

# Leabank Primary School



HE AKONGA MUTUNGA KORE

*Newsletter*

*for*

*13th March 2020*

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Greetings, Tena koutou, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Hola, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Ni hao, Xin chao

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Week 6 - Term

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### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the parents who attended our recent Parent Teacher Interviews. We really appreciate you taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. We hope that you gained some valuable insight into your child's progress so far in school and how they have settled into their new class. We look forward to your continued support throughout the remainder of the school year.



### CLASS PHOTOS



Class Photos will be taken next Tuesday 17th March. Photos will start at 9:00am. Please make sure your child arrives at school on time and in full, clean and tidy uniform or they will miss out on their class photo.

### HIWI THE KIWI SHOW

Yesterday it was a pleasure for Leabank School to have Hiwi the Kiwi with us. Great messages were shared with the children through singing and dancing. The students learned about the importance of wearing a life-jacket when in a boat. Our students are currently learning how to use life jackets correctly during their class swimming lessons. They had fun singing and learning the actions for the 'Kaimoana song'. "Do you know how to handle fish when you go fishing?" Get your child to teach you the Kaimoana song and tell you the rules about handling fish. Check out our school website for photos.



### WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



For the first time ever, Auckland Transport is launching 'Walk to School Day' on 18 March 2020. Join other parents and school students of all ages as we make a change to get more active in the mornings and afternoons and walk to and from school.

Whether you walk as a family or as a group of mates, whether you walk all of the way or part of the way, whether you walk or ride -

give it a try. Collect a ticket from our travelwise team and go into the draw to win a prize.

### COVID-19

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.



The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, 4 students at Auckland Schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of whispered community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the meantime we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

### UPCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM

**Tuesday 17th March: Class Photos**

**Friday 20th March: St Johns Colour Your Day - Mufti Day**

**Tuesday 24th March: Young Leaders Conference**

**Wednesday 25th March: School Open Morning**

**WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL END OF TERM 1 AT 2:55PM**

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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**Protect**  
yourself and others against  
**COVID-19**

**Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow**

**Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag**

**Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing - use soap or hand sanitiser**

**Stay away from others if you're unwell**

**COVID-19 HEALTH ADVICE**  
0800 368 6463

health.govt.nz/COVID-19  
Protect your family/whānau from COVID-19 (coronavirus)

New Zealand Government

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9 - 27 March 2020

Clover Park      Mt Roskill  
Flat Bush      Mt Wellington  
Glen Eden      Otahuhu  
Henderson      Otago  
Mangere      Papakura  
Manurewa      Papatoetoe

Bilingual Hikoi 2020  
**Ka rere te Manurewatanga**  
**Te herenga o ngā waka, Te herenga o ngā tāngata**  
The gathering place of many waka, The gathering place of many people



Join our Facebook Page  
**Bilingual Hikoi 2020**  
Pre-Register for your Passport of Knowledge. Register via platform on the FB page, all passports to be collected on the day of the event. <https://fb.com/leiform.com/210277925804981>

**12.30pm - 4.00pm**  
**Wāhanga Whakamutanga**  
Final Stage  
Manurewa Marae

- Hawera Market
- Maori & Cultural games & kai
- Entertainment
- Sailing Kapa Haka performances
- Pacific Fusion

**11.30am**  
**Wāhanga Tuarua**  
Stage 2

**Bilingual Hikoi Mātauranga Taiao**  
Environmental Knowledge

**9.30am**  
**Wāhanga Tuatahi**  
Stage 1  
Weymouth Rugby Club

- Passport collection
- Have a go local sports
- Child carseat safety

**Manurewa Marae**  
**Māungā**  
**Tāngata**  
**Manu**  
**Awa**  
**Moana**  
**Rākau**  
**Whenua**

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