



POROTI SCHOOL

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Week 3, Term 2 2026

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Poroti School

Life is good at Poroti School with some super energy around. It is great to be back and I enjoyed seeing everyone again! Garden to Table is humming with harvesting in the gardens, delicious smells coming from the soup and Rewana Bread cooking in the kitchen and Digi Kids learning how to make a digital image with AI bringing their images to life!

PERMISSION SLIPS: We need to have these returned please so we know you have seen the notice and that your child has your permission to attend events outside of school. It is required as part of our Health and Safety plan. Even a text message to the school phone is sufficient. Phone 027 372 4831

TEACHER ONLY DAY: The Board has given permission for the school to hold a Teacher Only Day on Friday 22nd May. This is to allow all staff to meet to have Professional Development on changes to Assessment and Reporting to Parents as well as the Maths Curriculum. Please note this day as on this day school will be closed for instruction. We appreciate your support in this.

MOBILE LIBRARY: We had our first visit from the Mobile Library yesterday... It was very successful and they will be returning. You can enroll online at their website [Join the library - Whangarei District Libraries](https://www.whangarei.govt.nz/libraries) Parents / caregivers are also welcome to join.



2026 Rural Schools' Photographic Competition: Bubbles and Bolts!

We have had a number of students enter this competition with amazing photos. All entries received have now been submitted. The competition is now closed, so we will wait to hear the outcomes...Fingers crossed!

BOOK SWAP : We are introducing a new section into our school library called "Book Swap". A chance for students to bring books from home they have finished reading and swapping it for another book. Bring a book. Swap a book ! If you have any books at home you would like to donate to this, please send them in! A great way to recycle your Duffy Books.



CONGRATULATING OUR EX-PUPILS: It is always great to hear of the achievements of our ex-pupils from our small rural school. We were proud to hear that Jaydn and Laquandre were part of the Mangakahia Area School Chess Team that competed in the Northland Chess Competition and finished 4th. An amazing achievement - all those lunchtime practices . . . ! We now have another group of students taking up the game of Chess.

Attendance: Keeping Our Students Safe and Accounted For:

At Poroti School, student safety and wellbeing are our top priorities. To manage this, we record daily attendance in our Student Management System. This data is uploaded weekly by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and forms a comprehensive report for our Board at the end of each term. To ensure our records are accurate, **we need to hear from you** whenever your child is away. Achievement and Attendance go hand in hand.

How to Notify the School

If your child is going to be absent, please contact us via one of the following methods:

- **Email:** Office@poroti.school.nz
- **Website:** Use the absence form at poroti.school.nz
- **Text:** 027 372 4831

Understanding Attendance Codes

The Ministry of Education requires us to categorize every absence using specific official codes:

Justified: This includes Medical : Legitimate reasons approved , short-term illness or medical, dental appointments.

Unjustified: Unexplained absences, unapproved family holidays, truancy (no contact received)

Explained: This category can fall under Unjustified: It is when an explanation is given but is not considered in the criteria to be a legitimate reason for absence i.e. shopping day, haircut

Important Note: To comply with our Attendance Management Plan and MOE guidelines, a **medical certificate** (doctor's certificate or nurse's note) is required if your child is absent for **3–5 consecutive days** due to illness.

A Note to Our Whānau

We truly appreciate the majority of our whānau who stay in touch regarding absences and those who reply to Susan's texts. Our main concern is always the safety of your tamariki; when a student is missing for several days without contact, it causes significant worry for our staff.

Whatever the reason for the absence, please let us know. We would much rather have the information than the worry!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RENTAL WANTED: Family of 4 seeking rental property short term from June in Maungatapere / Poroti and surrounding areas. We have 4 dachshund dogs and 1 cat. Please phone 022 101 207

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Friday 8th May	Lego Day at Complex for Years 3-8
Sunday 10th May	Mothers Day
Monday 11th May	TECH - Year 7 & 8 Shoes please
Wednesday 13th May	Year 7 - 8 Winter Sports Day
Friday 15th May	Pink Shirt Day - details closer to the time
Friday 22nd May	Teacher Only Day



In the kitchen on Tuesday, the Garden To table group made a lovely pot of Potato and Leek soup (produce from Our garden together with some fresh Rewana Bread - Delicious !!



Our Tahi Bees students received their completion certificates today for working with the bees this season. They are pictured here with Nanette our Tahi Bees specialist.