



# LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

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

Dear Parents/Caregiver

### MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI

What is Matariki? Matariki is a star cluster that appears in the early morning sky in Aotearoa during the mid-winter months. The star cluster is well known worldwide and can be seen around the globe at different times of the year. It is one of the brightest clusters in the sky, containing hundreds of member stars.

This year, Leabank School celebrated Matariki with three days of fun, learning and togetherness inspired by the Māori New Year. Our celebration kicked off with a Whole School Soup Wednesday, where our tamariki generously brought bags of kumara, potatoes and other vegetables to contribute to a delicious shared soup. This special day reflected the spirit of kotahitanga – unity and working together. Thursday last week, students came dressed as their favourite Matariki star, showcasing their creativity and knowledge of the Matariki cluster. From colourful costumes to thoughtful symbolism, it was a joy to see their interpretations come to life. We wrapped up our celebration with our very own Matariki Disco, where students let loose and danced their hearts out in celebration of the Māori New Year. A big thank you to our staff, students and whānau for making this a memorable celebration.





## BOOK LAUNCH: MATARIKI & PUANGA

This week, we celebrated the launch of 'Te Whetū o Te Kōrero' – Story of a Star. The stories in the pukapuka were written by 12 students who are now published authors. With funding from the Manurewa Local Board for this project and writing support from author David Riley, this book was possible.



### TERM 3 PARENTS/TEACHERS CONFERENCE NIGHT

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in Term 3, week 2 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This year, we are introducing a new online booking system to make it easier for families to schedule their appointments. A Google Form link will be sent out to you via text and email. Please make sure you fill in the form and submit it, to secure your preferred time.

Confirmation of your booked times will be sent out in week 1 of Term 3.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

### CAUGHT BEING GOOD ASSEMBLY

Congratulation to all recipients who received our 'Caught Being Good Award' at assembly today.

|    |                            |    |                   |
|----|----------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Liam Talla                 | 13 | Kritika Kritika   |
| 2  | Dennis Maynard             | 14 | Nathaniel Manu    |
| 4  | Katelyn Lopaauro Meyer     | 15 | Aahan Graak       |
| 5  | Abel Potae                 | 16 | Wattie Misi       |
| 7  | Juanna-Leigh Mataroria     | 17 | Nicholai Hekelagi |
| 9  | Amy Potae                  | 18 | Savannah Gates    |
| 10 | Blessing Topping           | 19 | Faith Morgan      |
| 11 | Grace Topping              | 20 | William Moala     |
| 12 | Catalaya Whakaara-Tamihana |    |                   |

### THAT'S A WRAP FOR TERM 2

We have made it to the end of Term 2! A huge thank you to all our amazing parents and whānau for your ongoing support, smiles and your morning energy.

As we head into the two week break, Leabank School wishes you a safe, warm and restful holiday. Whether you are adventuring outdoors or snuggling under a blanket with hot chocolate and a movie, enjoy every moment!

We can't wait to see all our tamariki back, refreshed and ready for Term 3 on Monday 14th July at 8:55am. Reminder to everyone that the school gates open from 8:15am.

Stay safe, stay dry and stay warm.

Naku iti noa, na

Caroline McLeod  
Tumuaki



## TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Kiribati Language Week – School Holidays 6<sup>th</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3 Begins – 14<sup>th</sup> July at 8:55am

Vanuatu Language Week – 27<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Senior School Field Trip – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

30TH JUNE – 11TH JULY 2025  
FOR CHILDREN 5 TO 12 YEARS



OUR PEOPLE  
OUR PARK  
OUR COMMUNITY



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME  
30 JUNE — 11 JULY

Last week  
to register!

NATHAN HOMESTEAD  
PUKEPUKE



## TE MATARIKI CLENDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

|          | Monday 30 June 2025   | Tuesday 1 July 2025  | Wednesday 2 July 2025  | Thursday 3 July 2025   | Friday 4 July 2025  |
|----------|---|--|--|--|---|
| 5-8 yrs  | <b>SCAVENGER HUNT</b> \$39.00<br>Let's go on a scavenger hunt! Who will be the first to solve all the clues and be the winner?                                | <b>ARTS AND CRAFT</b> \$40.00<br>We've got lots of amazing activities to do today! Different stations will be set up for our kids to enjoy the whole day at the centre.  | <b>MUSEUM</b> \$43.00<br>Come with us to check out the latest exhibitions at the Auckland Museum.  | <b>INFLATABLE DAY</b> \$38.00<br>Jump, tumble and slide. We're bringing out the bouncy castle and zorb's for a day of inflated madness!                                  | <b>GAME ON</b> \$65.80<br>Put your gaming skills to the test as we head to Game On Takanini! Don't forget your hat and lunch—we're off to the park afterwards for some outdoor fun! |
| 9-13 yrs | <b>SPORTS DAY</b> \$38.00<br>Back by popular demand. Create your team chant, logo and flag, gather points throughout the day. Will your team come out on top? | <b>MUSIC MADNESS</b> \$38.00<br>Come and put your musical skills to the test as we explore and learn to play a range of unique instruments. What will be your favourite? | <b>PARK TO PARK</b> \$43.00<br>Curious about what Tāmaki Makaurau has to offer? Join us as we explore park after park in search of the best one! |  |   |
|          | Monday 7 July 2025  | Tuesday 8 July 2025  | Wednesday 9 July 2025  | Thursday 10 July 2025  | Friday 11 July 2025   |
| 5-8 yrs  | <b>BATTLE OF THE SOUTH</b> \$43.00<br>The challenge is on! Bring your A game as we take on our other holiday programmes. Bring your togs!                     | <b>NINJA DAY</b> \$38.00<br>Race through the ultimate obstacle course and put your ninja skills to the test! Are you quick enough to conquer Ninja Day? Let's find out!  | <b>PARK TO PARK</b> \$43.00<br>Curious about what Tāmaki Makaurau has to offer? Join us as we explore park after park in search of the best one! | <b>MUSIC MADNESS</b> \$38.00<br>Come and put your musical skills to the test as we explore and learn to play a range of unique instruments. What will be your favourite? | <b>WE'RE OFF TO THE MOVIES</b> \$66.00<br>Join us for a relaxing time as we kick back and enjoy the latest movie! Popcorn and drinks are on us!                                     |
| 9-13 yrs |   |  | <b>ACTIVZONE</b> \$43.00<br>We are heading to the Indoor Sports Arena in Glenfield—time to lace up and skate the day away!                       | <b>ARTS AND CRAFT</b> \$40.00<br>We've got lots of amazing activities to do today! Different stations will be set up for our kids to enjoy the whole day at the centre.  |   |

Please note: if your child is bringing a bike, scooter, or skates - a helmet must be worn, and we cannot guarantee time during the programme to use their wheels.