



# LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers.



## MATARIKI

School Closed Friday 28th June 2024

### WHAT IS MATARIKI?

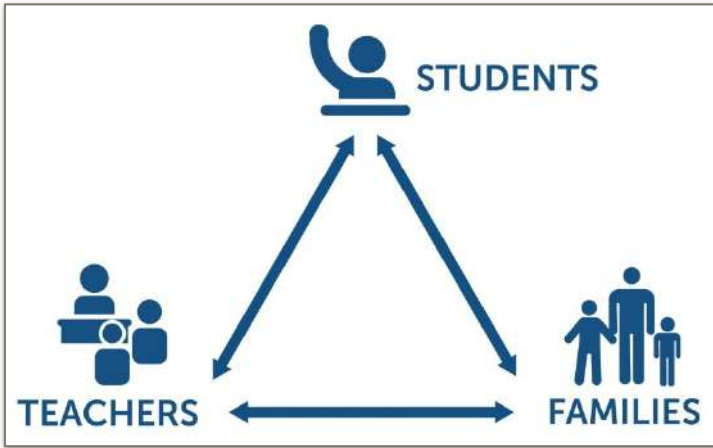
Ko Matariki kei runga, ko te tohu tēnā o te tau! Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in Aotearoa that begins with the rising of the Matariki star cluster.

### HOW IS MATARIKI CELEBRATED?

The twinkling of the Matariki stars in the pre-dawn sky heralds a special celebration for young and old. Across Aotearoa, people come together to remember their ancestors, share food, sing, tell stories and play music. Matariki festivities highlight the Tangata Whenua view of the world. They remind us of the cycle of life and natural ways of marking the passing of time.

### REMEMBERANCE

Matariki, as a marker of transition, was a natural time for families to mourn and honour those who had passed away in the previous year. These loved ones were believed to have transformed into stars – te hunga kua whetūrangitia – shining down from the heavens.



### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW

We acknowledge and thank all the Parents/Caregivers/families that attended the Parent/Teacher Interviews yesterday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are really important as it provides us with great feedback. It is also a great opportunity for parents and teachers to get together and discuss your child's learning progress at school for the first half of the year and highlight areas we can help your child improve and achieve their learning goals.

It was great to see families and students involved in the interview process, however, we were disappointed with the huge drop in families not turning up to their interviews.

Overall attendance to Parent Teacher interviews this term was 61%.

### DUFFY THEATRE

Every year, two groups of travelling actors journey from North Cape to Bluff bringing the message "It's Cool to Read and Cool to Achieve" to tens of thousands of Duffy kids.

This year the Duffy Theatre Show is on its way to perform at Leabank School on Wednesday 3rd July. Duffy kids have the chance to experience a brand new show written just for them -

"Calling Detective Duffy Stat!"

Directed by Jeff Szusterman and

Written by Lauren Jackson.

Duffy has been reading a lot of mystery novels lately and we are lucky he has because a case has come up!

His cousin, Crystal Kea, is a Black Fern but she is facing a crisis! Her stat card has been misprinted at the factory and it is really affecting her skill and confidence. Never fear, Duffy and Scruffy are on the case! Together, using their mystery books as a helpful guide, they must figure out who or what is behind the misprints so Crystal can get back to full form before her next game!

## Calling Detective



### END-OF-TERM NOTES

The last day of this Term is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. School will be finishing at the normal time of 2:55pm.

Please send back any library books or school journals your child may have at home and check the lost property for any items that may belong to your child/ren.



