

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28 July 2017

Principal: Sheree Garton
Acting Deputy Principal: Dianne McKee

Upcoming Events

- ICAS English - 1st August
- WHAT Show - Waiopehu College -
- Supersport Rugby - 9th August, Masterton
- Horowhenua Schools' Basketball tournament - 11th August, Levin
- ICAS Maths - 15th August
- Supersport Football - 23rd August, Levin
- School Cross Country - 29th August
- Super Arts Cultural Event - proposed - Pasifika and Kapa Haka - 30th August, Palmerston North
- AIMS Games - Netball, Boys Basketball, Boys Football, Swimming - 10th - 15th September, Mt Maunganui
- Supersport Cross Country - 20th September, Feilding

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Firstly, thank you to all those who attended the Powhiri on Monday. A special thanks to our Kaumatua Marakopa Matakatea for his leadership. It was a day that I will hold dear to my heart.

During my first week as Principal at Levin Intermediate School, I have been hugely impressed with the warmth and enthusiasm of the students, staff and whanau. Classroom visits and Kotahitanga highlight the school motto - **'Tutangata - Stand Tall'**. We will continue to celebrate the great things that we do here at LIS and reflect on new areas of development based on the needs and wishes of students and whanau.

This week saw our Year 8 students attend 'Open Days' at both Waiopehu and Horowhenua College, and a follow-up email from Principal Grant Robinson: *"I wanted to let you know that your Year 8 students were fabulous here at Waiopehu for Open Day. They were respectful throughout and I was blown away when a group of boys produced a Haka at the end of the visit. In addition another young man got up and gave a vote of thanks on behalf of his school. They were a credit to the school"*.

Students have been reminded and praised for wearing the correct uniform this week and a small change has been made to our policy - bringing us in line with the New Zealand Sunsafe practices - which support wearing hats during terms 1 and 4. Therefore hats are **no longer** being worn during terms 2 and 3. Below are some friendly reminders.

Uniform

- Wear your uniform correctly with respect.
- Nail polish is not to be worn.
- Jewellery - a small stud/studs and a watch is permitted. The studs may not be greater than eight millimetres in size. No other piercings are permitted.
- Please name all clothing.
- All black shoes, without white soles or markings please. We currently have a 'lowcut' policy. However this is to be reviewed with students as it has been requested that students be allowed to wear 'highcut' styles.
- Socks need to be black or blue and should not be worn outside without shoes.
- Under garments, like singlets and t shirts should not be visible below sleeves.
- School jackets are permitted at school, and other jackets may be worn to and from school, but not onsite.
- If students have incorrect uniform a note from home needs to be provided and the correct uniform sought as soon as possible.

P.T.O. →

- We are currently ordering a small supply of black lace up shoes for those who need this support. Please call in and see us if you need them.
- Taonga are able to be worn when a note is supplied, but should be tucked under the poloshirt.
- Hair should be neat and tidy and we encourage children to tie long hair back for the prevention of headlice and safety when playing sport and participating in 'Spec' classes (Science, Art, Hard Materials, Food). Hair ties/bands/clips need to be blue or black.

This term poses to be a busy one, including 'Production, Japan Exchange, Aims Games, School Social/Disco, Mufti days to fundraise for these events and much more. I look forward to making strong working relationships with whanau and community - and hope to see you all at school sometime soon.

Nāku noa nā Sheree Garton
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS LOGAN who was recently placed first by winning the National ROK Cup. In October, Logan is off to Italy to represent New Zealand in the International ROK Cup kart racing finals. He will be racing alongside over 170 kart drivers from more than 40 countries.

FRUIT IN SCHOOLS

We are lucky to be involved in the Fruit in Schools programme at Levin Intermediate. Fruit is provided by The 5+ A Day Charitable Trust on a Monday. Each classroom is supplied with enough fruit for the students for the week.



YUMMY STICKERS

This term we are collecting the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more we collect, the more sports gear we get so please start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now! Please send them to the school office before 22 September - thank you.

WHAT SHOW

On Wednesday, 2nd August, our students will travel to Waiopahu College at 12.30pm for the WHAT (Waiopahu Has Awesome Talent) Show. The show runs for an hour and a half and includes dance, song and drama items.

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

If you are visiting during school hours, please remember to sign in at the school office. If you are dropping off a lunch or sports gear etc please leave it at the office and we will get it to your child. This eliminates multiple interruptions for the classroom teachers.



Our Year 8 students participating in activities at the Colleges this week.



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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: