



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 5th February 2026

Week 1, Term 1 2026

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Poroti School for 2026

A warm welcome back to Amiria and her whānau. It is lovely to have you join our Year 4-6 class, Te Aka.

**Holiday Thank you!** To those parents and staff who came in the holiday break to work on the base for our new bike storage, and the improved sandpit. Thanks to Oxford Trust for the metal and sand funding. The sandpit has been enjoyed and a very busy place to be. Also thanks to the Oxford Trust a Kitchen with working faucets and a woodwork bench are also arriving soon.



**POOL:** A big THANK YOU to Mr and Mrs J for their hard work getting the pool emptied, cleaned and refilled. We hope to start swimming next Monday, so pack togs and towel for swimming. Bathing caps are also a great idea, especially for longer hair. This is not just for being able to swim, but for the filtration as well.

**Library:** After almost a year the books are back on the shelves. The Board agreed to fund some shelving for the Library which looks amazing in our new space. It is still a work in progress and should be completed by March.

This year our overarching theme is: **I AM, STRENGTH. SPARKLE. SUCCESS.** This will be taken across the four terms with many exciting projects to be undertaken. This term is all about Self-Identity, positive affirmations, routine and goal setting, building class and school culture and of course Literacy, Numeracy and other curriculum.

The students who transitioned from one class to another have done so smoothly, feeling like they have been there forever. Thanks goes to those who have welcomed them into 'their' class.

Our first major event this year will be our WHOLE SCHOOL Camp. Please find the information attached to this newsletter. The sooner we get the information back, the sooner we can confirm details and finalise bookings. Thank you in advance.

**YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY:** Te Rea start their TECH for 2026 on Monday 9th February. They need covered shoes. The bus leaves Poroti School at 8.45 a.m. Morning Tea to take and they will have lunch on their return. This is a compulsory part of the Year 7 & 8 Curriculum and Mangakahia Area School are our providers for these subjects. We provide the stationery for this and also pay the \$144 fee for all students for the year.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL** : This year the annual event takes place on Sunday 22nd February. Located at the Mangakahia Sports and Community Complex from 10am to 3pm, a fun day for the family with bouncy castles, tractor and pony rides, stalls, circus acts, food stalls, live performances and much more. Free entry and parking. Further information can be found at [www.mangakahiacomplex.org.nz](http://www.mangakahiacomplex.org.nz)

### **WHANGAREI SOUTH ROTARY PHOTO COMPETITION FOR 2026:**

Heads up for this competition which takes place in Term 2 with a closing date of Friday 8 May at 3 p.m. Poroti School has had some great success in this competition.

This year's topics are:

**Years 0-6: Bubbles**

**Years 7-10: Bolts**

**Years 11-13: String**

One photo per student. Can be taken on any camera or device. Can be colour or black and white. Students **MUST** take the photo themselves and a brief description must accompany the photo. We can forward the photo from school. See Mrs J for further details.

**SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS: [Just a reminder for our new school contact details...](#)**

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<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
Monday 9th February	TECH for Years 7 & 8 . Covered shoes please.
Tuesday 10th February	Bee Friends and Garden to Table starts: Shoes or gumboots please
Tuesday 17th February	Community Fun Night: BBQ - More details to follow
Wednesday 18th February	Water Fun Day
Sunday 22nd February	Mangakahia Summer Festival at the Complex