CAUGHT BEING GOOD ASSEMBLY

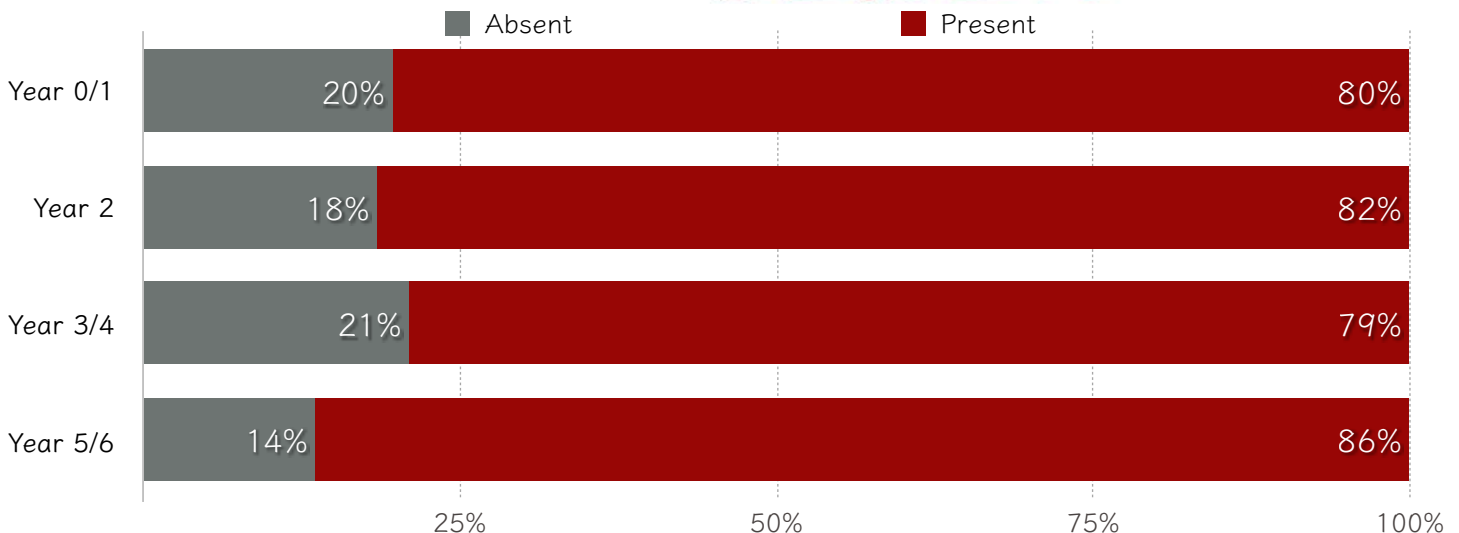
Today we held our Duffy Caught Being Good Assembly and the following children were selected from their class to receive this award. This award comes with a free Duffy book! Congratulations to the students listed below.

Room	Name	Room	Name
1	Tekaha Tetai-Rosieur	13	Ilisoni Lolohea
2	Isley-Rose Pittman Halagigie	14	Divine Balbuena
4	Xia Padernal	15	Michael Leausa
5	'Ana Nonu	16	Halima Nusrat
6	AJ Maynard	17	Adonai Uaita Fata
9	Ahleena Sang Yum	18	Tasi-Ruta Ogevai
10	Denzel Young	19	Lorenzo Hegotule
11	Anna Atonio	21	Hinerangi Timu
12	Tanya Papalii		

BEST CLASS & WEEKLY TOTAL ATTENDANCE

Best class attendance for this short week goes to Room 2 with 93.75% of attendance. Well done and Congratulations Room 2.

*Week 9*  
**ATTENDANCE**  
*82.52%*



## ROTARY BOOK FAIR

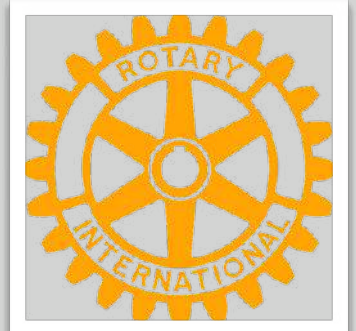
Join us for the Rotary Book Fair, a celebration of literature, community and making a positive impact!

Date: Wed 10 July to Sat 13 July

Time: Wed-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm, Sat 9:00am-2:00pm

Location: Alfriston College, Randwick Park, Manurewa, Auckland

The Rotary Book Fair is back and it's bigger and better than ever before! This four-day extravaganza is a haven for book lovers of all ages, where you can explore an incredible selection of used books spanning various genres, including fiction, non-fiction, children's books and more. From hidden literary gems to beloved classics, our collection has something to ignite the imagination of every reader.



All proceeds from the Book Fair will go directly towards supporting local community groups and charitable projects, ensuring that every page turned leads to a brighter future for those in need.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



3<sup>RD</sup> JULY

Duffy Theatre  
Whole School



5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

End of Term 2  
Normal finish time



7<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Kiribati  
Language Week



22<sup>ND</sup> JULY

Start of Term 3  
Normal start time

Nāku iti noa, nā

R W Maddren  
Tumuaki