

# LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter for 10th November 2023

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

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Week 5

### DIWALI: THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS.

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil. It also celebrates the blessings of victory, freedom and enlightenment. To celebrate Diwali, a few students and staff members came to school dressed in their cultural attire



### CULTURAL CONCERT

This year, we are holding our Cultural Concert outdoors on **Thursday 23rd November** at 5:30pm. This concert is a celebration of the arts and different cultures. This is also a wonderful way for the children to experience performing in front of an audience and share what they have learned. We invite you all to join us in celebrating diversity in our school with performances from our Kapa Haka, Choir, Tongan, Poly Diverse and Indian Cultural Groups.

On the day of the performance, your child will need to be back at school at 4:00pm in order to get dressed and be ready to perform at 5:30pm. All tamariki will be expected to stay to the end. You will be able to collect your child after the final performance.

ONLY STAFF members will be permitted into the classrooms where the students will be changing in and out of their costumes. This is a health and safety requirement and we ask that you respect this so you are not offended when you are refused entry inside the classrooms. This is to keep all of our children safe.

Photo packs will be available for purchase throughout the weeks leading up to the Cultural Concert. A permission slip was sent home early this week with the prices and order form. This will include a beautiful group photo and an individual photo. There will also be sibling photos available for purchase of ONLY children who are part of the cultural groups and performing on the night. The prepaid photo packs will be available for you to pick up on the night of the concert. **If you wish to purchase a photo pack, please fill in the form and return it along with the money to the teacher.**

### CAUGHT BEING GOOD ASSEMBLY

Today we held our Duffy Caught Being Good Assembly for the end of this term and the following children were selected from their class to receive this award. This award comes with a free Duffy book! Congratulations to the students listed below.

ROOM	NAME	ROOM	NAME
1	Kitione Finau	12	Ivy Talalima
2	Talalelei Laalaai	13	Charnces Brown
4	Shohi Moji Ullah	14	Elijah Mata
5	Aveta Feki	15	Ayvah-Leigh Maihi
6	Aiden Pang	16	Vijay Pilitati
7	Cortez Clarke	17	Ahurei Heremia-Tito
9	Grace Topping	18	Layla-Kade Rangitukunoa
10	Tobias Cooper	21	Nytrous Haa-Masaga
11	Zoya Ali	22	Brittany Salvador

### ENROLLING FOR 2024

If you have a child turning 5 and still need to enrol them, please come to the school office to collect an enrolment form. You can take it home, complete it and return the forms to us. We will make an appointment for you to speak to our Deputy and Associate Principal.

Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate or passport, proof of address, and plunket book or updated immunisation records. If your child/ren was born overseas please bring a copy of visa documents.

### MANUREWA INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENT FORMS

All year 6 students who intend on attending Manurewa Intermediate next year please return their completed enrolment forms to the school office as soon as possible. If you have not received an enrolment pack or have lost yours, please contact Manurewa Intermediate.

Please go through the checklist at the front of the enrolment form and make sure that you have completed, signed and returned all the forms required. Please remember to provide a proof of address document.



### TERM 4 UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 23rd November	-	Cultural Concert at 5:30pm
Thursday 30th November	-	Rainbows End (Road Patrol students only)
Tuesday 5th December	-	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 14th December	-	Senior School Athletics Day

Yours sincerely

R W Maddren  
Principal

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**Mental  
Health  
First Aid  
Aotearoa**



**Mental Health First Aid Aotearoa** About 1 in 5 New Zealand adults experience challenges with mental health in any year. This means that at some stage, everyone will have close contact with someone experiencing mental health challenges. Would you know how to respond? A Mental Health First Aid course will teach you how to provide initial support to adults who may be experiencing mental health challenges or mental health crisis, until the crisis resolves, or specialist help is accessed, using a practical evidence-based Action Plan.

Why attend a Mental Health First Aid course? Evaluations consistently show that Mental Health First Aid training improves understanding of the mental health challenges people experience, their options for treatments and helpful first aid strategies. Participants report increased confidence in their ability to offer Mental Health First Aid which enables early access to help. The training also decreases stigma and discrimination that many people with mental health and addiction challenges experience.

*\*Who can attend this course? **Anyone over 18** can attend. Note: This course is not a therapy or a support group. For more information visit [www.mentalhealthfirstaid.nz](http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.nz)*

**4 Mornings only, you must attend all 4 to be a certified Mental Health First Aider:**

**Date: Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, and Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

**Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm Refreshments, Manual and other resources provided.**

**Venue: Leabank School**

**Register free at the Leabank School Community Centre. Contact Julie Segi, Community Liaison Officer.**

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