Leabank Primary School



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Newsletter

for

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Dr Pickering Avenue, Manurewa, Auckland School Telephone: 267 6939 - School Fax: 267 3053 <u>www.leabank.school.nz</u> Greetings, Tena koutou, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Namaste, Malo e Lelei, Hola, Ni hao, Xin chao

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Week 5 - Term



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We have Parent Teacher Interviews coming up next week Wednesday 11th March. School will be finishing at the early time of 1.30pm to allow interviews to commence at 2:00pm. A notice advising you of your appointment time will be sent home with children next Tuesday. **Please keep an eye out for these slips coming home.** Appointment sheets were sent home with children

this week. If you have not sent this back to school and would like to make an appointment, please call the school office to arrange an interview time.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD ASSEMBLY

Today we held our Duffy Caught Being Good Assembly and the following children were selected from their class to receive this award. This award comes with a free Duffy book! Congratulations to the students listed below.



Room	Recipient
1	Wiremu Kingi-Pokaia
4	Pauline Aiga
5	Riya Prasad
6	Mia Kaipo
8	Eden leti
9	Adiela Takau
10	Monson Leapai
11	Leishay-Rose Tauariki
12	Manu Popata
13	Liahn Nathan
14	Mereana Paul
15	Sophie Tupetagi
16	Annastacya Fatu
17	Joanne Unasa
19	Sione Lasike
21	Khadejah Feite
22	Malakai Heihei-Vaifale

<u>CORONAVIRUS</u>

Below is advice issued to schools from the Secretary of Education. We are getting updates daily, have the Public Health Nurse on site daily, have hand sanitisers in all classrooms and are actively encouraging children to wash their hands regularly and cough into the crook of their arm.



TE TĂHUHU O TE MĂTAURANGA

As you will know the Ministry of Health's Director-General announced the second confirmed MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CASE of COVID-19 in New Zealand. The parent of two students - one at Westlake Boys High and one at Westlake Girls High - has been confirmed with

coronavirus (COVID-19). While this is concerning for everyone, there is no risk to students, staff or others at the schools. We want to reassure you that we will continue to update you with the latest information. Some people have been asking when a school might close. The answer is that we are a very long way from that situation. At this stage, there is no reason that children should not be going to school. Our Directors of Education will be discussing some key notification and planning protocols with the local medical officers of Health over the next day or so - we will be working very closely together as the situation evolves. Today in Auckland was a very good example of the speed with which we can mobilise to support you if and when it may be needed.

A decision to close a school if that became necessary would be made by the local medical Officers of Health. As for the current situation in Auckland - there is no risk to students or staff in either of the schools. The two students have not been infectious while they have been at school, and are not considered infectious now.

The letter that both schools sent to their parents explains this, you can read a copy here: Auckland Regional Public Health Service.

In the meantime, we can provide you some further facts from the World Health Organization.

- Evidence from China shows that only 1% of reported cases do not have symptoms, and most of those cases develop symptoms within 2 days.
- Young people 18 years and under represent less than 2.4 per cent of those who have contracted the virus.
- From the data we have so far, COVID-19 does not transmit as efficiently as influenza.

It continues to remain that the best thing to do is to practice good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene:

- Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

Yours sincerely

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