

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 3 - Week 8

BOOK WEEK

We are celebrating Book Week next week and will be encouraging all students to read in their spare time at school. If you are CAUGHT READING, you could win yourself a spot prize and a certificate. We will also be having special guests come into the classrooms to read their favourite stories to classes. Grab a book and read in your spare time. It's cool to read!

On Friday, we will be having our "Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day" and we will be having a GRAND PARADE from 9:30am to 10:20am!!! There are PRIZES for the most creative costumes. We want children to create a great costume from things they find at home, please do not spend money on buying a costume. We want to get as many students participating in the parade as possible. It's all about participating and having fun, rather than being an audience, though all are welcome to come along to watch the GRAND PARADE.



DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

Each year, Duffy Books in Homes Role Models will help give out almost 650,000 books in the hope of improving literacy and securing a better future for the upcoming generation of Aotearoa New Zealand children who need it most. The Role Model programme is one of our most popular and valuable assets in terms of the benefits for Duffy students. It is a pivotal way of promoting our message "**It's Cool to Read and Cool to Achieve**".

Duffy Role Models from all walks of life give out books to Duffy kids from the Far North right through to Southland during Role Model assemblies. This week it was an honour to have Dahlia Malaeulu come in on Wednesday to speak to our students. Dahlia Malaeulu is an award-winning Pasifika author, publisher and creator of Mila's Books - Pasifika children's books that help tamaiti to be seen, heard and valued as Pasifika. Here are a few photos of our Duffy Role Model assembly. More photos are on our Facebook page and the School website.



TE WIKI O TE REO MAORI

Whakatauki ō tēnei wiki (Proverb of the week) - "Tōku reo, tōku ohooho, tōku reo, tōku mapihi maurea". My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.

Ko te kaupapa matua mō tenei wiki, whakanuia Te Wiki ō Te Reo Māori me te Petihana 50 i tēnei tau. Ka akongia rātou i nga kupu hou, whakautu i ngā pātai, Te pepeha o Manurewa me etahi waiata. Wetiweti ana ki te kite i nga Tamariki, e kōrero Māori ana, ahakoa te iti, he kōrero e hononga i a rātou reo taketake. Kia kaha tātou ki te kōrero Māori!

This week Leabank School celebrated Māori Language week and the 50-year anniversary of the Te Reo Māori Petition. Tamariki has been answering questions during their lunch breaks, learning Te Pepeha ō Manurewa and new words. It has been awesome to see the Tamariki ō Leabank kōrero in Māori and make connections with our Reo Taketake (native tongue).

DRIVING AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

There has been an increase in the number of parents stopping in front of the gate to drop off or collect their children. The congestion this creates is a hazard and safety issue waiting for an accident to happen. Please do the right thing and keep all of our students safe.

Slow down around schools and make sure you're always ready to stop quickly, as children can

behave unpredictably. Have children get out of your vehicle on the footpath side of the car. <u>DO NOT</u> park in front of the gate to drop off or collect your children or use this area to turn your car around. Find a safe area to park and encourage your children to use the pedestrian crossing. We have trained Road Patrollers at the pedestrian crossing every day to help get your children to and from school safely.

TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS	
19 th September - 23 rd September	- Book Week
23 rd September	- Book Week Parade
25 th September - 1 st October	- Tuvalu Language Week
26 th September	- Queen Elizabeth II State Memorial (One-Off Public Holiday)
30 th September	- Term 3 Ends
17 th October	- Term 4 Starts

Yours sincerely

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