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Thursday 30th October 2025

Week 4, Term 4 2025

Kia ora koutou

It has been lovely to sit and reflect on the past week full of activity and learning in different environments and weather! Our staff and tamariki have been in all directions this week. Next week is more of the same with our ATHLETICS day when we host over 500 students from other schools.

We want to extend a huge **thank you** to all parents and whānau for supporting us in encouraging your children to participate in this past week's activities. To those students who also went 'beyond' even when you didn't want to, we are proud of you. It's truly been a week of amazing experiences!

We understand that for some students, the thought of new activities can push them 'beyond' their comfort zones. We want you to know that this feeling of discomfort is a vital part of growth.

Why is this 'discomfort' so important?

- **Builds Resilience and Grit:** It teaches children **persistence** and the ability to bounce back from challenges.
- **Fosters Adaptability:** These experiences strengthen the brain (**neuroplasticity**) and enhance cognitive function.
- **Teaches Stress Management:** They learn to **manage stress and fear**, preparing them for life's inevitable challenges.

Remember: If your child is feeling uncertain about an event, we are always here to help so please talk to us. We are happy to find a simple solution so they can still participate in the **learning and enjoyment** of the event.



Maungarongo Marae Powhiri: A special day when we welcome our tamariki to Poroti School and the Poroti Community. The 28th October was also a significant day in New Zealand History. On this date in 1835, The "Declaration of Independence" for New Zealand, known in Māori as *He Whakaputanga* was signed by Northern Chiefs. A very special THANK YOU to Whaea Hoana for organizing this kaupapa, to Hona and Nana Nossie (Lorraine) for leading the powhiri and to Mana for speaking on behalf of our Manuhiri. It was great to have some of the Whatiriri Trustees and whānau there to support.

Mrs J

BOARD REPORT: The first Board Meeting was held with the new Board and Janelle Imeson was re-elected as our Board Chair. The next Board meeting is to be held on Wednesday 26th November at 6.30pm.

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
- **P** 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-

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.



Whangarei'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,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: TERM FOUR				
Monday 3 rd November	Year 7 & 8 TECH - shoes please			
Wednesday 5 th November	ATHLETICS Day			
Thursday 6 th November	Central Day at Barge Park			
Monday 10 th November	Te Weu visit to Mountain View Resthome			
Thursday 13 th November	Te Aka to Museum			



Police visit photos with constable Lisa with Te Weu this week



