



# POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 3, Term 1 2026

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Poroti School

Poroti School is 'buzzing' at the moment. With our small classes and great team of teachers and teacher aides the momentum of building relationships and learning is moving forward at great speeds. Everyone appears settled and engaged.

**Our Whānau Leaders** have been voted for by the other students and are:

**KAURI:** Tayla, Shiquan with Iana (vice leader)

**KOWHAI:** Subira, Roitana with Tiaan (vice leader)

**POHUTUKAWA:** Peri, Maverick

**RIMU:** Marley, with Jethro and Te Aroha (vice leaders)

We have already seen some outstanding leadership and Tuakana-teina with this leadership team of students. A GREAT start to 2026 and what will shape up for some close competition this year.

**COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT:** Thanks to those who were able to join us for Kai and conversation on Tuesday night. It was great to be able to catch up with families who have been here a while and our new families. The pool and games were a hit.

**WATER FUN DAY :** What a way to spend an afternoon! It was lovely to watch the faces of our students as they tackled the pool games, walking across a beam 3-legged with a partner, having a cup of water dumped on their heads, being able to squirt each other and break water balloons with their butts! These events get our students together within their Whānau groups. Again our leaders showed caring and patience with our younger students. Great to see the House colours being worn in many different ways. Thanks for getting into the spirit of the event.

**WANTED** if you have any lying around. Mrs J is looking for small off-cuts of wood (that can be nailed), bottle tops and boxes of different sizes. Anything for a 'woodwork' table or cardboard box construction. Please send any materials to school. Thanks in advance.

**STATIONERY:** Stationery payments for the year are the same as last year at \$35 per student. All students now have their stationery - please can payments now be made to the school account 123115 - 0216227 - 00 with child's name as reference or cash can be paid at the school office. Partial payments can be made if needed.

**NETBALL:** A notice is attached to the newsletter if your child (boy or girl) showed an interest in playing Netball this year. If you did not get one but would like the information please let us know. Please return this asap so we can organise teams either here at Poroti or combine with another school so our children can play this season.

**OXFORD TRUST:** Thank you to Oxford Trust for their funding towards our camp accommodation. This will enable us to participate in other water activities while on camp. This funding is very important to us as it allows Poroti School to offer our students some amazing opportunities we could not otherwise provide.

**HEADS UP: OUR COMMUNITY COUNTRY MEAL HOSTING IS FRIDAY 13TH MARCH. More details nearer the time, but keep the date free to support and help please.**



**BOARD REPORT:** Our Board consists of the following parents: Janelle Imeson (Presiding Member / Chairperson), Krystle Cassidy, Jason Young, Laqueeta Rapana and Tess Woods. We also have a Staff Rep - Mrs Pye, and a Hapū Rep - Lorraine Norris. Mrs J is also on the Board.

At the Board meeting held last night the following was discussed:

- This year the focus is on our Strategic Goal Number Two: ‘ Create a safe, inclusive culture and environment that enhances students’ learning, wellbeing and connects to our School Curriculum ensuring students’ responsibility as Kaitiaki ( someone who is responsible for protecting the environment, resources or people)
- We have a drainage project starting during the holidays through into May. As a result of this we have projects like building a Bike Pump Track, redesigning and rebuilding our gardens and orchard, designing and maybe relocating our playground to name a few.
- Attendance, noting the improvement in our students’ attendance from previous year. We have a new Attendance Service this year and a Case worker assigned to our school.
- Achievement: This year’s focus curriculum area is Maths.
- **GOOD NEWS!** The Whangarei District Council have taken ownership of our driveway and will be inspecting it and getting it up to standard and continuing to maintain it. Watch this space and our driveway!

## **CELEBRATION - CLASS AWARDS**

**Congratulations to the following students for receiving class awards...**

**Amiria O’Leary** - *Welcome back to Poroti School, already we can see you are great at listening and have great learning skills*

**Evan Peri-Richards** - *Welcome to Poroti School, we are enjoying your lovely manners*

**Tirarau Adams-Heta** - *Welcome back to Poroti School, you have had a great start with good listening*

**Tewai Peri-Richards** - *Welcome to Poroti School, we are enjoying how friendly you are*

**Te Haora Adams-Edmonds** - *For your confidence, independence and great coaching of others*

**Temepara Cassidy** - *Welcome to Te Aka, we love your great positive attitude*

**Charles Peri-Richards** - *Welcome to Poroti School and Te Weu, you have settled in very well*

**Jakob Peri-Richards** - *Welcome to Poroti School and Te Weu, you have settled in very well*

**Alexis Harmse** - *for a fantastic start in Te Rea and for great contributions to our class discussions*

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**Marley Imeson** - *for great engagement in class discussions and for giving everything a go*

**Tayla Creelman** - *for stepping outside of your comfort zone and giving new things a go*

**Subira Njenga** - *for showing qualities of being a great leader*

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**Tiaan Fowlie** - *for a fantastic start, coming back refreshed and all ready to start the term*

**Tiaan Fowlie** - *for starting 2026 with a positive attitude and a great focus*

**The whole class of Te Weu** - *for an amazing start to the term, great remembering and settling in !*

Some students received two awards - Different Teachers notice the same things or the same students at different times during the week.



**Connor Brljevich and Cassidy Elliott** - for both using their own time and packing up all the sandpit toys  
**Te Aroha Cooper** - for an outstanding attitude and great role modelling  
**Poihipi Ngawaka-Adams-Edmonds** - for showing great managing and organising himself



**Connor Brljevich** - for welcoming our new students, checking in and including them  
**Ayla Bryljevich** - for welcoming our new students and asking if they would like to sit with her

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Mangakahia Junior Football Club**

RALLY NIGHT / AGM

Thursday 26th February

4.30pm - 5.30pm



**Season Start Date: Saturday 2 May**

Most teams are mixed boys & girls. There are girls only teams where possible

2026 Fees:

U9 (Grades 4-9) \$80.00

10+ (Grades 10-14) \$120.00

**Register online**

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/499883>

Boot swap and uniform size check available



mangakahiafc@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/491896628372689>

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Chilltech



BEACH TO BASIN

WHANGAREI

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10KM

NORTHLAND Health & Weight

[www.beachtobasin.co.nz](http://www.beachtobasin.co.nz)







**MANGAKAHIA SUMMER FESTIVAL : THIS SUNDAY .....** 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.

## 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...**

Email : [office@poroti.school.nz](mailto:office@poroti.school.nz)

Phone : 027 372 4831

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Sunday 22nd February	Mangakahia Summer Festival at the Complex
Monday 23rd February	TECH - Year 7 & 8 - remember closed in shoes
Tuesday 24th February	Bee Friends
Tuesday 3rd March	Bee Friends
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March	School Camp

In Garden to Table this week, not only did the students make their own yummy fruit kebabs they also practised the art of setting out the table with placemats, plates and cutlery.



## WATER FUN DAY .....



