

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20 November 2017

Principal: Sheree Garton  
Acting Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

## Upcoming Events

- BOT Meeting - 21 November
- School Production - Round the World in 80 Minutes - 28th November - Matinee & Evening Show - limited tickets available from the school office - \$2.00 adult and \$1.00 student
- Supersport Athletics - 29th November
- Year 8 Social - 8th December
- Graduation and whole school prizegiving - Wednesday 13th December
- End of term 4 - Thursday 14th December

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

This week I would like to thank our very talented Kapa haka tutor and mentor Darren Reid for the huge amount of work that has gone into establishing a Kapa haka culture at Levin Intermediate School. Exclusive to Aotearoa, kapa haka is an indigenous cultural art form which touches the hearts of Maori and non-Maori both here and overseas, giving us all a stronger sense of identity. Kapa haka is more than just a performance as demonstrated by research, it contributes to our national identity, positive health and education outcomes. Kapa haka plays a dynamic role in the revitalisation and retention of te reo Maori, tikanga, ritual and history. We are so very grateful to Matua Darren for the support he is giving our Tamariki and look forward to the end of year performance.

This Wednesday, starting at 1:30 Horowhenua College students and Matua Chris will be working alongside Whaea Rata to graduate students who participated in Wananga Wednesday, this will be a very special occasion and we welcome all whanau to celebrate with us.

### How will teams work in 2018?

2018 will see students working in 3 teams. As shared in last weeks newsletter, the team leaders are:

- Samantha McLean - Commitment Waka - Rooms 1,2 and 3
- Dave Miller - Collaborative Waka - Rooms 4,5 and 6
- Jade Cullen - Community Waka - Rooms 8,9, 10 and 11

The team leaders have written a short blurb to introduce themselves and the concept to you our whanau and community. 2018s Year 8 students will be supported to select the Waka that best matches them, and Year 7 students will be placed in classes using the information from previous schools, transition visits and parent meetings. All students will have opportunities to work across the school in sporting, art, te reo, technology and school wide events. We look forward to enhancing the many opportunities provided to our Levin Intermediate learners.

### Community Waka - team leader - Jade Cullen

*Kia Ora, my name is Jade Cullen and I will be the team leader of the 'Community Waka' in 2018. I have really enjoyed my time here at Levin Intermediate School this year. Living in Raumati Beach with my wife and daughter, has provided me with the opportunity to get to know the Horowhenua community and involve myself in many things, including sport and community events.*

*Our waka's vision is to empower learners to utilise their abilities and strengths to be constructive and positive members of their community. We want to see our learners developing a greater understanding of themselves and to develop their sense of tūrangawaewae (standing strong on their own feet). By developing this sense of connectedness our students will be better citizens in their homes, their school, their community and the world.*

*In our waka we are not asking what can our community do for us but what we can do for our community. To develop learners who will take the initiative in building the society that they want for their future. I view education as the greatest opportunity to help build the future of tomorrow. Where children are continuously developing an understanding of their world and how they can effectively and successfully operate within it.*

***"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."***

***- Nelson Mandela***

**Commitment Waka - team leader - Samantha McLean**

*Kia Ora, my name is Samantha McLean and I will be the Team Leader for the Commitment Waka in 2018. This waka's focus and philosophy will be centred on goal setting, establishing motivation and dedication primarily in sports, the Arts and academically. Being a representative sports player and also a performer and director of theatre, I understand the dedication and commitment needed to participate in these realms. Essential to achievement in these areas is goal setting. The real value of setting goals is not about the recognition or rewards that come from the achievement, it is about the people we become as we find the discipline, courage and commitment to achieve our goals.*

*In 2018, we will be looking to establish a team that supports each other's goals in and outside of the classroom. We will be goal and steps driven and will celebrate the journey and our success. We will reconstruct and refocus our goals regularly aiming to be better, more committed, confident young adults.*

***"Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goals – a commitment to excellence- that will enable you to attain the success you seek."***

***- Mario Andretti***

**Digital/Collaborative Waka - team leader - Dave Miller**

*Kia Ora! My name is Dave Miller and I am the Team Leader for the Digital/Collaborative Waka. My wife and I moved down to the Kapiti Coast from the Coromandel 4 years ago. When I'm not being "Mr Miller" I'm kept busy with our lifestyle block near Otaki, enjoying the Tararua Ranges or out on a cold night keeping an eye on the stars.*

*I am always looking for new ways to incorporate technology into the classroom in a way which enhances learning and allows us to share on the world stage. The focus for this waka is about producing digital citizens who are comfortable and capable in the digital age. When we think about jobs that were available 20 years, they would be barely recognisable when compared to the industry which we are preparing our students for in the modern age.*

*It is important to note that your child will not be sitting at a Chromebook all day, every day. You can expect your child to be involved in engineering challenges, developing alternative energy sources, sustainability and the environment. We will be assisting other classes in producing resources and helping with the technical aspects of special school events while fostering curiosity.*

***"The important thing is to never stop questioning."***

***- Albert Einstein***

Have a great week from all of us at Levin Intermediate School. See you next week at the School production. Tickets are limited so get into our office and grab some.

Nāku noa nā  
Sheree Garton  
Principal



The Special Olympics Flame of Hope made it to Levin last week thanks to the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Jodi Williams from Room 3 holding the Special Olympics Flame of Hope.

## LIS School Library

### Look for Books:

Our year is nearly over and instead of winding down we are winding up, gathering all school resources in preparation for stock take. Over the next few weeks I will remind your child to look for their book as well as give them an Overdue Slip. **We need your HELP!** Please ask them if they have an overdue book. When you are going through your child's bookshelves or come across books that belong to Levin Intermediate we would appreciate that you send them back. We pride ourselves on providing our students with quality, latest reading books to improve their Literacy, this comes with great expense.

### Overdue Books:

Regretfully, at this time of the year we have too many overdue books, so are trying hard to teach responsibility and get them back before invoices are sent out early December. If you receive an invoice for a lost book we would appreciate your responsibility to get it paid.

### BOOK GIFT:

Many of our parents and students like to gift a book to show their appreciation or as a token of the relationship between home and school.

If you wish to gift a book, here is a list of popular books that our students currently read that may help you when choosing titles. \*NB: We welcome your personal choices too.

- ♦ Percy Jackson – by Rick Riordan
- ♦ Beast Quest series
- ♦ Bad, Bad by David Walliams

Ngā mihi  
Rātā Cornell, Librarian



Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, please remind your child to wear a sunhat and apply sun block.



Please remind your child to return their sports uniform to the school office as soon as possible - thank you.

Our Art Teacher would appreciate donations of old newspapers and ice cream containers please!



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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: .....

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# Around The World In 80 Minutes



Levin Intermediate School Production  
Tuesday 28th November 2017  
**One day only** Matinee & Evening Show  
Tickets available from the office

11.00am and 6.00pm  
\$2.00 adult, \$1 student

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