vs PARENTS vs STUDENTS.

Well done to our winning house **RIMU!** To the PARENTS on another win, congratulations (although much closer this year I am lead to believe!)

Congratulations to Leah for her selection in the Zone Swim Team to compete on Wednesday at the Whangarei Primary Schools' Swimming Champs in Year 8 Girls Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke races.

Congratulations to Leah and William for their efforts in competing in the NZ Junior Squash tournament in Christchurch over the weekend. What a great opportunity for their own squash but also to see our top squash players in action as the NZ Open Squash tournament was held there as well, just adding to the excitement and experience.

Room 4, Te Aka, is gearing up to the first Poroti School camp of the year next week. The weather is looking good and the programme very exciting as they head to Waipu Caves Farm Park and all the wonderful adventures it has to offer.

The School Value of Respect is very evident in this week's Student Awards. We are seeing many older students supporting our younger students (tuakana / teina) as well as our **'Going Beyond'** theme where our students are going outside of their comfort zones and showing improvement and new strategies. **Keep up the great work!**

Room one's (Te Rea) classroom is being transformed as they work in the Library sharing the space with Room 2 (Te Weu) until their room is fully completed. I am so proud of how our akonga are just adapting and going with the flow. They are engaged and settled in their new environments and their learning has continued uninterrupted.

EASTER RAFFLE - Tickets and information were sent home earlier this week. Don't forget to get your tickets back - more sheets available. Prizes up for grabs for the most tickets sold! Also please send in Easter donations to contribute to our raffle - many thanks and happy selling! Funds go to support our tamariki.



Tahua, Jethro, Sonny and Peri standing tall and proud!



Mrs J



The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th April at 7 p.m in the School Staffroom.

Board news:

- Funding from Oxford Trust for the Te Aka / Room 4 camp was successful.
- Board have approved a High-Density Shelving system for our new refurbished Resource Room which will free up other spaces around the school for repurposing.
- This year is a Board Election Year. Elections will be held in September, but it is time to start thinking about being a School Trustee and asking what is involved if you are interested. You may even want to sit in on a meeting.

STATIONERY: Stationery payments are due – thank you to those who have paid already. Please make payment (\$35 per student) **either** at the school office or online with child's name as reference - 123115 – 0216227-000. Partial payments can be made if needed.

ROOM 4 CAMP - Room 4 are off on their camp next week – just a reminder if you have yet to pay – payments can be made in cash or online with child's name as reference 123115 – 0216227 -00, \$60 per child \$40 for second sibling. Thank you

2025 SCHOOLS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION – Please see the attached information regarding this year's competition. We have had great success with Jethro winning the Supreme Award last year.

This year the categories are Years 1-6: Leaves, Years 7-10: Windows and Years 11-13: Furniture. We have been advised to try and incorporate Mataraki where possible as the competition is being incorporated into Whangarei's Matariki Festival activities.

CELEBRATION - STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving school awards...

Riverlee Armstrong-Phillips - for having the biggest feíjoa we have ever seen!
Haylin Marsh - for improvement in handwriting, a great effort
Benji Haridas - for having fun and kicking so well in the swimming pool
Shilo Erueti - for progress and confidence in the pool
Maverick Pene - for great role-modelling in the classroom
Tiaan Fowlie - for stepping outside of her comfort zone and trying new things in class
Roitana Shelford - for zooming ahead and enjoying his maths work
Marley Imeson - for consistently working well in class
Shiquan Erueti - for coping well and using strategies to help in class and playground



Aran Morling - for showing respect, being polite and always using his values
Maverick Pene - for being a star helper in the kitchen in Garden to Table
Tiaan Fowlie - for being amazing with our younger students
Tirarau Arama-Heta - for being helpful and kind to a new student
Leah Carroll - for being an amazing helper in the kitchen for Garden to Table

Lexia - congratulations to Te Haora for moving up a level with their Lexia

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Year 7 & 8 School immunisations – A reminder please to get these forms back urgently whether you wish your child to have the immunisation or not, we still need them.

MANGAPAI JMC HOCKEY - If you have children interested in playing hockey this season Mangapai JMC Hockey are holding a rally on Saturday March 15th at Whangarei Intermediate School 11am-1pm on the turf. Please feel free to come along and meet everyone.



A few swimming day highlights...

<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: TERM ONE</u>	
Monday 17 – 19 th March	Room 4 on camp at Waipu Caves Farm Park
Wednesday 26 th March	Duffy Role Model visit to school – Kenape Saupese is our Role Model – talented and award winning musician
Friday 28 th March	Year 6,7,8 Inspiring the Futures event at Mangakahia School
Monday 31 st March	Year 7 & 8 immunisation

NETBALL - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Yes, my child / children are interested in playing netball this year.

Yes / No I am interested in coaching a team(Name)

..... Signature Phone No

