



# TE POI SCHOOL

**A small school where big things happen.**

**Te Rangatahi:  
Together We Grow**

## Important Dates:

**Term 4 Week 10: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

18<sup>th</sup> December

Prize giving 1.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> December

Talent Show 11am

**Term 4 ends at 12:30pm**

2019 term dates:

T1 04/02/19 – 12/04/19

T2 29/04/19 – 05/07/19

T3 22/07/19 – 27/09/19

T4 14/10/19 – 19/12/19

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PRIZEGIVING 1.30PM TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:

Come and join us in celebrating student achievement for 2018.

### WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TALENT SHOW 11AM:

We are ending the year with a bang! Feel free to join us and even enter your own item for the show.

### MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS:

*Kia Ora. Hello. My name is Karen Taylor and have been working with special needs students and within the junior school at Firth Primary for the last four years. I am thoroughly looking forward to working with the Te Poi Whanau*

*and developing a stimulating and creative learning environment for your tamariki. I am a Mum to three busy boys and love going to the gym, running and family going on adventures.*

**Karen Taylor**

*Children have great imaginations, I hope to keep this going and instill a love of learning and caring about themselves, their families, those around them and the environment. I have seven grandchildren, four in Taranaki and three in Hamilton. My husband is a farmer. We holiday in Whangamata. I love to play golf, run and do crosswords.*

**Bev King**

*Kia Ora, ko Holly taku ingoa... I am 21 years old and I have just graduated from Bethlehem Tertiary Institute. Having grown up on a family farm near Kawhia, I have a rural background and I enjoy being outdoors. I also enjoy sewing, camping, playing the piano or ukulele and four-wheel driving. I have travelled to three different Pacific Island nations to volunteer and teach, which displays the drive I have to serve others with the skills I have. I am looking forward to getting involved in all aspects of school and getting creative with the children, especially, as I enjoy the arts. I am also excited to meet students' whanau as well as the wider Te Poi community.*

**Holly Mansell**

### Principal's Comment:

Kia ora te Whanau. These are my last ramblings for 2018! The formal learning for 2018 has finished – the data has been collected and I can report excellent results across our 3 core learning areas, particularly for our target groups of students. In mathematics our Maori students have jumped from 48% achieving in 2017, to 60% achieving this year. In Reading we achieved 86% achieving across all students with our Maori students jumping from 63% to 83%, and Boys from 61% to 84% achieving. Writing last year was grim at 57% achievement across the school, this has moved to 72% achieving. Maori students have made outstanding gains moving from 26% to 55% achieving. Our girls achieved 94%.

There have been some concerns regarding our 2019 class organisation. This year the Room 9 teachers have established excellent routines and systems that will flow into 2019. My role next year is to be an extra support teacher in the core learning areas in Room 9. We want to assure you that the momentum gained this year will continue into 2019.

Some of you may have heard that I have been awarded study leave in 2019. I will be at school for the first 2 terms to ensure we all have a great start. My replacement will be covering all my teaching and principal duties, to ensure term 3 runs smoothly.

Finally, a thank you to our school community for making 2018 another outstanding year. Be safe and enjoy your summer break. Meri Kirihimete.

**Linda Larsen, Principal**

### 2019 STATIONERY:

We are trialing a new stationery purchasing system for next year. See the OfficeMax pic below and follow the link – you will find your child's room and stationery list and can follow from there.

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Tena Koutou Katoa

2018 for the Te Poi School Board of Trustees has had its challenges but mainly rewarding.

Our Board of Trustees team is made up of Roz Larsen, Lance Schwabauer, Thea McBurney, Troy Bidlake, Sandra Clark our staff rep, Linda Larsen as School Principal and Myself. We are always striving to ensure we reflect the cultural, economic and social needs of our school community so if you feel you have not been heard, please feel that you can let us know.

We started the year with a strong school roll and also with Linda Hammonds and Felicity Stone joining the teaching staff. From there, our fantastic school has grown from strength to strength, with the continuing rise of student achievement and growth evidence of this.

There have been so many other great things happen in our school in 2018. Goals were set and achieved, funds were raised, budgets met, staff and students assessed, Board members trained, policies reviewed and an increase in student achievement both inside and outside of the classroom. All of which we can be proud of.

We have also had a great year of fundraising with our annual Quiz night, Bird feeders, Chicken placement, Bull calf rearing.... just to name a few.

All that we have achieved in 2018 would not have been possible without the much-appreciated strong support of our students, staff, school parents, whanau, Board members and wider community.

So once again, a huge THANK YOU to each and every one who have contributed to our highly successful year in all areas, - we look forward to walking with you all in the future.

Heading into 2019 will see changes to our staff as we bid farewell to Helen Thrupp who has been an amazing office executive for our school for the past 8 years and she will be missed. We also farewell Linda Hammonds and Stephanie Foster. Both these teachers have supported your children to be the best that they can be, and we wish them all the best for their future endeavours. As you may know, Felicity Stone will be taking maternity leave as she and her family eagerly await their new arrival and we wish her all the best.

Lastly, as I have accepted the position of school Office Executive, I have resigned from the Board of Trustees. I am extremely grateful for the past 5 years being part of the Board and it has been an amazing journey, and I thank everyone for their support. In saying that... Next year is election year - have you thought about being part of the Board of Trustees???

Na mihi nui o te Kirihimete, me te tau hou  
Merry Christmas and a happy new year

Hayley Horne  
BOT Chairperson

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Hi everyone,

THANK YOU to all those who have pitched in to help raise funds for our school this year, what an eventful year we have had.

To date we have raised almost \$23,500 and there are still a few more donations to come in, but what an amazing effort! So, couple that with the money already in the bank from 2017, and we have enough to complete the Junior Deck as well as being able to put down a deposit on the new turf for our courts. As a Board, we cannot wait for construction to start so that you can actually see the evidence of all your effort, and all for the benefit of our kids – exciting times!

Here's an overview of the events we held this year and their contribution to our tally:

<b>Quiz Nite</b>	\$8400
<b>Chicken Placement</b>	\$2000
<b>Oxford Pies</b>	\$775
<b>Bull Calves</b>	\$8000
<b>School Cook Book</b>	\$3300
<b>Bird Feeders</b>	\$1000

Once again, THANK YOU for your help and support and we look forward to the exciting changes that are to come in 2019.

Cheers,  
Roz Larsen  
Friends of the School Fundraising Coordinator