

Leabank Primary School



HE AKONGA MUTUNGA KORE

Newsletter

for

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Greetings, Tena koutou, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei, Ni hao, Namaste, Hola, Xin Chao, As-salamu Alaykum

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Term 2

Week 5 -

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Over the past 2 weeks, we have been pleased to welcome more and more students back to school. We had less than half to start with and just over two thirds this week.

Monday 18th May	183 children	Monday 25th May	242 children
Tuesday 19th May	229 children	Tuesday 26th May	268 children
Wednesday 20th May	221 children	Wednesday 27th May	271 children
Thursday 21st May	233 children	Thursday 28th May	274 children
Friday 22nd May	223 children	Friday 29th May	259 children

We still have 134 children who have not yet returned to school under Alert Level 2.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NOTICE

Dear parent/caregiver, thank you for your support during the last few months, as together we united against the challenges of Covid-19. Alert levels 3 and 2 brought relief for many families and whanau as it was once again safe for their children and young people to physically attend school.

Getting back to a normal routine is important for the health and wellbeing of your children, and being around their peers and teachers will help them feel in control and reassured. Schools are looking forward to welcoming children back to school and making it a positive experience for them and for you.



Regularly attending school really matters when it comes to your child's learning and their future. We are here to help and will be happy to talk about any challenges you have in ensuring your children are back to school. As you know, children under 16 are legally required to attend school every day, unless they are unwell. If they are unwell, please let your school know so it can support you.

WET WEATHER

Once we strike wet weather at the end of the day there will be two possible actions. If it is a short spell of rain and likely to pass quickly we will simply delay releasing any children until the shower has passed.



If heavy rain is likely to persist, children walking home will go as soon as possible in order to get home and dry quickly. Children waiting for parents will go to the school hall. In this event, parents can enter the school grounds, go directly to the hall and collect children. Please be patient and maintain social distancing as much

as possible. Children waiting for older siblings will be brought to the hall for pick up at 3:05 pm.

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

'Tapena sou oso mo lau malaga' which means 'Prepare yourself a gift for your travels' in English. This year's theme urges us to prepare for the journey ahead. It highlights the need to honor, respect and share the gifts of our life's journey. To celebrate Samoan Language Week, some students and staff came to school dressed in their Samoan attire.



MANA HEALTH NURSES IN SCHOOL

Mana Kidz will return at full capacity in Level 2. Our clinics are open at school and we will resume class checks from 25th May onwards. The Mana Kidz health team will be available at the school clinic but will also continue to support whanau and tamariki at home by phone and home visits working under the strict guidelines of the Ministry of Health. The Mana Kidz health teams will have appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure we keep you and your child safe. Your health team will provide you with a phone number for any questions or concerns, including those who are schooling from home.



ManaKidz

Mana Kidz health team can help with the following:

- *Sore throats*
- *Skin health concerns, like eczema or infections*
- *Headlice*
- *Asthma or breathing concerns*
- *Immunisation support*
- *Ear and vision health concerns*
- *Any other health concern your child may have*

Over COVID-19 Levels 3 and 4 there we have been notified of tamariki admissions to hospital for Rheumatic Fever. Some of these whanau are from our communities. Resuming clinic activity within schools and continuing with class checks will help us to reduce and eliminate this from happening as much as possible. If your child needs to be seen by the nurse, please phone the school and let the staff know. If you are concerned for a child who is unwell or has a fever, we advise caregivers to keep the child at home. Alternatively, contact the dedicated Healthline number 0800 358 5453 if you have any questions about the Mana Kidz programme please contact your nurse in the first instance, or us at Mana Kidz Hub 027 567 5241. We will send out regular newsletters to keep you updated of any changes to the Mana Kidz programme. For NZ wide updates and information please see

<https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Yours sincerely

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Request to schools to place in their school newsletters/communications:

Kia ora,

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

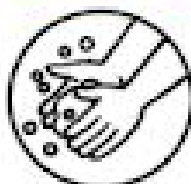
This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website.

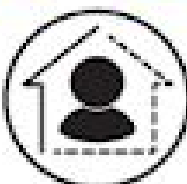
Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

The Children's Community Dental Service.

**Unite
against
COVID-19**



Wash and dry
your hands



Stay home if
you're sick



Cough into
your elbow



Be kind
to others