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Porirua Montessori
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Pānui

11 August 2025

Upcoming Events and Dates

Open Day: Sat 16th August 9am - 10am

Masjid/Mosque Visit - no cost. TBC

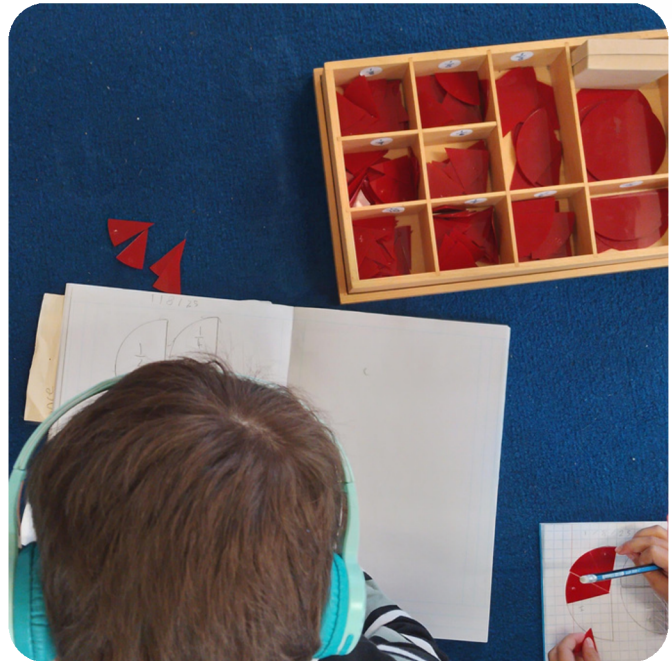
Pool trip TBC - \$6 - We will be travelling by public bus

Monday 15 September
Trip to Wellington Botanic Gardens - \$6.
Please let Lisa know if you can help with transport and supervision

Montessori Quote

"Do not tell them how to do it. Show them how to do it and do not say a word. If you tell them, they will watch your lips move"

Maria Montessori



Many students have been learning about fractions and decimals.

LANGUAGE THAT ENCOURAGES AGENCY

In the weekend we had our termly whānau education meeting. We covered a lot of topics in just over an hour! One of the things we talked about was using language that encourages agency.

Short scripts help make intention visible. Instead of "Good job!", try: "You finished that all by yourself—what helped you?" If a child asks "Do you like it?" First ask the child how they feel about it. By doing so you are showing your child that they can trust their own judgement and don't need an adult to affirm them. Of course saying complimentary words about a child's creation are Important too.

Replace "Stop throwing that" with: "I notice you're throwing blocks. Do you want something from me or should we find something else safer to throw?" These alternatives build connection and invite thinking.

When talking to your child use language that describes, offers choices, and names feelings, this increases a child's vocabulary and grows empathy and self knowledge.



**PORIRUA MONTESSORI
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
AGES 5-13 (YEAR 1-8)

OPEN DAY SAT 16 AUGUST

Come see the school!

9am - 10.30am

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Brain Activities For Relaxed Alertness:

A calming technique we have used at kura:

We place one hand on our forehead and our other on our chest.

Take three deep breaths and as you inhale provide a little pressure to your head and chest.

Swap where your hands are.

Repeat the breathing.

This practice helps to settle the nervous system and also grounds us in our space

MEAL TRAIN - more meals needed please.

Thank you for your awhi and aroha with the kai for the family in our community who needs support. It is very appreciated. We have set up a 'Meal Train' web page to make sure we don't double book. If you do not have a link but want one just email me. Thank you for your aroha.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER - Money was due 8th August please deposit in the school account

VOLUNTEER HOURS

You are welcome to cover your 5 volunteer hours during school time by listening to children read or sorting materials or teaching a skill. Just let me know what an when works.

Every Day Counts

One of the goals of the MOE is for children to be attending kura consistently and everyday. This graphic shows how days off school start to add up.

Calculations are based on a school year being approximately 200 school days.

