



POROTI SCHOOL

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Thursday 12th December 2024

Week 9, Term 4 2024

Kia ora and welcome to Poroti School

The school year of 2024 is coming to a close. It has been a wonderful year with lots happening. We have enjoyed great experiences – Waitangi, Okoihu Pa, Junior Camp at Lonsdale Park, Senior Camp at Cooper's Beach, and many more. In class learning has been authentic with building of waka, hearing speakers talking about their childhood, Old Fashion School day, Waibotz and much more. Our learning around the theme of **Wondering** has allowed us to wonder about many things and ask questions about **How and Why?**

Junior Camp What a wonderful experience for our Junior students and their parents. Not many Year 1-4s get such an amazing opportunity like this class had. Most get a one-night sleepover at school! Thank you to Mrs Grenfell, Mrs Booth and the parents who organised the camp and the kai and supported these students so they could challenge themselves in a safe environment.

End of Year Prizegiving... Congratulations to our students who were acknowledged last night at our prize giving. It is hard to choose when we know everyone has put in the effort with their learning. To our Year 8s who did a great job of their presentations and accepting what the staff had to say about them with pride! It is always a special time of celebration tinged with sadness, but the entertainment from our students was amazing. Sorry about my timings (one hour was a bit optimistic!)

THANK YOU. . . It has been a successful year in many ways because of the wonderful staff and community we have here at Poroti. Our supportive Board of Simon, Krystle, Michelle, Thereza ably le



d by Janelle, our Hapū Rep, Lorraine and Staff Rep, Mandy who take responsibility for the direction of our school, our policies and our property decisions. To the Staff: Mandy, Sue, Vicky, Kim, Hoana, Tess, Susan, Louise and Donna who are an amazing team who work tirelessly for our tamariki. To those support people who work alongside us for our tamariki, Molly (LSC), Lynfa (RTLb) and Mana (Mana Ake programme), we appreciate the support you give the staff, students and whānau. To our community around us, your support in so many ways is valued and appreciated. Please accept our thanks for everything you do no matter how small, it all contributes to the success of Poroti School. It is noticed!

Beach Day: This is tomorrow Students will need to bring

- Lunch and morning tea snacks and drink bottle
- Togs and towel
- Sunblock (we will have some)
- Change of clothes, including something warm
- Car seat if required.
- Floatation aid if non-swimmer



FINAL WORDS: It is a privilege to lead and teach at Poroti School. As some of our Year 8s said Poroti School is a special place with people who genuinely care about others. Being able to cross a third classroom and another teacher off the list was an amazing accomplishment for our school, keeping our class sizes small. It is a great feeling to know we are a school of choice. I wish everyone a safe and happy Festive Season. Enjoy the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you back on February 7th ready for whatever 2025 brings us.



Mrs J

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

Work on the main building will be happening over the holidays so please be aware of this, as there will be contractors on site.

POOL: As we received funding from the Whangarei District Council Community Grants to fix the pool, a decision has been made by the Board to offer Pool Keys this summer

Pool Keys: On sale for \$100. This includes a \$20 refundable bond on the return of the key. Keys are now on sale!! Available from the school where contracts will need to be signed and keys paid for in full. One person is the keyholder and responsible for the key and its use. The pool keys will be operational from the 18th December after school finishes until Mid-March. Pool hours are noted on the contract. Keys will fit the pool and toilet padlock. This is a community service from the school and the school does not make any money from this. We are trusting that those who use the keys do so respectfully and within the contract guidelines. We have someone who is monitoring the pool use and toilet facilities on behalf of the School and the Board. Any concerns will be directed to the School Board and if necessary keys will be withdrawn. We hope you enjoy the pool and we have a hassle-free

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM FOUR	
Friday 13 th December	Beach Day – Leaving school at 9 am.ish
Monday 16 th December	Last day of the Year! Happy Holidays!! See you on 7 th February
TERM ONE - 2025	
Friday 7 th February	First Day Term One



