



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 21st August 2025

Week 6, Term 3 2025

Kia ora koutou and welcome to another weekly update of what's happening at Poroti School.

SCIENCE FAIR INVESTIGATIONS: These will go to Forum North on Monday to be entered into the Central Northland Science Fair. The fair is open to the public on Tuesday 26th August from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday 27th from 10 a.m. until 6.45 p.m. and Thursday 28th from 10 a.m until 3 p.m.

One of our Poroti School Strategic Goals is '*Connections in Learning with Whānau and Community*' and this has certainly been very much the goal with the Science investigations. I have been proud of the efforts, not just from the students but the support they have all received from their whānau in this learning. We wish them all the best as they 'Go Beyond' in yet another endeavour.

AG DAY ANIMALS : Forms have been sent home. If you wish to enter, please complete the form and send back to us so we can get an idea of numbers expected

TALENT SHOW: WOW! WOW! WOW! Book your seats for next Thursday because you are in for a TALENT treat! We are SUPER PROUD of our Poroti kids and the effort they put into the weekly practices and today it showed. From the nervous feeling at the start we saw the confidence build and the pride was very evident in all our tamariki. No matter how short the item, or mistakes made (staff included) we laughed at jokes, clapped in time to the music, were mesmerised by the cuteness and talent of our Te Weu students and watched with excitement as our Poroti kids performed. We have filmed the acts so we will organise something for those who cannot make next Thursday or if your child chooses not to perform. HUGE THANKS to our judges: Cuban, Donna, Lynfa and Molly. Lots of tough decisions to make. We will announce the winners at the performance next Thursday.

TEACHER ONLY DAY: We will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Mathematics **TOMORROW!** These are given to schools for Professional Development for Staff and this year's focus will be on Maths. We will be holding another TOD in Term 4 for the same curriculum.

CAN YOU HELP: Do you have any empty 1.5 or 2.25 litre soft drink bottles please. We need them for our AG Day activities. Send to school at any time.

Diary watch: Keep an eye on the Diary dates at the end of the newsletter as there is a lot happening at Poroti School over the second half of the term. Keep warm and stay healthy in this changeable weather.



Thanks to OXFORD TRUST we have received funding for new hats that will be ready for Term 4. We have changed colours as well. Watch and see what colours our students chose!

Mrs J



The next Board meeting date to be advised when confirmed. This will be the first meeting of the newly elected Board.

BOARD NEWS: Voting papers must be returned by 4pm Wednesday 10th September 2025.

Please return your completed voting papers either by post or there is a box in the school office they can be dropped into confidentially. Any questions please contact Susan in the Office in her role as Returning Officer.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAUNU TENNIS CLUB: SENIOR opening, Saturday September 20th, 10am start. Thereafter Saturdays at 1.00pm. TWILIGHT starts Thursday October 2nd, 5.15pm. LADIES DAY every Wednesday at 9am. JUNIOR opening, Tuesday October 7th, 3.15pm. New members welcome to all sessions. Enquiries to Sue or Ray Webb 027 274 3860 or 09 434 6898

Pioneer Projects - Back in 1985, Mrs Margaret Hunter, a member of the Pakotai Branch of New Zealand Women's Institute, introduced Pioneer Projects to Year 8 Students at Pakotai and Parakao Schools. The concept was that the Year 8 students would pick a historical topic in their area to research and investigate to record some of the history of the Mangakahia Valley. At a later date the Pioneer Projects were begun at Mangakahia Area School as well.



These projects have recently been used as sources of information for the book "True Tales of the Mangakahia Valley." We are presently working with the projects we have, to have a copy of each project at The Northland Room at Whangarei Public Library as well as a copy of each at the Mangakahia School Community Library. This will ensure that the history that is recorded is safely stored and available to those who might be interested.

There was also a trophy for the annual winner of this project called The Pioneer Project Award. Does anyone know anything about where this trophy may be?

The committee who published the "True Tales of Mangakahia Valley" book decided that we should make the offer to the authors of the projects, the Year 8 students, to get a copy of their project. If there are any students, or their families, out there that remember doing their Pioneer Project and would like a copy, please contact Rob Soar at 021 02 474 220 or romasoar@gmail.com



We had our Garden to Table sessions back on Tuesday. The kitchen was buzzing with some lovely Easy Peasy Vegetable Soup with fresh ingredients from our garden. Check out our lovely new aprons - thank you Oxford Trust!!



<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:</u> TERM THREE	
Friday 22 nd August	TEACHER ONLY DAY – NO SCHOOL for students.
Monday 25 th August	Science Fair exhibits into Northland Central Science Fair
Thursday 28 th August	Evening TALENT Show performance at Complex.
Sunday 31 st August – 5 September	Poroti students off to AIMS GAMES in Tauranga
