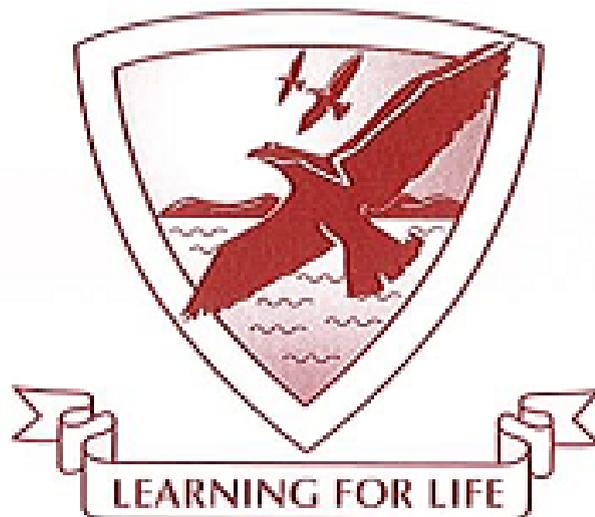


# *Leabank Primary School*



HE AKONGA MUTUNGA KORE

*Newsletter*  
*for*  
*Thursday 23rd June 2022*

The background of the newsletter title features a faint, light-colored illustration of a traditional Maori meeting house (hau) with intricate carvings. The illustration is surrounded by several yellow, multi-pointed stars of varying sizes, arranged in a circular pattern around the building.

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Greetings, Tena Koutou, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei, Hola, Namaste, Ni Hao, Xin Chao.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 2 - Week 8

**MATARIKI - PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

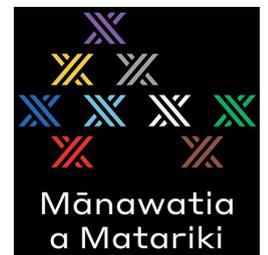
# School Closed Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## What is Matariki?

Ko Matariki kei runga, ko te tohu tē nā o te tau! Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand 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 New Zealand, 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.

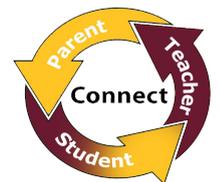


## Remembrance

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 whetū rangitia – shining down from the heavens.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE NIGHT**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in week 10 of this term, Wednesday 6th July 2022. Interviews will be held between 2:00pm and 7:00pm. School will finish at 1:30pm on this day to allow the interviews to start at 2:00pm. Please keep this date free to meet your child's classroom teacher.



This is an excellent opportunity for you to find out what is happening with your child's learning throughout the year, and their homework requirements and also share any information about your child that you feel would help them learn at school.

## ATTENDANCE FOCUS

We love it when our students come to school and we worry when they don't. We know this is a hard time and some absences may be due to illness, fear of Covid-19, quarantine or challenges experienced in school or the community. It may be stressful getting back into a routine of attending school every day but we need you to please do your best to ensure that your child attends school every day, setting them up for a good education and ensuring your child has success at school.

At the moment our attendance data is very concerning and too many children are staying home for no justified reason. We are also noting that some children are only attending school 2 or 3 days a week which is disruptive to their learning.



All the research proves that students who are regularly absent from school and/or late for school do not achieve their full potential and are more likely to fall behind in their learning compared to those students that attend regularly.

### "EVERY DAY COUNTS"

IF YOUR CHILD MISSES	THAT EQUALS TOO	WHICH IS	OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL THAT'S
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year (Nearly one school term)	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year (Nearly two school terms)	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year (Over two school terms)	Nearly 8 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then,

**YES attendance does matter!**

### TERM 2 UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent/Teachers Conference : Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

End of Term 2 : Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Yours sincerely

R W Maddren  
Principal

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### KO AO, KO MANOREWA, KO MANOREWA, KO AO

(I AM MANOREWA AND MANOREWA IS ME)

#### Te Pepeha o Manorewa

Ko Matukotoreia me Matukotororo nga Maunga

Ko Te Pohinui te awa

Ko Tainoi te waka

Ko Manorewa te marae

Ko Ngati te Ata, Te Akitai te hapu

Ko Te Waiohua, Waikato te iwi

Ko Te Manuka o Hutoroa te moana

Do you know our Pepeha o Manorewa? Have a go at reciting and practicing this. As citizens of Manorewa remembering your connection to Manorewa is part of who you are.

**Karawhoia whānau mā!** (give it heaps, family!)

**Whakanoia te tamaiti** (positive praise) **mō tēnei wiki** (for this week)

**KA MAO TE WEHI - THAT'S AMAZING!**



9.30am - 2.30pm  
**SATURDAY**  
18 JUNE / 2022

Te Matariki Clendon Community Centre and  
Te Pātaka Kōrero o Waimāhia (Clendon Library)

# MATARIKI

## MANUREWATANGA

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
The Māori New Year

*Matariki is a time to gather with whānau (family) and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and plan for the future.*

 Matariki Manurewatanga 2022

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT THERE WILL BE  
TE RED, RONGOA MĀORI, WAI & MARAMATAKA WORKSHOPS  
TOROPIKOPIKO PUPPETRY & TAMARIKI ACTIVATIONS  
KYOKUSHIN KARATE DOJO IN TE RED MĀORI  
AKO KEMU MĀORI PROGRAMME - MĀORI ARTS & CRAFTS  
AFTER DARK ENTERTAINMENT & THOMAS STOWERS  
YUMMY MĀORI KAI BY MAIHI & CO and SO MUCH MORE

A CALENDAR OF WORKSHOPS & DELIVERY PARTNERS COMING SOON

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY FUNDED BY



**FOOD  
FASHION  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
HOT BEVERAGES  
ENTERTAINMENTS  
WELLBEING**

*Vibes*

**PASEFIKA  
Vibes  
MARKET DAY  
MANUREWA**

Saturday  
25 June 8am - 3pm  
17 Palmers Road  
Te Matariki Clendon  
Community Rec & Library

 [pasefikavibes](https://www.instagram.com/pasefikavibes)  [Pasefika-Vibes-Market-Day](https://www.facebook.com/Pasefika-Vibes-Market-Day)

  Te Matariki  
Te Pātaka Kōrero o  
Waimāhia