



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 8, Term 3 2025

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

SAFETY ONLINE: I was listening to a Netsafe (Online safety for our kids) interview and they were discussing the safety fears around some games our young people are on i.e. Roblox. They were making adults aware of the predators online using children's games as a vehicle. Their advice was to: Be aware of the spaces our young people are going into and keep alongside of them when they are online.

NOODLES AT SCHOOL: We are okay with this and happy to add hot water to the noodles if children bring them to us at the start of eating time. We prefer this option over eating the noodles dry, as eating raw dry noodles is not recommended as it can cause digestive issues and dehydration especially for children.



Thank you to our wonderful staff who kept Poroti School running with business as usual allowing me to attend AIMS (Intermediate and Middle Schools) Games with our amazing participants: Leah in Squash, Jethro, Kimberlee and Tahua in Orienteering. What an incredible event to witness and be part of, from the Opening Ceremony to the competitions. Thanks to Donna Rae and Janelle for travelling and supporting our athletes, to my Whānau who opened their home for our Orienteering Team and to those who supported them during their preparation and from afar. ***A special thank you to Mana and Mana Ake for their support. Your generosity was much appreciated. WE ARE ALL SO, SO PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.***

Orienteering Results.

Sprint: All controls must be collected and collected in order. Time difference between placings was only seconds.

Jethro: Year 7 Boys, 24 controls over 1.8 kms. Finished 37th out of 61 starters. **Tahua:** Year 8 Boys. Tahua unfortunately missed 2 controls. **Kimberlee:** Year 8 Girls, 22 controls over 2 kms. Finished 69th out of 100 starters.

Team Rogaine: This event was held on a farm. Teams get their maps 10 minutes before the start and have to plot their own course to collect as many points from controls spread over bush, farmland, hills, in a time limit of ONE HOUR. Every minute or part of, over the hour incurs a penalty of 20 points. All Year 8 teams ran the same course. This is a strategic event involving fitness, map reading, planning and time management.

Year 8 boys: Jethro and Tahua: 19th place out of 32 teams with a total of 320 points. A GREAT result competing for the first time and Jethro only being Year 7 in the Year 8 event.

Year 8 Girls: Kimberlee met her teammates 1 hour before start: Kimberlee, Grace and Poppy: 25th out of 36 teams with a total of 230 points.



Squash: Leah is having a strong tournament with three 3 – nil set wins and one loss. She has another game today for her final ranking. We will update Leah's results next week.

This is an amazing opportunity for our Year 7 & 8s to participate in. There is so much of life to learn at these games, so I am looking forward to seeing who will put their hand up for AIMS Games 2026 and what sports we can compete in. I quite liked the look of 'Rock climbing!'

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Just to advise school class, individual and team photos will **be next term on 30th October**. More details closer to the time.

AG DAY SPONSORSHIP: If you have any contacts for sponsorship of prizes or raffle donations for our AG Day on Saturday 11th October please let us know and we can supply a letter from the school if needed.

Mrs J



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

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.

AG DAY: I hope that you are thinking about your home activities and planning out what you need. These are great holiday things to do. Don't forget to ask if we can help out with any materials. Remember to get those animal entries in a.s.a.p



<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:</u> TERM THREE	
Wednesday 10 th September	Duffy Theatre at 1.45 p.m. Whānau are welcome to attend
Wednesday 10 th September	Board elections: Voting Closes TODAY – Get your votes in to count
Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11 th September	Speeches: In class school speeches. Keep practicing.
Friday 12 th September	We are travelling to Kamo to watch Kokopu School's production of Aladdin at 12 noon.

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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