

Leabank Primary School



He akoranga mutunga kore

Newsletter
For
3rd February 2012

Greetings, Tena koutou, Kia orana, Tolofa lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e Lelei,
Namaste

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to school for 2012.

We would like to welcome all the new students and families to our school as well as three new teachers Mrs Kung in Room 18, Mrs Annie Tuumatavai in Room 5 and Mrs Ireland in Room 10.

Waitangi Day

Monday is Waitangi Day, school will be **closed on Monday** to observe this statutory holiday.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will not be starting until week 3, 13th February.



Distribution of Fresh Fruit

The commencement of the daily supply of fresh fruit to the children will start week 3 13th February also.

Fruit Allergies

Again we remind you that if your child has an allergy to a particular fruit **please make sure the classroom teacher is aware** of this as the children are given a free piece of fruit each day.



Achievement Awards

The following children are to be congratulated on gaining Achievement Awards recently.



Sunsmart

Please make sure your child has a sunhat to wear at school during the school breaks. We are a Sunsmart school.

GENERAL SCHOOL NOTICES

School Hours

All children should be at school by 8.45 am so that they are ready to go into class at 9.00 am when the first bell rings.

Although we allow children into the school ground from 8 am onwards, the school does not accept responsibility for pupils who arrive before 8.20 am.

Our first break is at 11.00 am to 11.40 am.

Our second break is at 1.00 pm – 1.40 pm.

We do not shorten the lunch hour on wet days. **School closes at 3 pm**, regardless of weather conditions.

Students Arriving Late to School

Any students who arrive at school after the 9.00 am bell must go immediately to the school office and report in. This is to ensure we keep a track of attendance and student safety.

Absences and Lateness of Pupils

The regulations require parents to write a note or ring the Office explaining the reasons for a pupil's absence or lateness. Where there is obviously going to be a prolonged absence of more than two days, the school should be contacted and a message left with the School Secretary. A note is still necessary when the pupils return to school. If children are away or continually late without explanation from home, parents will be contacted by letter or Truancy Officer.

Options of reporting your child's absence If your child is away you now have the following options to contact the school – Phone 267 6939 Ext 705

Fax 267 3053

Email admin@leabank.school.nz

Mobile 027 273 4487

or Report in person to the school office

Please include child's name, room number and number of days they will be absent if leaving a message or texting.

Visitors

Visitors to the school need to sign in and out at the school office so that we are aware of who is in the school. This is for the protection of the children and staff from potential threat from unknown persons and it is necessary for us to know of all people on-site in the event of an emergency.

There is a Visitors Book at the school office which **all** visitors need to sign.

Ordering School Lunches

Just a reminder that school lunches are ordered through your child's classroom and must be in by **9 am each day**. If you have missed the classroom ordering please organise your child's lunch and return it to the school office **named and with room number** on and it will be given to your child.

School Banking

School banking is available for the children and we have a secure drop off box in the office. Children can put their deposit banking envelopes directly into the box at any time.



Yours sincerely

R W Maddren
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The **Triple P Research Group** at the University of Auckland is investigating the effectiveness of a new version of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Group Program. The programme aims to enable fathers and mothers to develop positive relationships with their child and manage children's behaviour in a constructive way.

We are looking for parents of a child aged between **3-8 years** who want to enhance their child's development and who have some concerns about their child's behaviour

What does participation involve?

- Both fathers and mothers from each family will attend **five 2 hour group sessions** and **three 20 minute telephone consultations** over **eight consecutive weeks**. **The programme will be delivered by a trained Triple P practitioner.**
- Group sessions will be held in convenient community locations in Auckland
- Both parents will complete questionnaires at **three time periods**.

The programme is completely **free of charge** and includes helpful materials for you to keep.

If you are interested in participating in the research, or would like further information, please contact Tenille Frank on 09 623 8899 ext 83042 or tj.frank@auckland.ac.nz

APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HUMAN PARTICIPANTS ETHICS COMMITTEE on 9/8/2011 for 3 years. Reference 2011/260

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Papakura Hockey Player registration For All Juniors Youth and Senior players muster's at Rosehill College Turf (entrance off Rosehill Drive.) Sat 11th Feb 10-11am Sun 19th Feb 1-2pm For further details Contact Sue 0272555933 or sneems@xtra.co.nz or Linda Lawson 298 7786 For an online registration form view <http://papakurahockey.wikispaces.com/>

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The Green Paper for Vulnerable Children: Norm Hewitt asks us to “*Say something* and change children's lives.”

Like me, as parents I'm sure you feel angry and sad another every time another child is deliberately hurt – or worse – by their caregiver. Each year, around 10 of our children – our own tamariki – are killed by the very people they are supposed to rely on for protection, while at least 160,000 children are living in conditions that mean they are unlikely to reach their potential. We know the factors that make these children vulnerable – the big question is how can we fix them? What needs to change to make New Zealand a great, safe place to bring up kids?

These are the types of questions the Government's Green Paper for Vulnerable Children asks. Released in July last year, this discussion document is asking what *we* think should be changed to ensure all children reach their full potential. We need as many New Zealanders as possible to answer – it doesn't matter what you say; you just need to *say something*. We aren't powerless to stop child abuse – this is something we can all do to help.

Please take the time to go to www.saysomething.org.nz and have your say. You can also mail in a submission, or post comments on Facebook or Twitter. After the submissions are read, a Children's Action Plan will be developed and released during 2012. As parents, you know what it's like to raise a child in New Zealand; you are the experts. So, please, do your part to become part of this critical conversation. **Submissions close on February 28.**

Nāku noa, nā

Norm Hewitt
Champion. Green Paper for Vulnerable Children