LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



HE AKONGA MUTUNGA KORE



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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 3 - Week 8

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

Next week from the 11th to 17th September it is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. The theme is "Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger" – will continue this year, picking up from where it left off in 2022. Māori Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975. This special week is an opportunity for the concentrated celebration and promotion of te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language.

For Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, we will be focussing on learning different phrases that we could say to each other, at school and also at home.

LITTLE BO PEEP'S MOBILE FARM

Due to the unpredictable weather this week, the farm visit has been postponed to **Tuesday 19th September**.

Little Bo Peeps has a gorgeous barnyard of friendly animals and ponies available for interaction, education and riding for all occasions. Our animals are cherished family pets and all enjoy a fabulous free-range lifestyle at home.



They are all extremely content, friendly and calm. A lot of them are rescued and rehabilitated with lots of TLC and others are pedigree/exotic and/or miniature breeds, this makes Little Bo Peeps something different from your average farm experience.

PHOTOLIFE CLASS, INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

Class photos, Portraits and sibling photos were all taken on the 30th of August. The process for ordering photos has changed. **School will no longer be taking orders or handling photo money.** Students will be issued a unique photo code or classroom code for their photos that parents can use to order and pay online. **ALL THESE GO DIRECTLY TO PHOTOLIFE**.



Children will be given these unique codes to take home for families wanting to order Class, Portrait and sibling photos when the photos are ready.

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

"E tu'uloa 'a e Lea faka-Tonga 'o ka lea'aki 'i 'api, siasí (lotú), mo e nofo-'a-kāingá", which means the "Tongan Language will be sustainable if used at home, church and in the wider community".

The word **TU'ULOA** in the theme has a positive and progressive purpose which means to continuously grow, nurture, and sustain a valued idea, practice, event, or memory in an enduring way. This year's theme focused on the importance of using lea Faka-Tonga. It impressed on us the need to understand lea Faka-Tonga and use it as much as possible at home, church and in the broader community. When you are proud of your language and can speak it, you will also be more grounded in your identity as a Tongan.

To celebrate Uike Lea Faka-Tonga here at Leabank School, students and staff came to school dressed in Tongan attire.



TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

19th September - Little Bo Peep's Mobile Farm
13th September - Inter-School Basketball
20th September - Whole School Spelling Bee
22nd September - End of Term 3

Yours sincerely

R W Maddren Principal

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