



# LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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

Dear Parents/Caregiver

### CHANGES TO SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

This week, the Government announced changes to Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme. These changes do not apply to our school lunches in 2025, but they will apply to us from Term 1, 2026. Next year and in 2026, our students will receive nutritious meals they know and love, helping them to learn and thrive at school.

From Term 1 2026, our lunches will be provided by the School Lunch Collective, led by Compass Group and supported by a number of food manufacturers and suppliers. These hot and cold meals will be delivered daily and will meet the same nutrition standards as our current lunches.



There are no changes for our ākonga with complex special dietary requirements. Their meals and additional funding will continue.



### SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY - LABOUR DAY

A reminder that school will be closed next week on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The school will continue as normal on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### SCHOOL CLOSED TUESDAY - STAFF ONLY DAY

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October will be a staff-only day due to staff training and professional development being scheduled for this day.

The Board of Trustees has agreed to this as it is not safe to release all teachers to attend these meetings while children are at school.

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## SHAKE OUT DRILL

Leabank School participated in an important safety drill yesterday, focusing on how to stay safe during an earthquake as part of the Aotearoa New Zealand ShakeOut Drill. We can say that our students are well prepared and know the steps "Drop, Cover and Hold".

KOIA KEI A KOUTOU LEABANK SCHOOL 😊



## ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Our funding and staffing are mainly dependent on our school roll. The Ministry of Education has greatly reduced this for 2025 which means that we could lose 2-3 teachers, a lot of funding and have much less ability to provide the best that we can for your children.

At present, we have just ten students pre-enrolled through to 1st March 2025. We can apply for an increase to this estimate but do need to provide evidence of future enrolments. If you have children due to start school, please pre-enrol these children so that we can make a case to the Ministry of Education for more realistic funding and staffing.

Please come to the school office to collect an enrolment form. Take it home, complete the forms and return the forms to the office as soon as possible. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport, proof of address, plunket book or updated immunisation records with your enrolment form.

### PHOTOLIFE: CLASS, PORTRAITS & SIBLING PHOTOS

Class, Portraits and Sibling photos are ready to order. Yesterday, students were handed their Photolife Unique Codes to bring home. These forms will have the student's unique online photo access key. Parents can view photos, order and pay online directly to Photolife. Please note that the process for ordering photos has changed. Leabank School will no longer be taking orders or handling photo money.

### ALL THESE GO DIRECTLY TO PHOTOLIFE.

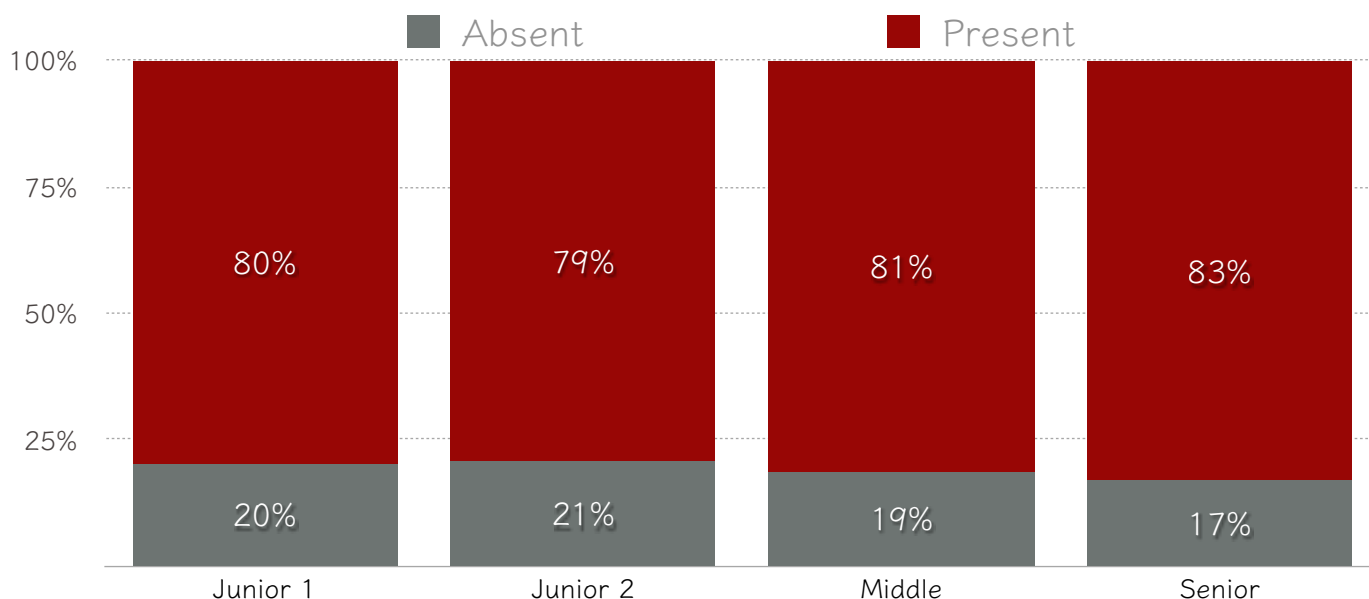
Do not contact the school office regarding your child/ren's class photo, portrait and sibling photos. You can contact Photolife directly if you have any questions. Their contact details will be on the slip that your child brought home.

**\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES MIDNIGHT SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER\*\***

### BEST CLASS & WEEKLY TOTAL ATTENDANCE

Best class attendance for this week goes to Room 7 and 19. They both achieved an impressive nearly perfect attendance rate of 91% 🤗. Well done and Congratulations to Room 7 and 19.

# Term 4 - Week 2 ATTENDANCE 81%



Nāku iti noa, nā

R W Maddren  
Tumuaki



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**TERM 4 CLASS**

**11 Nov to 29 Nov.  
9.30am-12.30pm**

**Mon – Wed - Fri**

**30 hours – Digital  
Literacy Course**

**Eligibility: Ages 16  
upwards. Must  
NOT have NCEA  
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