



POROTI SCHOOL

Proud Open minded Respectful Outstanding Trustworthy Independent

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Thursday 28th November 2024

Week 7, Term 4 2024

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

Our Senior camp was another successful week with super weather and an amazing team of parents, teachers and students on their trek North. Cooper's Beach Christian Camp was the ultimate base for our camp, as you would have seen on Facebook! River Kayaking, Sea Kayaking at Mill Bay, Conquering the Confidence Course, Slippery Hockey, Smors over the camp fire, but the highlight was the 70-metre water slide down the bank! That is not forgetting our journey north to the Giant Sand dunes at Te Paki, swimming at Tapotupotu Bay and hiking to the Cape Reinga lighthouse. Friday saw the competitive spirits come out as we tackled the 18 holes of mini golf in Kerikeri before heading home.

The Juniors are heading North as well next week to Lonsdale Park. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

Four of our Year 7 & 8 athletes joined other athletes from the same age group at Kensington Park on Wednesday as part of the Zone Athletics Team. They represented themselves and our school with pride in their events. This truly is a Championship event with so many records broken. **Leah, Sonny, Puhī and Jaydn** we are proud of you. We are waiting for the official results.

Next Wednesday Te Aroha and Leena will compete in the same event for Years 5 & 6, both in the Shot Put.

End of Year Prizegiving: This is being held at the Complex on the night of Wednesday 11th December. We will put out a separate notice about this evening.

Beach Day: This is on Friday 13th December. This is a whole school outing and we are having Dry land Water safety sessions while we are there. More details coming.

AMNESTY: No questions asked!

Please return any school uniforms (we are missing a number of black shorts), Library books, readers etc to school so we can do a final end of year stock-take.

Thank you in advance.



Swimming will now take place until the end of the term. Please send your children to school with togs and a towel. As this is part of our school curriculum if they will not be swimming, please send a note as to why. Thank you.

Mrs J

BOARD REPORT: Next Board meeting will be in 2025 – date advised closer to the time.



The property projects are well underway. The toilet and cloak bay area are looking amazing. The carpet tiles are ready to be laid in the Library so the finish line is in sight.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whangarei South Rotary Club *Whangarei Rural Schools Photographic Competition 2025*

Just an early mention of this fantastic competition for next year. We have had some students have great success Jethro having been a winner twice and taking out the Supreme Award last year.

Details will follow closer to the time however in summary:

Mon 3 March - Competition to officially begin.

By 3pm Fri 9 May - Competition to close

Thu 26 June (early evening) - Awards Ceremony.

For 2025 categories ...

Yrs 0-6: Leaves

Yrs 7-10: Windows

We are hoping to have the Prizegiving as part of the Matariki Celebrations - so if your budding photographers can bear that in mind, that may provide extra possibilities. ***One photo per student, and one student per photo (ie 2 or more students cannot submit a 'combined' entry).***

Giant Pumpkin Fest

From budding young or highly talented Artists, Gardeners, Cooks, Carvers, and Babies to Centenarian's - there is something for everyone! And if you are over 100 years of age - there is something for you too! Teamed with Northland Rescue Helicopters - ([20+ Facebook](#)) - we bring you our annual community Giant Pumpkin Fest to be held in April in the beautiful Mangakahia Valley of Northland, supporting charities in a wholesome, family friendly, purse friendly, fun way. We encourage anyone to enter - there are a range of sections from GIANT to smallest mature pumpkin, ugliest, cutest, decorated-painted, carved or cooked! You do not have to grow your own if you enter decorated-painted, carved or cooked - we have plenty of inexpensive pumpkins you can buy). Schools and Rest-homes or Care facilities for the elderly are welcome to ask us to plant pumpkins for them - these Gentle Giants are fascinating to watch grow! They expand in size daily! - we plant for free in schools are rest/care homes for the elderly. The event has more than just pumpkins there are games and activities for all. Food, prize giving, maybe an auction, a charity draw (you get to nominate a charity and we draw one winning one to donate to) raffles and stalls - available if you want to sell or if on the day you are browsing to buy or just enjoying the ambiance of the day. Come and see for yourself! The fun starts now with getting your pumpkin seed and entry forms. Visit: Titoki General

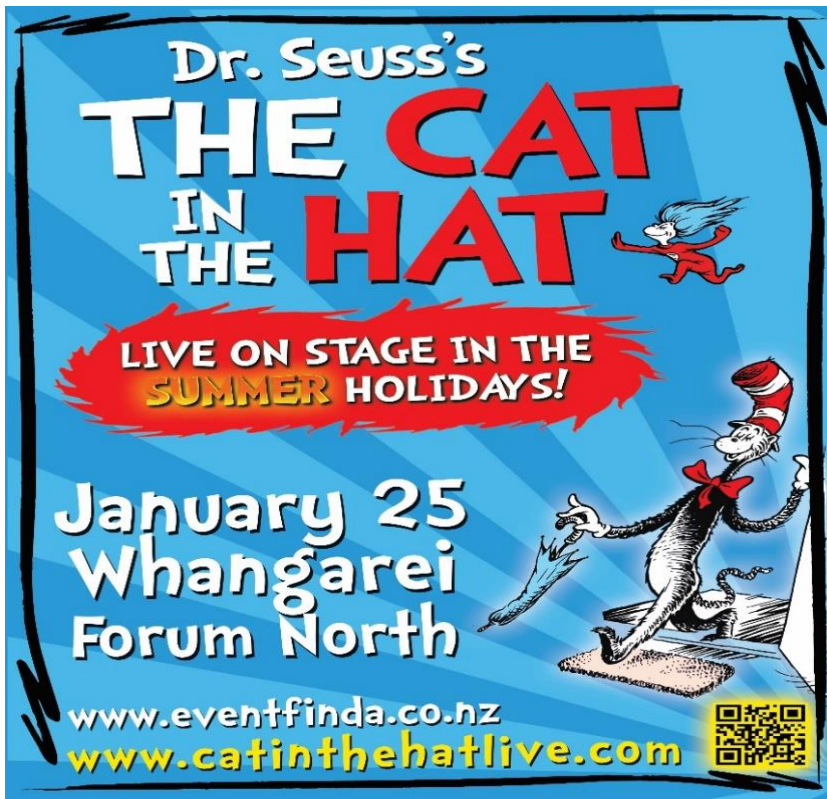
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th December	Junior camp based at Lonsdale Park
Wednesday 11 th December	End of Year Assembly in the evening
Friday 13 th December	Beach Day
Monday 16 th December	Last day of the Year! Happy Holidays!! See you on 7 th February

We have a School Phone – 027 3724831 - Add our number to your phone and send us a text or ring if you need to report an absence or send us a message. Great to see people using it.

One of the adventures our seniors experienced last week - Sandboarding the giant sand dunes at Te Pahi....