

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE

*Respectful, Responsible, Resourceful*

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Kia Ora Whanau

Levin Intermediate is a hive of activity at present. As I walk around the school I am seeing your children working very hard. I see the look of concentration on their faces as they do their PAT assessments. I have children proudly showing me their work and telling me about their learning. I see their persistence in practicing for our Kapa Haka competition and Pasifika performances next week.

Nga Wai o Punahau – (The waters which meet at Punahau) is the full name of our Kapa Haka group and they are a joy to watch. They will be performing a full dress rehearsal to our students at 1pm on Tuesday in the hall. If you would like to join us you are more than welcome, although it may be a bit of a squash. We wish them well for next Friday! The group performed at the Diwali Festival of Lights at Te Takere last Saturday night and I felt very proud of them all. I've also really enjoyed watching the Pasifika group with their lovely sounds and rhythms. We wish them well for next Wednesday when they travel to Newlands Intermediate for the Pasifika Festival. My thanks go out again for all the effort whanau are putting into helping make these events happen.

Last Tuesday was our cross country. Rain threatened to postpone the event early in the day, but fortunately the sun came out and we were able to go ahead. I would like to congratulate all those students who participated. Check out our Facebook page photos to see some crazy costumes and some very determined runners. It was lovely to see parents come and support their children and we even had one very keen dad that competed. The house points results are under wraps until our medals arrive. It is really important to encourage your children to participate in these events as one of our Key Competencies is Participation. We do not expect everyone to be an athlete, but we do expect them to give everything a go, even if it's not really their thing. If we give everything a go, we may discover new joys, such as a sense of achievement in just completing the course.

Activities week is just around the corner. Many people are all paid up and ready to go. It is necessary that we ask for full payment in order to let children go. There are parent meetings on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** at **5.30pm**. Rotorua group meet in Room 6, Tongariro in Room 3, Wellington in the Staffroom and Leisure in Levin is in Room 1. We would ask that all the participating parents of the away groups please attend. If you would like additional information about what your child will be doing or you would like additional information, please feel free to come along as well.

We would ask for your support around things such as uniform. We are very proud of our uniform and want our students to wear it with pride. Please make sure that they are not adding extras to what they are wearing and that they have the correct shoes and socks on, or roman sandals for the warmer days. Please also ensure that they have the correct tools for school, such as pens and pencils.

Attached to this newsletter is a Scholastic \$5 Parent offer for some wonderful books. With Christmas just around the corner, what a wonderful opportunity to purchase some books as gifts. The deadline for returning orders to school is next **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

Thank you for your support across all of these activities. We would like to finish Term 4 feeling like we have all given our best, so please encourage Kia Kaha (Standing Tall) all the way to the end of the year.

Nga mihi  
Beth Duff  
Acting Principal