



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 6th November 2025

Week 5, Term 4 2025

Kia ora koutou,

Successful Inter-School Athletics Day!

What a **massive team effort!** We had another highly successful Inter-school Athletics Day, and we want to give a huge thank you to everyone involved. From the organisers, the teachers and principals from many schools who ran the events, the whānau who stepped in to help, the tireless workers cooking and selling food in the gazebos, and everyone who came out to support our students—you are all vital **cogs in a big wheel**. It was great to see so many of our **tamariki** (children) participating and having fun across all age groups, with some also achieving great success.

Students from **Years 5–8** who placed in the top three of their events will have their names, times, and measurements sent through for selection into the respective Year group championships as part of our **Zone 5 team**. We'll confirm the team selection with you as soon as we receive it.

Upcoming Events & Important Information

Kapa Haka Festival Update

The **Mangakahia Cultural Festival** is just a couple of weeks away on **Thursday, November 20, 2025!** Our **Kapa Haka** practices are ramping up, and the students are working hard. We are scheduled to perform at **11 a.m.** Further details regarding transport and specific times will be sent home with students next week.

Hāngi Orders

Mangakahia School is offering their delicious hāngi for collection on Cultural Festival day, November 20th.

- **Cost: \$15 per hāngi**
- **Contents:** 2 meats (pork & chicken), potato, kūmara, pumpkin, cabbage, stuffing, and Fry Bread.
- **Collection:** Hāngi will be distributed at **12:30 p.m.** from behind the main canteen. **All orders must be collected before 1:30 p.m.**
- **How to Order:** Please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it with your payment (cash or online). **Payment must be made BEFORE the day.**

Wednesday School Lunch

We will be starting up a special **Wednesday School Lunch** in a couple of weeks. A notice will come home soon with the exact start date. This is due to having some stock left over from Athletics Day.

- **Offer: Sausage in Bread + Ice block = \$3**
- **Important:** This will mean **no free school lunch on a Wednesday**.
- **Alternative:** Just like on Hot Dog Day, we will make sandwiches for students who do not buy the special lunch.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that there is a **Teacher Only Day** on **Friday, November 21, 2025** (the day after the Cultural Festival). Teachers will be working on **Mathematics curriculum and professional development**. Please make alternative arrangements for your children as the school will be **closed** on this day.

CAMPS: Camps are closing in. Please keep those notices and payments coming in before camp dates.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**KAI IWI LAKES
SNORKEL DAY**

Saturday, 24 Jan 2026
Free, family-friendly event

Explore the vibrant world of this unique dune lake and learn about freshwater safety firsthand! Instructors, snorkel gear and equipment provided.

Day snorkel 4+ years
Night snorkel 12+ years

- Guided snorkelling
- Twilight and night snorkelling
- Stall displays

DON'T MISS OUT!
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Logos: Water Safety, Kaipara District, Northland Regional Council, Department of Conservation

LIONS COUNTRY MEAL.



Friday 14 November, from 6.00pm.

Hosted by Mangakahia Lions Club at
The Mangakahia Community Sports Complex in
Poroti.

Have a family night out to support your local community
and have a fun time with friends & neighbours.

Great meals. / Lolly Scramble for the Kids.

Magician & Balloon Artist - Mike Easterbrook.

<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: TERM FOUR</u>	
Thursday 6 th November	Central Day at Barge Park
Monday 10 th November	Te Weu visit to Mountain View Rest home
Thursday 13 th November	Te Aka to Museum
Monday 17 th November	Last TECH day for Years 7 & 8
Thursday 20 th November	Mangakahia Area School Cultural Festival. Performing at 11 a.m.
Friday 21 st November	Teacher Only Day - no school for students



Another successful Athletics Day was held yesterday. A HUGE thank you to Hellers for donating the sausages and aprons and to Silver Fern farms for providing the BBQ.



HANGI ORDER – MANGAKAHIA AREA SCHOOL

Yes, I would like to order hangi at \$15 each and will collect from Mangakahia School.

My cash payment is attached OR I have paid online (Please circle)

Bank details - 123115 – 0216227 –00 Please use name as reference

..... Name Phone

