



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 9, Term 1 2025

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

It is lovely to be back on-site after recovery from my surgery. While rest was needed, I did miss everyone! My appreciation and heartfelt thanks go out to our staff who just continued Business as Usual and kept everything ticking along.



All of our classes are back in their freshly refurbished rooms engaged in their learning. The colour choices are very calming and after speaking with students they are loving their new rooms. Next week the Resource Room is undergoing a make-over with a high-density shelving system which will then allow us to move all resources into one area and free up extra space for small group work. The Library will also be undergoing change – yet to be decided on!

Poroti School is now accepting enrolments for Term Two. Small class sizes, great physical learning spaces and engaging programmes of learning.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE is available. If you know of anyone new to the area please point them in our direction or make an appointment so we can show and discuss what we have to offer our students at Poroti. ***Come in and met us in person. Look around our new environment, learn about our programmes and events and discuss how we can help your child or children.***

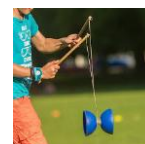


With the cooler weather approaching and children starting to 'layer' their clothing, please ensure that the child's name is somewhere on the clothing so we can return the items easily when the layers are dropped around the school. It is amazing how other children know whose clothing it is, not the actual child. Top marks for observant students!

It is wonderful for our students and staff to celebrate and learn about the diversity of children here at Poroti as we have done with our Sock day (Down Syndrome awareness day) and yesterday wearing blue celebrating World Autism Awareness Day. These days are to promote acceptance, inclusion and support for these individuals. It is also an opportunity to educate our students.



Next Wednesday our Years 4-8 will be having '**Circus Workshops**' over at the complex. **Circus Kumarani** will be taking workshops for an hours duration using 4 different circus props. This fits into our 'Going Beyond' theme very well. This is a free event.



Mrs J

EASTER RAFFLE - DRAWN NEXT 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. So many prizes to win with lots of chocolate and surprises!



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

Board news: 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.



1.5 LITRE PLASTIC CONTAINERS WITH LIDS PLEASE - FOR OUR GARDEN TO TABLE WORM JUICE - THANK YOU!

A piece of writing from Te Aka's recent camp at Waipu....

The Milky Way Cave Poem by Subira

Glow worms attach onto the wet cold ceiling of the cave.
Stalactites hang on above like a big family.
Stalagmites emerge from the ground like the bottom teeth of the cave's jaw.
A clear stream flows along beside the concrete pathway.
Trickling water reflects the glow worms that live up above.
The voice of Cindy echoes
and echoes
and echoes
throughout the cave.
Water droplets drip onto the stalagmites growing them half a millimeter.
Stalactites drop water onto my scalp and body.
The damp airy cave feels fresh and cold as I breathe in.
The Milky Way cave makes me feel cool like an ice cube.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RugbyCamps4Kids is running a rugby holiday program during the April school holidays! Designed for boys and girls aged 5-13, this program blends fun with learning fundamental rugby skills. The programs are planned and run by qualified PE teachers who understand the importance of keeping kids active. For more information and to register, please visit sportscamps4kids.co.nz



A REMINDER FOR THE PARAKAU PUMPKIN FESTIVAL...

This Sunday 6th – a great day with lots of fun competitions and kids activities, support your local community !



PARAKAO PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Join us for the Parakao Pumpkin Festival at Beyond The Bridge Nurseries (1933 Mangakahia Road), hosted by last year's giant pumpkin champ, Nelly! Celebrate all things pumpkin with games, a Cinderella dress-up, a sausage sizzle, and fun for all. Koha supports the Northland Rescue Helicopter. Growers, carvers, and stallholders welcome! Stalls are \$10 each

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<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u> : TERM ONE	
Sunday 6 th April	Daylight Saving ends – put clocks back one hour Saturday night Parakau Pumpkin Festival - a local fun family event
Monday 7 th April	TECH - Year 7 & 8 – please remember shoes Last one for the term.
Wednesday 9 th April	Circus workshops for Te Aka (R4) and Te Rea (R1) in the morning Easter Raffle drawn – Get tickets in before Wednesday please.
Friday 11 th April	Last day of Term 1. 3 p.m. finish
Monday 28 th April	TERM TWO first day. 9 a.m. start

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