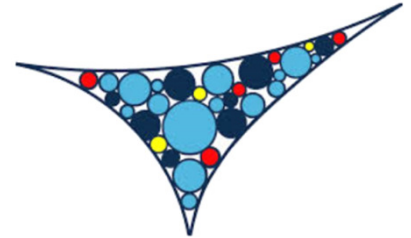


Welcome to Levin Intermediate School (L.I.S.). We are the only intermediate school in the region. We aim to provide a modern, caring, safe learning environment designed specifically to meet the needs of pre-adolescent students. Today's learners need a robust education system which connects them to rich digital resources, experts and enables collaborative environments for learning. We aim to prepare students for a world which requires learners to be numerate and literate as well as meet with success in a digitally rich world. We want to use ICT to enable personalised learning, bridge formal and informal learning, and provide engaging learning environments.

At L.I.S. we are about engaging, collaborating, creating, connecting, diversifying and aspiring to achieve full potential, and to maximize the opportunities to contribute to our community. We want to encourage innovation and excellence in our school as a learning community. We believe that 21st century education expands the definition of literacy beyond reading, writing and mathematics to include areas such as media, social / emotional development, physical fitness / health, ecology and creativity.



School Sculpture / Logo

When the school was built in 1971, money for a sculpture was set aside by the then Education Board. The overall design is based on the cell as being the basic unit of all life. The circular shapes represent these cells or "life factories". The irregular triangular or sail shape has the focus pointing upwards to denote striving for new heights.



On the first day

Assemble outside the front of the school hall at 8.55am for our Welcome Powhiri when students are told their class. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Buses will run and students can use them without passes for the first few days until they have been allocated by our school bus controller during the first week.

The canteen will be open selling fresh lunches, snacks and drinks.



First Few Weeks

Class and school routines are established and expectations set. Staff plan time to get to know the new students and to build new relationships with our students. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and other parents at a BBQ evening.

During this period students will find out their Specialist timetable for the term and select from a range of learning options for the term. Preparations will get underway for our school athletics and the visit from Dokkyo Saitama students in the second part of the term.

All students will participate in a range of assessments and be given access to their personal space on Hapara, our place for them to store their results and schoolwork online. Parents will be introduced to this over time so that they can view the content and comment where appropriate.



These are the people you are likely to first meet when you visit our school.

Acting Principal:
Mrs Beth Duff

Office Staff:
Mrs Lyn Bonner and Mrs Cherie Rasmussen

Our school contact details are:

Phone 368 8306

E.mail office@lis.school.nz

Online www.levinintermediate.school.nz

Facebook www.facebook.com/levinintermediateschool

Office hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm

Classroom Environments



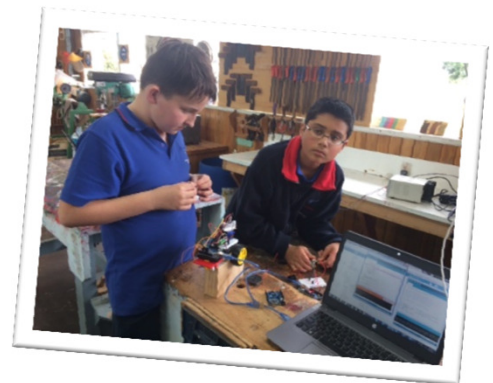
Modern spaces and modern teaching and learning practice

Changing physical aspects of a classroom can help to create a more ideal learning space for students. At LIS we are on a journey of changes to our learning spaces as well as changes in our teaching practice so that:

- Learning environments are supportive & productive
- Learning environments promote independence & self motivation
- Students' needs, backgrounds, perspectives & interests are reflected in learning programmes
- Students are challenged & supported to develop deep levels of thinking & application
- Assessment practices are an integral part of teaching & learning
- Learning connects strongly with communities & practice beyond the classroom



In 2017 we will be making changes to the physical environments of our specialist teaching blocks to better meet the needs of our learners. While our students need to design, make and produce in the arts, sciences and technology areas we also need to ensure we can provide an environment that allows them opportunities to work in digital design, movie making, multimedia production, 3D printing and robotics.



SCHOOL HOURS

The school is open from 8.30am (students are not supervised before then).

CLASSES

In 2017 we expect to have seven composite Year 7 & 8 classes organised into three waka (syndicates). Classes contain a mix of gender, ethnicity, academic and sporting ability.

If you would like your child to be considered for placement in the Akomanga classroom for 2017 there is a tick box to complete on the back of the enrolment form.

TYPICAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE: MONDAY TO THURSDAY

8.50am (1st bell) Students to be in the hall for Kotahitanga before the 2nd bell.

09.00am (2nd bell) Kotahitanga

9.30am 1st Block Maths hour

10.30am 1st Interval

11.00am 2nd Block Literacy hour

12.00pm 2nd Interval

12.30pm 3rd Block

1.30pm 3rd Interval

2.00pm 4th Block Options/Inquiry

3.00pm Students released

The Friday programme includes school and team assemblies, sports exchanges and group performances.

SPECIALISED SUBJECTS

LIS students are able to participate in a technology programme taught by specialists in each subject. For 2017, our specialised subjects are: Science; Visual Arts; Food Technology; Hard Materials - Wood, Plastic, Glass, CAD 3-D printing.

Students are charged a materials fee for each of the technology subjects. All classes will focus on applying some of the basic technical skills and life-skills.

FEES

The compulsory materials fee for the specialised subjects are \$80.00 for the year - \$20.00 per subject which can be paid in full, on a term by term basis, or by automatic payment.

