



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 24th October 2024

Week 2, Term 4 2024

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

A warm welcome to **Harper and her family** who joined us this week. Harper was welcomed into the Junior Class. We hope you enjoy your time here at Poroti.

AG Day Another successful event with a great vibe. The rooms with the children's exhibits looked and smelt amazing. A BIG thank you to all those involved in getting everything completed and to school on time. To our sponsors for prizes and raffles, our judges for their time and expertise, the adults who helped run the activities and the staff for your awesome contribution leading up to and on the day. The adult section competitions were hotly contested and so many entries. *Any feedback or suggestions for 2025 please feel free to let us know while it is still on your mind.*



CAMPS are sneaking up on us fast. More information came home this week, so **check those schoolbags!** A reminder also that **any outstanding stationery / invoices MUST be paid for your child to attend camp this year.** Please return the notices sooner rather than later as bookings have to be confirmed and paid for.

Camp Fees should be being paid from now please. Senior camp is in 25 days / less than a month away! See Mrs J for financial arrangements.

Teacher only day: This Friday 25th October our staff will be having a Teacher Only Day. This is to explore the new Literacy and Mathematics Curriculum put out recently by the Government and for teaching in 2025. There are a lot of changes for staff to come to grips with in a short time and this day will give us that opportunity to delve deep into these curricula so we can continue to support your children's learning and achievement. Thank you for your support in this.

We have a School Phone

0273724831

Add our number to your phone and send us a text or ring if you need to report an absence.

Poroti School Camp Fundraising Hangi will be held on Friday 1 November. Order forms have been sent home. Cost is \$10 per hangi, payable **before** the receipt of the hangi.

Three classrooms: The new set up of having three classes is working well with small numbers in the Years 1-5 in particular, which allows for more individual focus on students. While currently Room 4 feels a long way away, once the building project is completed it will not feel so far away! Child comment, "It feels like a real school!"

Garden to Table was humming on Tuesday. Lovely Comvita Honey 'smells' coming from the kitchen cooking. The Garden group was a hive of activity weeding and harvesting and the

Digikids were designing Garden to Table Poroti School Logos. The sun was shining adding to an incredible vibe. Thanks to our parent volunteers for coming along and helping out.

Mrs J



BOARD REPORT: Next Board meeting is Wednesday 27th November 2024

- The Board is investigating the possibility of opening the pool this season. There is Health and Safety aspects we have to solve and the fact we will still have contractors on site. More details coming.
- We are having discussions at Board level around other projects i.e. swings, pump bike tracks. We will devote a meeting to setting out a Future School outdoor design. Exciting times ahead.

FOR SALE: We have a surplus of cucumber seedlings at school from our Garden to Table plantings - selling for a gold coin donation. If interested please send your donation in and we will send one home !



Mangakahia Area School Cultural Festival: The annual festival is coming up on Thursday 14th November. If you would like to order one of their Hangi for collection on the day, please complete the form as below and send back to school with your payment. \$12 per Hangi - pork, chicken, potato, kumara, pumpkin, cabbage, stuffing and fry bread. Either cash or online 123115 -0216227 – 00 (child’s name as reference). Orders and payment by Wednesday 6th November. Payment MUST be made by the 6th November. No payment, no hangi!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whangarei A&P Show - This annual event is coming up on Saturday 7th December and has many Home Industries competitions available for children to enter with prizes. Following on from AG Day, if your child is interested in some more craft type activities, please contact us and we can send a list of the competitions available. There are no entry fees for the child competitions.



On the 30th October, Poroti School will be having “Gumboot Wednesday” at school to raise funds for I AM HOPE in conjunction with Harcourts Whangarei.

Please wear your gumboots to school and bring a gold coin donation. We will include some “Gumboot activities” in our school day. There may be prizes/house points.....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Friday 25 th October	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Monday 28 th October	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Friday 1 November	Camp Fundraising Hangi
Thursday 7 th November	Poroti Athletics Day – lots of helpers needed
Tuesday 12 th November	School Photos
Thursday 14 th November	Cultural Festival at Mangakahia Area School. Our performance is at 1.05 p.m. More details next week.



Indoor Exhibit Winners



MANGAKAHIA HANGI ORDER – Cultural Festival Day
on Thursday 14th November

Name Number of Hangi required

Payment attached (\$12 per hangi) OR I have paid online

I will collect from Mangakahia Area School OR I will collect from Poroti School
 by 3pm on 14th November.

Signed Phone

