



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 1st August 2024

Week 2, Term 3 2024

Kia ora koutou

It's that day of the week when we share our achievements, our learning stories and upcoming events.

Our application for a third classroom has been sent to the Ministry of Education and now we wait for confirmation, before we can commence any changes. I will keep you updated.

Last Thursday a well-respected past principal-Mrs Parton- returned to a school close to her heart- Poroti- to talk to our students and answer questions. Some of our ex-pupils mentioned Mrs Parton as being their favourite teacher in the interview questions asked by the Senior students as part of the home learning tasks. Might I add, I was also mentioned by a parent I had taught many years ago too!! Mrs Parton sent a text to say she had really enjoyed the time; how well behaved and respectful our students were and that she had remembered so much more she could have told them.

Parent / Teacher / Student Learning conversations were held over two nights. There was a great uptake on this opportunity to discuss your child's learning. We had 73% of our students' whānau attend over the two nights, which is a great result. As staff we appreciate the insights we gain into our students through these discussions. It gives us a bigger picture of the students we work with daily, and in turn supports their learning. If those dates did not suit and you wish to take up this opportunity please contact us and we can arrange a time.

Waibotz – underwater robots: We received some extra funding from the Ministry of Education to target our Year 7 & 8 students. I have engaged the Waibotz programme which will take place on alternate Mondays to TECH from 11.30 a.m. starting next Monday 5th August. This involves following plans, being taught how to use tools to construct an underwater robot in small groups. The waibot then performs a number of tasks underwater, which requires the students adding to the basic bot. There is also a literacy component to the programme and it covers Science and Maths as well. The senior class has seen a demonstration of this already and were very excited. At this stage it is only Year 7 & 8 students, which I know will disappoint some year 5 & 6 students.



Taniwha Challenge training is well underway, but if you have access to 'hills' that would be beneficial training for the students for the event. This is a whole school day when we travel to Te Horo and compete against other schools in Cross Country, followed by a prize-giving. There is **no hangi** this year, but a food canteen will be in operation. We will send the details next week with the newsletter.

Mrs J



BOARD REPORT: Next Board meeting is Wednesday 7th August.

The Board will be looking at our School-wide data for Mid-Year 2024 as part of the Agenda.

As part of their monthly meeting the Board reviews School Policies – how the school is governed. You can find these policies on **Schooldocs**. There is a policy that covers almost every eventuality and they are updated as new legislation and law changes come into being. You can take part in the review or add your feedback to policies. See details below for logging in.

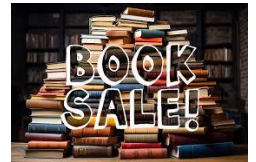
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SchoolDocs site: poroti.schooldocs.co.nz
Community username: **poroti**
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There is a Quick links for Parents and Whānau page

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hatea and Whangarei Zonta/Mangakahia Lions Book Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE - 4 Bougainville Street, ALL BOOKS - \$1. Saturday 3 August - 8.00am to 4.00pm Sunday 4 August - 8.00am to 12noon. So far, just over \$47,000 has been raised for local charities. We still have 1,000s of books left, which need a good home. Please come back one more time and help us recycle the left-over books for \$1.00 each



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM THREE	
AUGUST	
Monday 5 th August	<i>Year 7 & 8 Waibotz</i>
Wednesday 7 th	<i>Board meeting at 7 p.m.</i>
Monday 12 th	TECH – Year 7 & 8 Bus leaves at 8.45 a.m.
Friday 16 th	<i>Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo</i>
Monday 26 th	TECH – Year 7 & 8 Bus leaves at 8.45 a.m.
Friday 30 th	Daffodil Day



Room Two celebrated 100 days of learning last Friday - look how they have aged !!



