



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 15th August 2024

Week 4, Term 3 2024

Kia ora koutou

Our annual trek to Te Horo for Taniwha Challenge is tomorrow. I have been told that there are 10 schools competing and 600 runners entered! Because we have had so much illness over the past 10 days and we are aware of how much this illness has taken out of our tamariki please let us know if you make the decision for your child to not attend the day. We do not want to be waiting for children who are not going to turn up tomorrow. Please support those children who are fit and healthy to participate as a number of hours have gone into training for this event. It is a school day and we would like as many runners to participate as possible. **You can text 021435398 to let us know if your child/children are NOT attending** and we do not know already. Thank you in advance.

There is a nasty bug going around – On Monday we had 22 students away and it seems to be lingering for quite some time. Please phone or fill in the absence form on the website poroti.school.nz (Find it under online forms) if your child/ren will be away so we know where they are and can record them correctly on our records. Our procedure is as follows for absent students:

1. Teachers mark the roll in class and record the codes beside the children we know about e.g. M = Medical D= Appointment for doctor, dentist etc
2. Susan or Mrs J check the class rolls
3. A phone call / email / or text is sent to the contact number we have for those children who are marked as absent.
4. Once we know the reason we can code that to the child on our eTap roll that we send to the MOE (Ministry of Education) every week.
5. Please know that if we think your child is too sick to be at school we will contact you during the day.

Cornhole games: A HUGE thanks to Krystal and Jason for building and painting the Cornhole Games and sewing the beanbags to match. They are proving a huge success (and great for Maths learning, due to the scoring boards and points.) We won't tell the kids that!

AG DAY: Attached to the newsletter are the **HOME activities and WHĀNAU home activities** for our up-coming AG Day (Saturday 19th October which is the first Saturday in Term 4.) If you are new to this please come and ask what it all is about. The children have lots of time to plan out their activities and pace themselves over the term and next holidays rather than the first week of Term 4 rush!

Mrs J

Due to the increased number of vehicles in our carpark after school, please refrain from parking across the front entrance fence where the bus parks and in the gate ways or inside the school grounds to allow for cars to enter and exit the school. Also keep a vigilant eye out for children crossing the carpark. This is particularly during the times of 2.45 p.m. until 3.15 p.m. Thank you for your co-operation.





BOARD REPORT: Next Board meeting is Wednesday 11th September

Board members, Mrs J and our Property project managers met today to discuss the up-coming building projects. It is getting closer to the start line!

Taniwha Challenge – tomorrow....



Reminder that children will need to bring...

- a good morning tea
- lunch
- drink bottle of water
- warm clothing

Parents / Caregivers are welcome to come along and support

Race times are attached - ages are as at 1st January 2024. If you are transporting your child / ren, please ensure they are there **half an hour before the race starts** as these are guideline times and often the race starts earlier.

CELEBRATION - CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving class awards.

Pikau Wira - for great class work in the kitchen during Garden to Table, Awesome demonstration of our school values

Jaydn Byrne - for your honest contributions to our class discussions

Aran Morling - for demonstrating growth mindset being positive, giving his best and respecting others

Puhi Nathan - for awesome work in Year 8 maths tuition and standing tall in our Kura

Pikau Wira - for being knowledgeable and helpful in the garden

Nesian Ryan - for showing independence and smashing your quick write record

Daisy Robertson - for your outstanding effort in cross country training

Donna Himiona-Weenink - for recognising and explaining tessellations outside of the maths lesson

Readicator - well done to Tayla and Jethro for reaching the top of the readicator



Kimberlee Cooper - For awesome leadership with the Rimu teina during Garden to Table science

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AUGUST	
Friday 16 th	Taniwha Challenge at Te Horo
Monday 19 th	Years 7 & 8 Waibotz session
Monday 26 th	TECH – Year 7 & 8
Friday 30 th	Daffodil Day



Big thanks to Jason and Krystal - the students love them !!



