

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27 November 2017

Principal: Sheree Garton
Acting Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Horowhenua Christmas Choir Festival - Tuesday 5th December 7.00pm - Horowhenua College Hall
- Year 8 Social - 8th December 6.00pm
- Graduation and whole school prizegiving - Wednesday 13th December 7.00pm - Horowhenua College Hall
- End of term 4 Thursday 14th December - 12.30pm

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

With 2 ½ weeks left to go this year, it seems as though there are just not enough hours in the day. This week our Production takes over and a very special thanks goes out to our teachers and students for the work they have put in to create this - from making costumes to creating skits - whilst never forgetting the learning that has gone on behind the scenes. The students have learnt a considerable amount about history around the world and how events shaped the nations of today. Our stage managers, Kelly Moore and Samantha McLean, have supported classes with stage tips and prop making. Mr Harold, Mrs Moore and Annaleise Knox have supported prop creations and as you will see, there are a considerable amount of these. From the learning that has happened over the last few weeks, we have made some changes to the way Levin Intermediate students will access Specialist classes and during 2018 all students will have a term of drama, hard materials, cooking and textiles. On top of this students will have 2 terms of Visual Art and 2 terms of Science. Levin Intermediate will be working with 'The Science-Technology Roadshow Trust' to enhance the Science learning for students and will unpack the reporting of science learning and whole school programme implementation. We will be hosting the 'Science Roadshow' and each student will attend this amazing event, as well as local schools who will access this opportunity.

On the 7th of December our Kapa haka group have been asked to perform at the Kaumatua luncheon at Kawiū Marae, we are looking forward to this opportunity!

Uniforms

This is a gentle reminder to parents and students that although it is the end of year, ***we do expect students to wear the correct uniform each and every day.*** Over the past few weeks we have noticed that several of our students are taking the liberty of wearing incorrect shoes, socks and jumpers to school. In some cases there is little left of the uniform and it appears we are having a mufti day. Bracelets and rings are creeping in and boys are wearing stretchy band bracelets. If parents could support us in this it means that when students arrive at school they are not being spoken to about the incorrect uniform as their first greeting. This week students who do not have a note for wearing the incorrect uniform will be losing a breaktime and jewellery will be confiscated until the Friday afternoon. Too often we are seeing brand new Nike shoes and socks being worn when our school uniform requires all black shoes and all black or navy socks - both available for under \$20 at the warehouse.

Introduction of PE uniform for 2018

Next year we will be introducing a PE uniform for all Year 7 students and are encouraging Year 8 students to purchase these too. The uniform is a very comfortable design with a basketball type pair of shorts and top. The uniform will mean our students have greater opportunities to play freely and participate in PE lessons and sports practices. They will be approx \$65 per set and available from the school office.

Year 8 Social

This part of the final goodbye to our wonderful Year 8 students is a chance to celebrate students as emerging adults at the Year 8 Social. A group of students has been working on the theme of 'Masquerade' but we are hoping parents who have a few hours spare to make decorations, and work with students on the theme can give us a call at the school office.

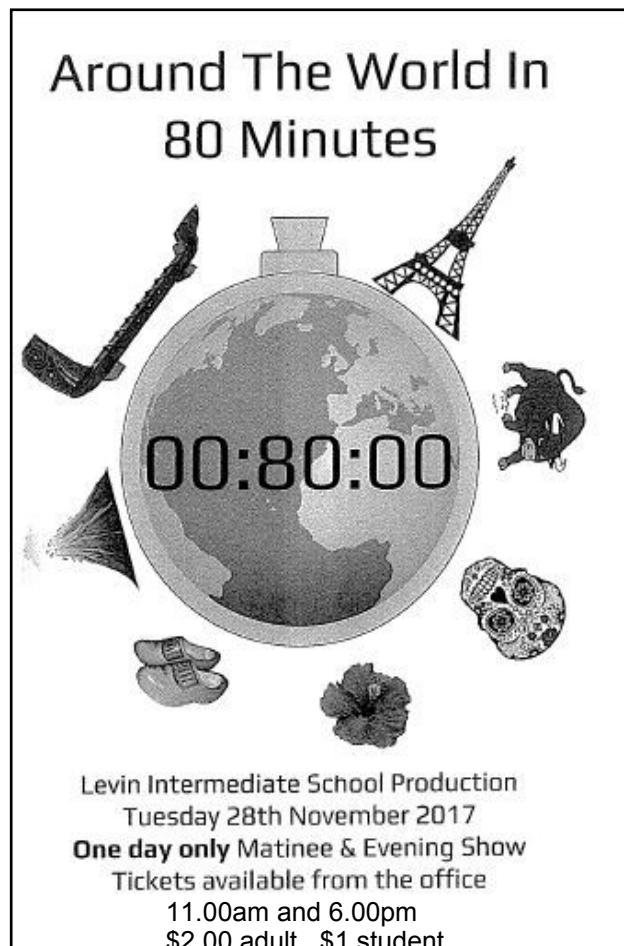
We are collecting in a few key items, so please send them to school if you have any spare: *strings of imitation pearls, gold or silver spray paint, fairy lights (to borrow), balloons - gold, silver, black, white.* The cost will be \$10 per student, which will include dinner, dessert and drinks. On the night we would love a photographer to be here, so if you know someone who is available please let us know. The standard of dress will be smart casual. We are really getting excited and can't wait for the night.

Prizegiving and Year 8 Graduation (Kapa haka performing) - Wednesday 13 December

Please keep this evening free as it will be a fantastic celebration of the years achievements.

Thank you to all those who have popped into see me around questions or queries they are reading in this newsletter. It is always good to hear from you. We will continue to have weekly newsletters in 2018 and are happy to add you to our email list if you would prefer an emailed copy.

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal



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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: