



LEIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

April	3	Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews
	12	Term 1 ends
	29	Term 2 begins
May	2	Hearing & Vision Testing

Tena koutou,

I get the distinct feeling that we may have seen the last of Summer – there's a definite chill in the air and the children are not nearly so keen to stay in the pool despite the pool cover being on.

At our last Board meeting, (as at every Board meeting), we had a discussion about how we are progressing in our efforts to incorporate Māoritanga into our daily classroom programmes. We have been fortunate to have Cleo Penman coming in to regenerate our Kapa Haka group and, in the absence of a Te Reo tutor, all teachers have been integrating Te Reo into their daily class programmes and also looking for opportunities to integrate aspects of Māoritanga into inquiries or unit studies. Te Moana is also involved with trialling Te Reo lessons on-line via a VLN (Virtual Learning Network).

As our approach to developing our children's "knowledge and appreciation of our unique identity in Aotearoa" has been somewhat ad hoc, Lili Crockett, who is our advisor on the Board for all things Māori, has suggested we have a hui to plan a more cohesive way forward. Please read and respond to the attached letter from Lili – we would love you to share your thoughts.

Nga mihi,

Julie

Upcoming events :

April 3 : Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews

Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews

These Interviews are being held today from 2.15pm. Note that school will be finishing at 2pm. Please collect your child from school at this time.

Welcome

We welcome Leila to Te Waipuna and to the Leigh School Community, and also Keria and Anthony her Mum and Dad.

Ring Found

A silver ring has been found at school. See Fay if it is yours.

Measles

Are you and your children protected from measles?

There are currently cases of measles in NZ and potentially in our community. Measles is highly infectious. Measles is preventable. Measles is a highly infectious virus that spreads easily from person to person through the air, via breathing, coughing and sneezing. It affects both children and adults.

To be protected children need to have had two doses of measles containing vaccine. These are free. Talk to your GP or practice nurse about getting immunized today. Immunisation saves lives!

You can also click on the link from the Ministry of Health that gives you a full Summary, Symptoms and Prevention details.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

For more information please phone your Public Health Nurse: **Ella : 021 823 620**

Don't forget to visit our Leigh School facebook page for information and photos of past and upcoming events.

Salp Study

These links will take you to articles about our Leigh School Salp Study, published recently.

The first one was in EducationHQ

<https://nz.educationhq.com/news/58320/zooplan-cton-proves-irresistible-for-young-leigh-school-scientists/>

And the second one in Mahurangi Matters

<https://www.localmatters.co.nz/news/31859-leigh-students-conduct-research-to-combat-climate-change.html>



Best You Can Be



Lucas and Douglas

plus Ada and Hunter (who were away on Monday)

MĀORI INITIATIVE STRATEGY

In recognizing a need to update and maintain the Leigh School Māori Responsiveness Plan, we would like to use this opportunity to form a Vision.

This will encompass the desires of our school and its whānau for the standardization of Māoritanga (Māori culture, language, tikanga) and the associated principles into our daily lessons.

For anyone interested in sharing their thoughts we have drafted the following questions to help create a platform for you to contribute your ideas, towards the development of this Vision.

As the kaupapa (subject) helps embrace our cultural heritage, this strategy is intended to benefit all students in developing their knowledge and appreciation of our unique identity here in Aotearoa.

1. What are your desires for Māori education within Leigh School?
2. How would you like to see Māori education delivered?
3. Why is Māori important to you in your child's education?

Any further comments welcome.

Please **RETURN** to the school office by **MONDAY 8 APRIL**.

If you would like to email your responses or further discuss you can contact me at:

Lili Crockett – info@flybynight.co.nz

- An invite will be placed in the newsletter for those of you who would like to attend the 'VISION' building session