School Donation \$75.00 per child (or \$100.00 per family)

This is an optional payment and is used by the BOT to fund things such as licence fees for educational software programmes, library books and to cover shortfalls in visiting artists costs. This is a tax-deductible item.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

We believe that educating a child is a partnership between the family and the school. We report to parents on their child's progress at a series of student led conferences during the year and in two written reports, interim and final report. Teachers are happy to meet parents at other times to discuss their child's progress.

Our School Values



Respectful is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school.



Responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions, you keep your agreements, and you give your best to any job.



Resourceful means that you are capable, imaginative, inventive, creative and you use your wits to solve problems. You can think outside the square, use resources wisely, and you find ways to meet your needs.

School Organisation

ENTERING OR LEAVING SCHOOL

Any adult or student arriving at the school after 9.00am or leaving before 3.00pm must sign the appropriate register located at the front office. This includes the delivery of messages, food, money etc to students during school hours. If you wish to see your child for any reason they will be brought to the office area. This may be difficult during intervals. It is not appropriate for anyone not attending our school to wander unaccompanied through the school grounds.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

WALKING

Our students are expected to live up to our **3Rs** whenever and wherever they are in our school uniform. This includes before and after school while wearing our uniform.

BUS

Ministry of Education regulations apply. To travel free on the buses, students must live more than 3.2 kilometres from Levin Intermediate and live more than 3.2 kilometres from another school with Year 7 & 8 classes.

All bus pupils will be issued with a **BUS PASS** which must be shown before boarding the bus. Students living in Shannon, Waitarere, Ohau, Manakau and Foxton do not qualify for free travel and must purchase their bus ticket from the school. Tickets are \$10.00 for 10 rides.

A free service runs between Bartholomew Road and L.I.S and return. This is a private arrangement between the school and the bus company and has limited seating. Students who wish to use this service must complete an application form and from this, students will be selected starting with those who live furthest from school. Please note it is a privilege to be selected, therefore students who misbehave will lose this opportunity and their place will be taken by the next student on the waiting list. Replacement bus passes for this service are available from the office for \$1.

CYCLING and SCOOTING

We encourage students to cycle and scoot to school where possible. Bicycles and scooters can be kept at school but cyclists must use a padlock. All LIS cyclists must obey the rules of the road and wear a helmet. High visibility vests are also recommended. A cycle safety education unit is taught as part of our Health & PE programme at the start of the year. Scooters are not permitted on the school buses and are not to be ridden in the school grounds. Scooters will be locked away during the day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

These items are available to purchase from the school office during office hours . (EFTPOS available).



Items that can be purchased from The Warehouse in Levin

School shorts (boys) – navy blue
Ankle socks *or* long socks – navy blue *or* black
Tights – navy blue *or* black
Tracksuit type jacket
Shoes – any type as long as they are **fully** black – no high tops

JEWELLERY / BODY PIERCING / DYED HAIR

One pair of **small** stud earrings only.
No nail polish.
No visible body piercings, including tongue piercings.

Hair dye should be natural colours only; i.e. similar to students own hair colouring and not huge contrasts, and a minimal amount of hair product may be used.

Parents who wish their child to wear a taonga must notify the school in writing for our records.

What else do you need to know?

Japan Exchange

Dokkyo Saitama is our sister school in Japan. Each year a group of students and teachers from the school spend a week with us at L.I.S as part of a cultural exchange. We will require host families for 18 students in 2017. They arrive on 19th March and depart on 27th March. There is a day trip to Wellington during their stay which the host buddy is able to attend. There is a cost involved for this trip, usually around \$50-\$60.

Every year students from L.I.S travel to Japan and are hosted by students from Dokkyo Saitama. The approximate cost for this trip is \$3000.00.

Sports

L.I.S participates in a range of school and interschool sports programmes. We have a number of school based teams that participate in local competitions including netball and hockey.



As well as participating in local interschool sports programmes we are also part of a number of groups which are specifically aimed at the promoting sports for intermediate aged students. L.I.S is part of the Wellington Regional Intermediate Sports Association so get to compete against other intermediates across the Wellington region.



AIMS Games

Is the largest sporting event in Australasia for intermediate aged students. L.I.S sends teams each year to compete.

Super Sports

Involvement in The Super Sports Competition is unique to Intermediate Schools in the Wairarapa, Manawatu, Horowhenua and Wanganui Regions. It is seen as a way of extending our top sports people in an Inter-School Competition.

Super Arts

Is the sister activity to Super Sports. Super Arts is a performing arts competition and features Dance, Debating, Kapa Haka, Drama, Singing, Orchestra and Rock Band on a two year rotation. Super Arts is aimed at the elite students / groups in the performing arts across the Central Region.

JRock

JRock is the intermediate equivalent to the secondary schools Smokefree Stage Challenge. If you are into dance, drama and performance then this is an activity for you.

Activities Week

2017 will be a performance year at LIS. Activities Week will be held in 2018. To give you an idea what activities we offer, this year our students were able to choose from Rotorua (\$398.00), Wellington (\$350.00), Tongariro (\$290.00) and Leisure in Levin (\$60.00).

ICT – Laptops, Netbooks, Tablets BYODs (Bring Your Own Device)

Our school has a BYOD policy which permits students to bring their own computer devices to school to use in their programme of learning. All students will have managed wireless access to the internet using our school ultra-fast broadband (UFB) service and those with their own device will have enhanced opportunity by having it instantly available. Others will need to share the school devices through our booking system. L.I.S joined the Te Hinaki Trust in 2016. The trust supports families to purchase digital devices for students.



Students will be given a Cyber Safety and Responsible Use Agreement to complete every year before they are given access to our school network.

Do you need to know more?

If you have more questions or want to know more about what we do then please give us a call or make a time to visit. We look forward to working with you in providing a learning experience that meets the needs of your child.