



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 7, Term 3 2025

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

It has been an avalanche of activity at Poroti School particularly for our Year 7 & 8 students.

**SCIENCE FAIR INVESTIGATIONS:** Aimi, Jethro, Kimberlee, Leah and Peri with the support of their whānau have worked on Science Fair Investigations over the last two terms. We entered them into the Central Northland Science Fair this week at Forum North. As well as managing their time with the investigation, it requires following a process, understanding their results, graphing and writing a conclusion about the aim of the project. At the Science Fair the students are interviewed by Judges about their investigations. We are very proud of their achievements and their presentations looked great. Taking up the challenge and opportunity and having that experience only grows their learning and confidence.

**CONGRATULATIONS to JETHRO on being one of the 2025 Special Award winners at the Science Fair** taking out the Whangarei A&P Society Industry Award for an exhibit dealing with matters / issues relating to the Dairy Industry in Northland. His exhibit was 'Is Butter Worth It?'



**Taofi Moses-Nehemia** was our **Duffy Role Model** today. She entertained our students with a myth from her childhood in Samoa by first telling the story, then telling us the story through dance. She taught them an action song and spoke about the lack of books in her childhood. Our students were captivated by her as she was by them. She said "our school reminded her of her small school in Samoa when she was around 8 years old." Taofi presented our students with their Duffy Books which were received with great excitement and enjoyment. Taofi was an inspiration and an amazing **Duffy Role Model**. This was evident by the number of our students who went up and hugged her as they were leaving the assembly today.

**WELL DONE Marley and William** for competing in the cold, muddy and blustery conditions in their age groups at the Whangarei Primary Schools' Cross-Country races at Barge Park. Both finished strongly, 63<sup>rd</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> respectively, in fields of around 150+ students.



**AIMS GAMES:** Our Poroti team of athletes is off to AIMS GAMES 2025 in Tauranga this weekend. Leah will represent us in Squash, with Jethro, Kimberlee and Tahua taking on the challenge of Orienteering. We wish them all the best and a fun time away.

**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:** Don't forget tonight's show at the Complex, with a start time of 7 o'clock. Performers there by 6.45 p.m. please. Come along for a fun night's entertainment and support our Poroti kids and their talents. Bar and kitchen is open if you wish to come earlier and eat.



**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. Also if anyone has some small

amounts of primer around to prime the bottles before we decorate them this would be appreciated.

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**TOUCH RUGBY** - Touch rugby will be starting up again next term. At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest to see about entering some school teams. If your child is interested, please complete and return the form at the end of this newsletter.

### **Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards...**

- Robert Erueti - for effort and improvement in handwriting
- Jasmine Clark - for outstanding progress in reading
- Ruby Creelman - for amazing progress in reading
- Temepara Cassidy - for amazing progress in reading
- Lizzy Lamb - for an amazing speech introduction
- Te Haora Ngawaka Adams Edmonds - for super effort in all areas especially maths and writing
- Jaydn Byrne - for effort in working on maths problems
- Sonny Kendall-Bercich - for progress made in maths and effort in writing
- Leeana Reneti - for great team work on science solar system investigation
- Marley Imeson - for great team work on science solar system investigation

Lexia - congratulations to Laquandre for moving up a level with Lexia

Readicator - congratulations to Hamish and Cassidy for reaching the top of the Readicator



Te Orewai - for looking after our school, picking up rubbish and stacking the school lunch trays

Well done to Rimu for being the winning house this fortnight!



<b><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:</u> TERM THREE</b>	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Evening TALENT Show performance at Complex.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August – 5 September	Poroti students off to AIMS GAMES in Tauranga
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	TECH - Year 7 & 8 – please remember shoes
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Duffy Theatre



Garden to Table on Tuesday produced an abundance of produce from our gardens, fresh mandarins, broccoli, spinach, carrots, parsnip and rhubarb. In the kitchen we put together a broccoli cake and broccoli smoothie. Very proud of all Pohutawaka members who were open minded and all had a taste of the 'green smoothie' many coming back for seconds!!



We were also very lucky to have our Duffy Role Model assembly this week. The students and staff were all very memorised by Taofi who visited us. Such a talented dancer and great story teller, we all loved her visit and the students really loved their new books! Thank you, Duffy Books in Homes!



## TOUCH RUGBY - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Yes, my child/children ..... is/are interested in playing Touch Rugby in Term Four.

.....Name

..... Signature



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