



# POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Kia ora koutou and welcome to Poroti School

It has been another busy week in the school life of our Poroti Students! Assessments are underway in the classes preparing snapshots of learning to add to teachers' Professional Judgements (PJs is the new lingo not OTJs as in the past). We gather together assessment results, classroom observations and student work to make PJs for the upcoming school reports.

Staff have been away on Professional Development courses to enhance their learning and to find out about new programmes that can support our tamariki and their learning.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to those adults who braved the weather and helped transport and supervise our Te Rea students at the Whangarei Year 7 & 8 Sports tournament this week. It was awesome to hear that our students were there to the 'bitter' end wanting to play when others had gone home! They certainly enjoyed the hot milo on their return. We appreciate the support we receive from our community so that our students can participate in these events.

**PINK SHIRT DAY IS TOMORROW!** Anything pink will do - Lots of pink or only a little!

It is about making people aware, reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces, and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming, and inclusive. Join the Pink Shirt Day movement to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

**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.

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND:** It is **PRODUCTION** time again! This time it is Alice in Wonderland - a play with many fun, whimsical characters, lots of one-liners and an opportunity for all of our students to take a role in. (Those on camp may realise now why we asked you to leave the room, and our choice of video!) We are introducing the story and script next week. Some of your children may come home with audition scripts which we would appreciate you practising with them so they are ready to audition. We will be looking for help with costumes and backdrops if you are able - keep an eye out for our SOS calls.



**THE POWER OF YET!** This is what we are working on this term. Changing 'I CAN'T DO IT!' to 'I CAN'T DO IT YET!' makes so much difference to how you deal with challenges and barriers. One thing we have been using to demonstrate this is our ex-pupils' achievements, making our students aware that just because you go to a small school does not mean you cannot achieve great things. It is awesome to hear of their achievements at High School because it is relatable to our tamariki as they know these students. Keep the emails coming - we love to hear how well they are doing when they leave us. We also feel like proud parents!

**STAFFING:** Over the next few weeks a number of staff will be away on Professional Learning, Conferences and for Family circumstances. We have done our best to cover this with as little disruption to the class routines as possible. We appreciate your support in continuing to ensure our tamariki come to school for learning.

## 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 15th May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 22nd May	Teacher Only Day. School is closed for instruction
Monday 25th May	TECH - Year 7 & 8
Monday 1st June	King's Birthday - NO SCHOOL

A big thumbs up from Rimu today who were in the kitchen making Kumara Fries and Aioli Sauce. We have had a huge harvest from our gardens with our Kumara this year.

