



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Week 1, Term 2 2025

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

A warm welcome to Xandr and his whānau. Xandr has joined Te Weu (our Junior room). We are very happy to have you here and we hope you enjoy your time with us at Poroti School.

I hope the deluge of rain has not affected you too much? It did not dampen the ability to get out in the garden during Garden to Table – although we were not prepared for that much rain, but . . . our store of dry, warm clothes came in handy afterwards. We had Lucretia (an Environmental Educator) with us sorting out the compost bins that our Boys' Club made many years ago, so we thought it was time to resurrect them and use them again. Always pack a jacket and boots or shoes on a Tuesday rain or shine we are out there!

**ATTENDANCE:** As part of the government's target of getting 80% of students attending school regularly that is 90% of the time we will be monitoring our student's attendance and communicating with you should we have concerns. **Last term our regular attendance for Poroti School was 67%.** This is 13% below the 80% target. LET'S HIT THAT TARGET IN TERM 2! 80% attending for 90% of the term. (It's only 9 weeks this term)



*Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success and there is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in class. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day. If your child is absent or is going to be absent it is essential that you let us know please. We acknowledge that there are genuine reasons students may be absent, however, without regular attendance your child will struggle to make progress. We are committed to supporting your child to attend school. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, you can ask for our support. We can work with you to develop a support plan that addresses any barriers to regular attendance.*

**SWIMMING POOL :** The pool has now been closed for the season. Please can all pool keys be returned to the office. Once returned the bond of \$20 will be refunded.

**SCHOOL PHONE :** We seem to have on-going problems with our school phone (434 6867) and are often unable to answer or retrieve any messages left. Please can you use our school mobile number 027 372 4831 to call or text to ensure important messages are not missed. Thank you to you those who are using it already !



**TROPHIES :** Please can all trophies – AG Day and End of Year- be returned to school for engraving. Thank you.

**HOT DOG LUNCHES :** Just a reminder for this term we are offering Hot Dog lunches every Wednesday for \$3. This is a fundraiser to help with our senior camp this year. This is not compulsory and we will provide lunches for those students not wishing to have a hot dog. Students can call at the Senior class (Te Rea) Wednesday morning with their \$3 or payment can be made beforehand online (either a one-off or a bulk amount if it will be a regular weekly choice – please put student name as reference.). Bank Account 123115 – 0216227 – 00

**Thank you for your support of HOT DOGS. Te Rea appreciated the effort everyone made to help them with their fundraising. Same again next Wednesday!**

**STATIONERY INVOICES** : A reminder please that stationery is required to be paid by the end of this term. \$35 per student. Thank you.

**LEARNING around the school:** I visited Te Weu and talked with them about their learning. They were so excited and just wanted to share what they wrote about. Listening to them talk about their speech bubbles and seeing their work on the new autex walls was just wonderful. As I walk around with visitors there is such a calm vibe and our kids are just happy in the playground and in class. Watching and seeing the progress of students as they move through the school and talking with their teachers about that progress brings a sense of pride knowing that we are doing great things for our Poroti learners to support their achievements. It has been an awesome start to Term Two.

Mrs J



The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 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.

We were successful in getting funding from **Oxford Trust** for two new tables for the Junior Room to sit all our new students around. Keep a look out for them to arrive soon!



## May 2025 - Scholastics National Family Reading Month

Each Friday in May, Te Weu will be having a fun reading activity session from 1.30pm to 2.30pm and we would like to

invite whānau and community members to join us! Come and share your favourite stories, read with students, help us with theatrical and crafty activities and, most importantly, be positive role models for reading at school and at home! Contact Mrs Booth at [vicky@poroti.school.nz](mailto:vicky@poroti.school.nz) and let her know what you'd be keen to do. Come one Friday, come all Fridays in May, whatever works for you.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Te Manawa Tahi Community Timetable** - Te Manawa Tahi is a **learning support hub** where you can come in and talk to education professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service. Please see the attached for dates and times for this term.

<b><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: TERM TWO</u></b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	TECH - Year 7 & 8 – please remember shoes. Bus leaves at 8.45 a.m. to get to TECH on time.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 7 & 8 Winter Sports Tournament – details closer to the time
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Board meeting: NB New time of 6.30 p.m. start
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	TECH - Year 7 & 8 – please remember shoes. Bus leaves at 8.45 a.m. to get to TECH on time.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports Tournament – details closer to the time

