



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 3, Term 4 2025

Kia ora koutou

School News & Updates



What a difference sunshine makes! Did you know that just **20 minutes of sunlight** can boost a chemical in your brain called **serotonin**? This naturally gives you more energy and helps keep you calm, positive, and focused.

On that theme, our new school hats have arrived and been issued! A big thank you to **Oxford Trust** for funding these. Our Year 7 & 8 students have stylish **Teal bucket hats**, and the rest of the school is wearing **Light Blue** hats. They look great and will certainly keep our tamariki cooler as the weather heats up!

Athletics Day Preparation

Athletics practice is well underway as we prepare to host our annual Athletics Day on **Wednesday, November 5th**. We look forward to welcoming students from Kokopu, Pakotai, Matarau, Mangakahia Area School, Tangiteroria, Purua, and Te Horo.

For our **Years 5-8 students**, this is a key opportunity to make the Zone Team and participate in the Whangarei Primary Schools' Athletics.

Keep an eye out for notices! We will be asking for parent help with events and the BBQ tent. Our goal is to roster people on so that parents can volunteer and still have time to see their children compete during the day.

Invitation to a Pōwhiri at Maungarongo Marae

We warmly invite all our families to join us for a **Powhiri** (official Māori welcome ceremony) to celebrate and officially welcome our **new students and their whānau** to the Poroti School community. The Powhiri will be held at **Maungarongo Marae** on **Tuesday, October 28th**. We will **walk from the School at 11:15 a.m.** to ensure an **11:30 a.m. start** at the marae. Following the formal welcome, we will share **lunch** together at the marae. School lunches will be available as usual.

After lunch, we will transition into a **Kapa Haka** practice session. This is an opportunity for us to continue our preparations for the upcoming **Cultural Festival** at **Mangakahia Area School** on **November 20th**.

Important Dates & Reminders

Event	Date / Due	Action Required
School Photos	Thursday, October 30th	Check your child's bag for the order form, complete it, and return it if you would like to purchase photos. If you need a new form contact the Office.
Te Rea Camp	Final Payments Due Now	Thank you to those who have paid in full! Please ensure all final payments are made. Also, if you haven't done so already, please let Mrs J or Whaea Kim know your decision regarding your child's attendance on the camp or for the Non-camp Option.
Uniform Returns	ASAP	Please return any school uniforms (excluding touch shirts) you have at home so we can reissue them for Athletics events. Thank you for your help!
School Trips for Years 4-8	Wednesday 29 th October	Read the notices relating to the event your child is going to. Return the form if you can help with transport and supervision for the Beach Education. Any queries see Mrs J or Whaea Kim.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Māori Netball Trial Invitation: Join Te Tai Tokerau Teams!

Te Tai Tokerau Māori Netball is excited to invite all eligible **tamariki** (children), **rangatahi** (youth), and **pakeke** (adults) to register for our upcoming regional trials!

This is your chance to trial for our representative teams, ranging from **Under 13s right through to Premier Grade** (for ages 11 years and up), who will compete at the prestigious **39th Annual Aotearoa Māori Netball Tournament** hosted right here in **Te Tai Tokerau** from **April 3rd to 5th, 2026**

Trial Details:

-  **Trial Date: Sunday, November 2nd, 2025**
-  **Location: Whangārei Netball Centre, Whangārei**
- **Eligibility:** Trialists must be **Māori** (whakapapa Māori) and aged **11 years and over**.
-  **Register Online:** Use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/TTTMN-Trial-Registration-2026>

Important Registration Deadline: **Online registrations close on Friday, October 24th, 2025.** *Please note:* We highly encourage online registration to save time, but we will still accept registrations on the day of the trials.

Whangārei's Emergency Services

Family Fun Day is a **FREE** event held Sunday, 2nd November.

The Family Fun Day showcases our amazing Emergency Services and many other fantastic organisations that support the safety and wellbeing of all Northlanders. Interactive displays, demonstrations, giveaways, BBQ and lots of fun for all ages!

Date - SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2024

Time - 10am - 1pm

Location - KENSINGTON PARK, WHANGĀREI



<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:</u> TERM FOUR	
Monday 27 th October	Labour Day - School is closed. Have a great long weekend.
Tuesday 28 th October	Powhiri at Marae @ 11.15 a.m.
Tuesday 28 th October	Bee Friends 1 p.m. Shoes please
Wednesday 29 th October	Years 4 & 5 to Enviro Schools and Years 6,7 & 8 to Beach Education
Thursday 30 th October	School and Individual Photos