



**Leigh School**



## LEIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019



### Dates to Remember

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| Sept | 18 | Grandparents Day - 10.30am – 12 noon            |
|      | 27 | End of Term 3                                   |
| Oct  | 14 | Term 4 starts                                   |
|      | 16 | Photos – class, individual and family portraits |

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings to you all.

As you may be aware it is Māori language week this week. Te wiki o te reo Māori provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language. Kia Kaha te reo Māori is the theme, so when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. I know that all the classes have had a focus on speaking te reo particularly this week. We received a number of ngā pukapuka ātaahua (beautiful books) from the Ministry. Te Waipuna have been learning these in the morning and then teaching them to the older children. This nurtures a learning environment that recognises the value of ako – the Māori concept means both to teach and to learn and it acknowledges the way that new knowledge and understandings can grow out of shared learning experiences.

Next Wednesday we are having Grandparents Day, a celebration to acknowledge the children's learning this term. This will start at 10.20 in Te Whare Akorangi (The House of Learning). Then grandparents are welcome to move into our classrooms with their mokopuna to see and hear about their learning. Next there will be a paramanawa (morning tea) from 11.00-11.20, followed by sharing of the children's Arts Programme back in Te Whare Akorangi.

Tēnā rawa atu koutou  
Haere rā  
Rachel

### Upcoming events :

**Sept 18 : Grandparents' Day**

### Immunisation

In light of the Rubella epidemic currently moving through New Zealand, we want to establish the current immunisation status of all Leigh School students, in particular whether they have had the MMR vaccinations, either fully or partly. Many families have provided an immunisation certificate with their child's enrolment papers, but there are a large number who have not.

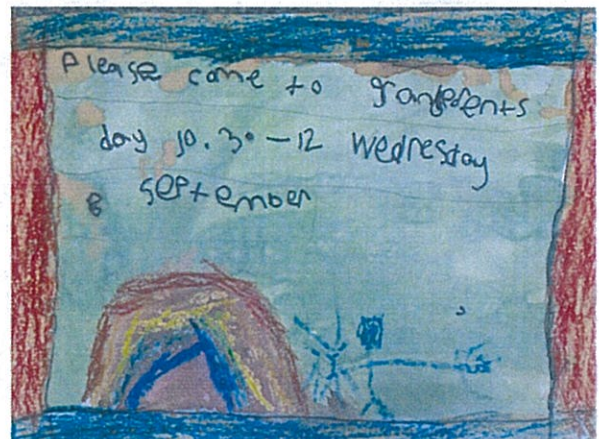
We feel this will help the staff to be fully informed should a situation arise at Leigh School if a student contracts this illness.

Please complete the attached form and return to Fay in the school office.

Thank you for your help with this.

### Grandparents' Day

Could families please provide a plate of finger food for morning tea on Grandparents' Day, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This can be dropped off to school on Wednesday morning. Thank you for your help.



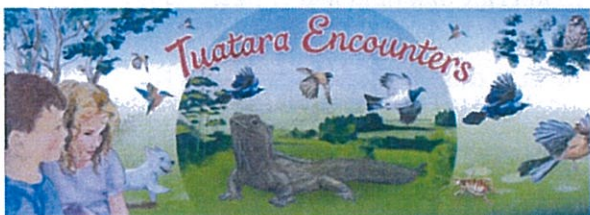
## Reader/Writers Needed

Mahurangi College desperately need reader writers for their practice exams. Unfortunately, there is no payment for it. It relies on goodwill. The exams where I need reader writers are Friday 13th morning, Tues 17th morning and Wed 18th morning and afternoon. You can choose to handwrite or type. Contact Mahurangi College, on 4258039, to let me know if it might be of interest or if you know of anyone who might be available. Thanks.

Gaynor Tahitahi

## "On the Lookout for Tuatara"

Featuring local landmarks. Local author Ngaire Dolphin, illustrator Claudia Gadotti and graphic designer John Wright have teamed up to produce a children's educational picture book called "On the Lookout For Tuatara". In this story there is a visit to Ti Point Reptile Park and the last page features a classroom based on Leigh Primary. Till the end of term copies will be available at the school office. \$20 per copy and 10% of sales donated to the school. Books also available at Ngaire's website [www.ngairedolphinauthor.com](http://www.ngairedolphinauthor.com)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Measles in Auckland schools

The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.

If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.

Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:



If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: [arph.health.nz/measles](http://arph.health.nz/measles)



**WEEKLY TENNIS**  
PICK UP A RASQUE AND SOING INTO SPRING

Where: At Leigh Tennis Club, Albert Street, Leigh – next to Leigh Bowling Club

When: Thursday afternoons from 1.00 – 3.00 pm, starting on 5 September 2019

Just turn up – open to beginners, returning players or those that just want to give tennis a go

Contact: LIZ JONES  
Ph 021 0721 101

**BARBARA HAMILTON'S MUSICAL SHOWCASE**

**SUNDAY 15 SEPT 4PM \$KOHA AT THE LEIGH SAWMILL CAFE**

## Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

# \$500

ASB's lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. Eligibility criteria: Completion of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2020 and the proceeds be used to purchase, renovate or improve residential property. Only applies to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a maximum of 20% equity. The offer is limited to one donation per home loan. The donation will be made to the chosen school or charity at the discretion of the home loan. Excludes lending through branches. Full eligibility criteria, conditions, terms and conditions are available at [asb.co.nz/parentsupportingsuccessinschools](http://asb.co.nz/parentsupportingsuccessinschools)

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## Immunisation Status

My child / children .....

are (please delete those that don't apply) fully / partly / not vaccinated, up to date.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_