

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8 September 2017

Principal: Sheree Garton
Acting Deputy Principal: Dianne McKee

Upcoming Events

- AIMS Games - Netball, Boys Basketball, Boys Football, Swimming - 10th - 15th September, Mt Maunganui
- Japanese Exchange - 11th to 25th September
- Kids for Kids Choir, 13th September, Ngā Purapura, Otaki
- Supersport Cross Country - 20th September, Feilding
- Artsplash Wearable Arts, 20th September, Michael Fowler Centre
- Artsplash Dance, 21st September, Michael Fowler Centre
- End of Term 3 - Friday 29th September
- Term 4 commences - Monday 16th October

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Today many excited students prepare for AIMS games and Japan trips, with staff and families putting in lots of extra time and expense, enabling students to have these 'once in a lifetime' experiences. We wish you all well and look forward to the photos and stories when you return.

This week our PB4L focus was on being **'Honest'** as part of unpacking our school motto **'Tutangata'**. Many students think honesty means you 'don't tell a lie' and that is definitely part of being honest. But honesty means more than not lying. A more complete definition of honesty shows that an honest person doesn't do things that are morally wrong. If something you do is breaking a school rule or value or if you have to hide what you are doing because you'll get in trouble, you are probably not being honest. So honesty is about speaking and acting truthfully. Being honest means you admit to your actions, even if you'll get in trouble. Honesty means you explain how a situation really happened. We will focus on **'Being Honest'** until the end of term and unpack this further with students. When schools and homes work together we know this makes the greatest difference, so please share this message with your students.

In the past Levin Intermediate has participated in **'National Clean Up Week'**. This starts on Monday 11 September, finishing with Keep Levin Beautiful volunteers at the Levin Adventure Park on Saturday 16th September from 9 until 3. All litter collected is weighed and that weight gets passed on to keep NZ Beautiful head office, this goes into the national database. Several staff have indicated that we will adopt a spot and recycling bags and gloves will be provided.

Attendance

At Levin Intermediate School, we are committed to ensuring that our learners have the best possible chance to succeed. Our ambition is to have attendance rates at 85% or greater for every child. Currently our school is sitting below this and we know we can improve. This is why we ask for a real effort to ensure that your child is here every single day. We will be promoting attendance in the school by having term prizes for the class with the best attendance rates and we will also have special awards for those students with perfect attendance. We also ask, in the event of your child being absent, that you contact the school before 9:15am. Please also keep the school advised of any changes to your contact phone numbers.

If a student misses five school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can grow exponentially.

These are some of the students who are heading for a perfect term of attendance:

- Room 1: Ethan, Blake, Chris, Chad, Joseph
- Room 2: Storm, Kyril, Jessica, Makayla, Jordan, Kawiti
- Room 3: Briar, Ben, Bethany, Amber, Jamie, Maddii
- Room 5: Gabe, Kaif, Saadhika, Hana
- Room 6: Claire, Ethan, Carlos, Grace, Sophie
- Room 8: Railey, Jade
- Room 10: Michael, Kamaea, Brooklyn, Natesha, Tobi
- Room 11: Devany, Amber, Nathan and Jacob.

If you are looking at purchasing a Levin Intermediate light weight jacket for your child, the Warehouse in Levin are currently selling them for under half price - \$19.98!!



Keep up the great work!

Attendance Matters, Guidelines for implementing an effective attendance management plan (2004)

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

Nāku noa nā Sheree Garton
Principal

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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: