

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22 September 2017

Principal: Sheree Garton
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Upcoming Events

- Japanese Exchange - 11th to 25th September
- Vision & Hearing Technician - Yr 7 check - Thursday 28th September
- End of Term 3 - Friday 29th September
- Term 4 commences - Monday 16th October

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

What an amazing couple of weeks we have had at school. With Mr David Miller leading the 'Clean Up Levin' project and our school collecting almost 100kg worth of rubbish.

Maori Language week celebrated across the school and students like John-Robert demonstrating one of our school values 'Responsible' and sharing his Pepeha in front of a hall full of students. 'The Arts' including Visual art, Dance and drama across the school and beyond - with students attending 'Dance Splash' and 'WOW' in Wellington - Ka Mau te Wehi, Mrs Moore for all that you do in ART, our Levin Intermediate Students are given these opportunities because you take the time to lead these events and we are all so lucky to have you. A rugby game organised with Taitoko thanks to Mr Jade Cullen including kai for all and smiles all round. To top it all off we have Jada Betty receiving 3 medals for Swimming at AIMS games, Tai Talai, Jahkaia Ngamoki, and Lathym Easton for their team medals at AIMS games and 4 students recognised for their 'Marae leadership' whilst away at AIMS - well done to Ngapera Wilton, Chad Goldie, Riley Cooper, and Brooklyn Langdon-Poutoa. Just celebrating and continuing to celebrate LIS!

Transitions to High school

Please let us know as soon as possible the school your year 8 is attending next year so that we can support their transition if they are nervous or need extra support.

MINDLAB

This week we hosted a Mindlab pop up space where teachers across the community were given the opportunity to experience first hand 'collaborative and digital' learning and the opportunity to be part of the post graduate professional development being run alongside Unitec here at Levin Intermediate. As you may have read in a past newsletter, we are having 2 'Digital Classrooms' in 2018 and with this students will be given the opportunity to be part of a collaborative learning space. Please let me know if this is something you would like for your student as places will be limited.

SO much to share and celebrate with Whanau this week, please enjoy some of the photos included in this newsletter - 'a picture paints a thousand words'.

Have a wonderful weekend to all our students and their families. Looking forward to another great week of learning at Levin Intermediate School.

Nāku noa nā Sheree Garton
Principal

NZ AIMS Games (10th-15th September)

What a fantastic week we had in Mt Maunganui. We stayed at Te Whetu o Te Rangi Marae near Welcome Bay. This was our fourth year sharing with Tolaga Bay Area School and it feels a bit like a second home. Food was good, thanks to everyone bringing lovely meals to share. The weather was very mixed and in one day we had sun, rain and hail. However the Bay of Plenty eventually turned on the good weather later in the week. Over 10,000 students from 330 schools compete at the NZ AIMS Games. The schools ranged from tiny little country Primary and Area Schools to huge city Intermediates with well over 1000 students. We are classed as a smaller school and our teams performed well against some very tough competition. We each got to see some of our other team's games as well as doing a bit of sightseeing during our rest times.

The group also went to Welcome Bay hot pools on Wednesday evening and Ten Pin Bowling on Thursday. Our parent group was absolutely fantastic, supporting our students 24 hours a day.

Here is a summary of the results. Each team at the AIMS Games is also given a medal to award to their MVP.

Swimming - 24th out of 56 schools - a great effort from our 2 swimmers, Jada Betty and Hana Kerins who swam with a lot of heart, early in the week. Hana swam well despite having played Netball earlier in the day and achieved some good PBs. Jada raced in 5 finals and won 2 silvers and 1 bronze medal. She also won the MVP medal. This is an amazing achievement Jada - congratulations!

Netball - 57th out of 122 teams. Our best placing since we started going in 2013. We were extremely close in our Pool Play - 2 or 3 goals and we would have been playing-off much higher. We played 13 games - won 7; drew 1; lost 5. MVP - Jahkaia Ngamoki, a courageous hard-working player who just keeps on going.

Basketball (boys) - 53rd out of 67 teams. This was their first time at AIMS Games and they played some fantastic basketball against some very tough opposition. All of the games were close. They played 6 games: won 2; lost 4. MVP - Tai Talai, who was injured early in the tournament but continued to give his utmost support to his team.

Football (boys) - 55th out of 59 teams. These boys played some excellent football against some big schools. Their team work got better as the tournament went on. They played 10 games: won 2; drew 1; lost 7. MVP - Lathym Easton, who played with skill and determination throughout the tournament. Team Golden Boot award - Alex Harold.

We would like to thank all the businesses that supported our fundraising efforts, enabling us to get all of our students to the Games. Please show them our appreciation where you can, by supporting their business.

New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT)
Woodhaven Gardens
Alliance Meats
Todd Whitehouse
Kakahu Aotearoa
See Hear
Stirling Sports
Bean Here
Cobb & Co Levin

Kelly Neil Law
Woodhaven Gardens
Turks
Fresh Pork
BL MicroTek Ltd Mobile Computer Services
Levin Radiator & Battery Services
Monique Katrina Photography
Wheelhouse Sports Bar
Placemakers Levin



Our Aims Games team enjoying Ten Pin Bowling.

KIDS FOR KIDS

NGA PUTAPUTRA

OTAKI 2017



Show night,
sold out
we're excited!



ARTSPLASH WEARABLE ARTS

A wonderful day was had by the Wearable Arts students. The Wellington weather was at its best so after our dress rehearsal we got out and explored the city. The Artsplash event was exciting and fun. All our hard work paid off on the stage. Great work everyone for your time, dedication and creative efforts - Mrs Moore.



LIS SPORTS UNIFORMS

We are collecting all sports uniforms prior to the end of term. If your child still has a netball, hockey, basketball or football uniform please ensure they return it to the school office next week. Thank you.



ARTSPLASH DANCE

We made our Splash at Artsplash Wellington Michael Fowler Centre. Thanks to our parent helpers who came with us. We will be back next year! Thanks Wellington City Council for making it possible. Great job Levin Intermediate Dance Crew!

AIMS GAMES LOST PROPERTY

There are a variety of articles left over from Aims Games, ranging from clothing, towels to food containers. Please feel free to collect these from the school office.



Jada Betty receiving her Aims Games medals and Aims Games football students receiving their certificates at Kotahitanga.

**Horowhenua Aquatic Centre
Community Fun Day
Saturday 30th September**

**Free Entry
10.00am to 2.00pm
FREE hydroslide, FREE BBQ,
FREE face painting, FREE bouncy
castles, FREE instructor lead games,
FREE Zumba class (10.00 start),
Inflatables & more.**



LIS RUGBY TEAM



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If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please advise your email address:

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Please sign and return this portion to the school office to enable your child to go in the draw to win some wonderful prizes.

Child's name:Room: Parent/Caregiver signature: