# LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter for 22nd March 2024

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Greetings, Tena koutou, Kia orana, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Bula Vinaka, Fakalofa lahi atu, Namaste, Ni Hao, Kamusta.

## Dear Parents/Caregivers

Week 8

#### LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY PICKUPS



It is concerning how many students are arriving late to school each day. Our school hours are 8:55am to 2:55pm. Please ensure your child/ren arrives at school before school starts at 8:55am. Students disrupt class when arriving late and also miss out on valuable learning time.

School finishes at 2:55pm and we regularly see many children being picked up as early as 2:00pm. Early pickups should only be for urgent matters and not a common event. There has been an increase in people wanting to collect students 10 to 30 minutes early each day which is very disruptive to classes and time-consuming for office staff. Please don't get offended when the office staff ask you to provide a reason for the early pick up.

#### **DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY**

Next week on Tuesday, Duffy Books in Homes have a surprise in store for Leabank School students. We are thrilled to announce that the children entertainer, Suzy Cato, will be joining us as our special guest for the Duffy Role Model Assembly. This assembly is going to be a wonderful one as it will be recorded for their new promo video.



Some lucky students might even get a chance to answer questions from the film crew. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to meet Suzy Cato and be a part of this memorable event!

Being a Duffy Role Model is more than just having a recognisable face or an impressive career. 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' It's more than just a motto, this is a message that our Role Models have lived and breathed. They might be a successful sportsperson, entertainer or author or perhaps have made an invaluable contribution to their community – what makes them the same is that they recognise the importance of books and reading to our children.

#### LOST PROPERTY

If your child/ren didn't bring their jumper or jacket home, please have them check the designated lost property classrooms for their belongings. We've noticed a large number of uniform jumpers and jackets being left behind around the school grounds.

#### EASTER WEEKEND

A reminder that school will be closed next week over the Easter Weekend break as listed below:

Fri 29th Mar	_	Good Friday
Mon 1st Apr	_	Easter Monday
Tues 2nd Apr	_	Easter Tuesday

School will open and continue as normal on Wednesday 3rd April.

#### DRIVING AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The traffic congestion seems to worsen day by day and our roads are becoming very unsafe for our school children. The increased number of parents stopping in front of the gate to drop off or collect their children and driving on the footpath blocking students walking to and from school adds to the congestion, creating a hazard and safety issue waiting for an accident to happen. There is also an increase in parents NOT using the pedestrian crossing when crossing the road with their children. Children are now following suit. Let's be good role models and do the right thing by teaching our children to use the pedestrian crossing and safely cross the road.

<u>DO NOT</u> drive in the car park or park in front of the gate, <u>DO NOT</u> drive onto the footpath and block the children from walking, find a safe area to park and encourage your children to use the pedestrian crossing. We have school staff and trained Road Patrollers at the pedestrian crossing every day to help get your children to and from school safely.

### <u>UPCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM</u> Friday 12th April – End of Term 1

Yours sincerely, R W Maddren Principal 'Young at Art offer Children's, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe.

Our Holiday workshops are open for booking. These holidays we are offering Papier Mache, Acrylic & Watercolour Painting, Printing, Craft, Mixed Media and illustration workshops in PUKEKOHE and ARARIMU.

Term 1 ART ADVENTURES after school classes are open for booking in groups for children aged 6–9yrs, 9–12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. If there is no space in your chosen class please email Anna to join the waiting list we often have an odd spot come up at the beginning of term.

Adult workshops include watercolour, Resin Art and Family Mixed Media workshops.

For more information or to book please check out <a href="www.youngatart.co.nz">www.youngatart.co.nz</a> or email <a href="admin@youngatart.co.nz">admin@youngatart.co.nz</a>. Bookings are essential as places are limited'
Your support is very much appreciated. Don't forget we are more than happy to offer Young at Art vouchers towards your calf club or gala fundraisers as a thank you.

