



LEABANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025

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

Dear Parents/Caregiver

WELCOME TO LEABANK SCHOOL

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Joey Lerios to Leabank School. Mrs Lerios will be teaching in Room 6. We are so excited to have her passion, energy and experience added to our amazing teaching team. We would also like to welcome Mr Allan Barrogo to our support team as our new caretaker.

SCHOOL READY CLASS GRADUATION

Congratulations to the graduates of our School-Ready Class.

Over the past few weeks of Term 2 and 3, they have truly thrived, enhancing their social skills through engaging play-based activities. School-Ready room provides our tamariki with a nurturing and stimulating environment provided by Mrs Ah-Ling and Whaea Mary Ann. They have transitioned to their year 1 class with their new teacher Mrs Lerios in Room 6.



EPETOMA O TE REO MĀORI KŪKI AIRANI

This year, Leabank School celebrated Epetoma o Te Reo Māori Kūki Airani under the beautiful theme:

“Ātuituiia au ki te raurau a tōku matakeinanga”

“Connect me to the offerings of my people.”

We began and closed our days with prayers in Cook Islands Maori language, enriching our school spirit with language and reverence, the office wall was transformed into a cultural showcase, filled with beautiful pictures and fun facts about the Cook Islands. Our tamariki had a creative blast making their very own “ei katu” (floral head garlands), inspired by Cook Islands traditions. Each day, students learned a new simple Cook Islands Māori phrase displayed on the daily bulletin to encourage language appreciation throughout the school.

The school was alive with colour as students dressed in their Cook Islands attire. It was a week full of connection, celebration and learning honouring the rich language and traditions of the Cook Islands right here at Leabank School.



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

A huge thank you to all our parents and caregivers for your support in submitting nomination forms for this year's triennial School Board Elections. We are excited to announce that we have received more than five nominations. We will now be voting for our candidates to be our new Board of Trustees!

Voting Options:

You can vote in one of three ways:

1. Online – You'll receive an email with a link to vote, along with candidate statements.
2. Paper Voting – Voting forms, candidate photos and statements will be sent to your home address. You can return your completed vote:
 - a. In a sealed envelope via your child to the school office, or Drop it off directly at the school office.
 - b. In-Person at School – You're welcome to come in and cast your vote at the office.

Voting closes on Wednesday 10th September. You may vote for up to 5 candidates. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

VANUATUBISLAMA LANWIS WIK

The theme for Vanuatu Bislama Language Week was "Tokabaot Klaemet Jenj - hemi ril mo yummy mai lukaotem laef" which means "Talk about Climate Change - it is real and we must look after life".

We may not have any Vanuatu students at our school, but we love celebrating our Pacific neighbours!

Last week, we honoured Vanuatu Language Week by sharing daily Bislama phrases in our school bulletin, decorating our office wall with fun facts about Vanuatu and learning more about the beautiful culture and islands of Vanuatu.

To wrap up the Vanuatu Language week, some of our students and a staff member proudly wore their Pacific attire in celebration. It's been a joyful and meaningful way to connect with the wider Pacific community.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD ASSEMBLY

Congratulation to all recipients who received the 'Principal's Award' at assembly today.

1	Matteo Maynard	12	Manama Te Kaute
2	Rajveer Singh	13	Henitoni Molia
4	Inangaro-Grace Rota	14	Anthony Langi
5	Siobhan Moeakiola	15	Alyssa-Jordan Vaafusu-Restall
6	Oakaleni Afu	16	Brian Cheung Fook
7	Steve Cheung Fook	17	Niponi Tonga
9	Skye Craig	18	Brendon Bun
10	Blessing Topping	19	Symphony Vincent
11	Volantis Maihi	20	Peyton Manu

CAUGHT BEING GOOD ASSEMBLY

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

1	Luesther Salave'a	12	Ziayla Cassidy
2	James Matautu	13	Emmagene Taputu-Siliva
4	Inangaro-Grace Rota	14	Ayva Beattie
5	Avalon Niula	15	Pama Ofisa
6	Maddison Higgins	16	Pounamu Bell-Chapman
7	Juannah-Leigh Mataroria	17	Adarsh Reddy
9	Zion Panganiban	18	Jerome Puruto
10	Marcellus Morl	19	Royal Heke-Raroa
11	Jahziah Whakaara-Tamihana	20	Adrianna Tamihana-Whakaara

Naku iti noa, na

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