



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 8th May 2025

Week 2, Term 2 2025

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

It was lovely to show our Poroti School ex-principal Mrs Parton around the new, refurbished school after her meeting with me as a Ministry of Education Senior Advisor. She had tears in her eyes as Poroti still has a special place in her heart. It is a pleasure to have our Poroti 'kids' come back to spend the day in our classrooms, which our students enjoyed having someone new to share their learning with. Students that have attended Poroti are dropping in to share their achievements with us. It makes it all worthwhile. So great to have these role-models in our community.

Next week sees a number of events happening here at school starting on **Monday and Tuesday** with Harold and the Life Education Caravan and our sessions with Nadine Campbell. These are always well received and exciting as we venture into the 'classroom on wheels.' Puberty sessions for the Year 6-8 students and one for Year 6-8 girls will happen in the afternoons.

Wednesday the Intermediate class / Te Rea head to Kensington Park to participate in the Whangarei Primary Schools' Winter Tournament. They will be playing hockey this year – a new experience for most. As part of our 'Going Beyond' theme this will take some of them beyond their comfort zone. This day is to encourage our students to try new things and be open-minded to new sports. The middle class / Te Aka will head to their tournament the Wednesday of the following week.

Garden to Table: Feijoa Ice-cream and 3 ingredient cookies were on the menu this week. Delicious. The gardeners were busy potting up the seedlings we got from Zealandia Horticulture as a prize draw. Digikids were creating stop-motion scenarios.

House of Science: Next week is National Primary Science Week. As a result of this we won a prize draw of a Magnification Science Pack to enjoy next week with some online competitions to take part in. This week Te Aka were Forensic Scientists with the kit 'Who Dunnit?' We investigated fingerprinting, handwriting analysis, fibres, and white powder! At the end of the investigations we used our skills and knowledge, the clues given, the suspects profile and we solved the crime. It was the Cleaner!! I am sorry I was so engrossed I forgot to take photos to share on Facebook!!



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.

To all those Mums and special women in our lives have a wonderful day on Sunday being recognised and celebrated.

In Te Aka during their 'Inside Scoop' time I heard some very emotional talks about 'Mums' with the students telling us why their Mum was special. It brought tears to the eyes of the adults in the room. Often we don't get this recognition at home, but know that despite everything they do love you!

Mrs J



The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th 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.




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 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: TERM TWO	
Sunday 11 th May	
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th May	Life Education Visit
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 7 & 8 Winter Sports Tournament –
Wednesday 14 th May	Board meeting: NB New time of 6.30 p.m. start
Monday 19 th May	TECH - Year 7 & 8 – please remember shoes. Bus leaves at 8.45 a.m. to get to TECH on time.
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports Tournament – details closer to the time

Pakotai School have a Teacher Aide position starting asap this term. It is full time, fixed term until the end of Term 4 this year. See Mrs J for the

information (newspaper advert) if you are interested. Closes on Monday 12th May.
