

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6 November 2017

Principal: Sheree Garton
Acting Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- WRISSA Swimming - 14 November
- School Production - 28th & 30th November
- Supersport Athletics - 29th November
- Year 8 Graduation - Wednesday 13th December
- End of term 4 - Thursday 14th December

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

A special welcome to the 4 new students who joined us this term, we hope you feel welcome and have settled into your new classes.

Term 4 is always a busy one for us all, as teachers complete assessments, and classes participate in exciting end of year activities and prizegivings. Over the next month we begin the process of drafting next year's classes. Our teachers work through a very careful process as they match students who learn well together, teacher styles, multi year level placements and ability levels. If you feel you need to make a specific request concerning your child's placement for next year (with regard to teaching style), please write or email in confidence to the principal@lis.school.nz, verifying the reason for your request, by 13th November. Please do not simply mention this to your current teacher as we must have any formal requests in writing. We also request that you let the school office know if your child will not be returning to Levin Intermediate School next year (Year 8, 2017 children excluded).

Fill a Shoebox Horowhenua - Christmas for everyone

Here at Levin Intermediate School we are collecting items for 'Christmas Shoe boxes' for children who might miss out on Christmas. Each class is creating a shoebox to donate.

A shoebox for an individual needs to contain:

- Sweets and treats
- Colouring in/craft equipment
- Toys
- Books
- Toothbrush

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate we will happily add them to the boxes.

2018 Collaborative Waka

In 2018 we will be dividing our classes into 3 teams, this year we have had 2. Our teams (waka) will each have a team leader. Our 'Collaborative' waka will include 2 digital classes and be exploring the 'Digital curriculum' as well as the ideas shared during the 'Mindlab' professional development being offered to educators across the region. If your child would like to be considered for this waka they need to have a chromebook, and whilst we have a number of devices at school we would like to promote the idea of students having their own, so that learning can continue in the home environment. Te Hinaki Trust is an organisation that allows families to pay off a device at around \$4 per week (the expression of interest form will be sent out with this newsletter to our Year 7 students) or you can purchase your own at stores like Noel Leemings. As well as this 'Spark Jump' is a new social programme bringing subsidised home broadband to thousands of students across NZ and we very much hope that Levin will offer this in 2018.

School Production

With less than a month until our whole school production 'Around the World in 80 minutes' students and staff are on the lookout for materials for our production and offers of help during these times.

Basketball

Well done to our Basketball teams who took part in the WRISSA Basketball Tournament in Wellington on Wednesday. The girls team had six games in total, winning all their pool games but just missing out by three points in the semi-final, a game where they left everything they had out on the court. Gutted from the previous loss, they went out and confidently won their final game, finishing up third in the tournament. The boys did extremely well having five games in total and only five players. The boys played their hearts out in each and every game and ended up 7th overall.

PB4L Focus

Levin Intermediate is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) school. This means we focus on positive relationships and classroom environments to remove barriers to learning. Over the past few weeks our students have been exploring what it means to be respectful and responsible. We've created some amazing displays and our students have shown us what they believe the ideal student/teacher looks like! Our next topic is Resourcefulness and this starts in week 5.

The staff and students are thoroughly enjoying these sunnier days and hats are compulsory if students are outside. Students are able to wear any hat currently.

As another week starts we thank all those who continue to read their newsletter and send back information requested. Two very happy students, Steevie and Ethan, took away family goodie bags this week for sending back their newsletter tear off slips.

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal

Junior Jandal Jam

Our wonderful Pasifika group performed at the 2017 Junior Jandal Jam at Horowhenua College. They did a fantastic job representing the Pacific cultures and Levin Intermediate. A huge special thanks goes to Angelina's mum, Pai Tuna, for all her time and dedication to the students for this event and throughout the year. We look forward to many more events in 2018.



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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:

Rooms 2 & 3

Last Thursday Rooms 2 and 3 went to Mr Graham Nicol's farm to do some planting alongside a stream which feeds into Lake Horowhenua. This planting was done with Horizon and is part of our Inquiry on Lake Horowhenua. The students did a fabulous job of planting and everyone enjoyed themselves.





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| 701. The Mayor's Fish New Clothes The Mayor of Whikiamau shows everyone just how smart he is. \$16.00 \$5.00 | 702. Two Little Pirates What mischief can two little pirates wreak on their parents' weekend lie-in? \$17.00 \$5.00 |
| 703. Grandma McGraw's Christmas It's Christmas Eve and Santa's a sock! Will Grandma McGraw save the day? \$16.00 \$5.00 | 704. Tree and the Kaiti Tree Jack and the Beanstalk gets a Kaiti makeover! \$14.00 \$5.00 |
| 705. The Twelve Days of Kaiti Christmas Sing along and count the 12 days of Kaiti Christmas! \$16.00 \$5.00 | 706. It's the 100th Day, Stinky Face! What will Stinky Face bring for the 100th day of school? \$11.00 \$5.00 |
| 707. Lane Steals the Show The story of a young boy's efforts to take part in the wedding concert alongside the adults. \$19.00 \$5.00 | 708. Bye-Bye, Grumpy Fly Look out, grumpy fly! Plenty of dangers await. \$16.00 \$5.00 |
| 709. Harry and the Dinosaur: A Monster Surprise! Harry thinks he's too old for his basketful of dinosaurs but they track him wrong! \$16.00 \$5.00 | 710. The Spooky Wheels on the Bus Count from One Spooky Bus up to ten Spooky Ghosts. \$16.00 \$5.00 |
| 711. Mut Dog Can a homeless mutt ever find a loving family? A warm tale of love and belonging. \$16.00 \$5.00 | 712. Tiny Miss Duff and her Dotty Umbrella Miss Duff's umbrella goes on an adventure! \$16.00 \$5.00 |
| 713. Bats Join Fly Guy and Buzz as they head into a bat cave to learn all about bats. \$16.00 \$5.00 | 714. Pajama Day! It's pajama day at school, and Andrew has brought the perfect pair of pajamas to wear. \$9.00 \$5.00 |

RECOMMENDED 7-9 YEARS

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| 715. The Littlest Angel: Two Books in One The first two Lily adventures in one book. \$14.00 \$5.00 | 716. Rock Beat Kai must face the beast from the rock world. \$16.00 \$5.00 |
| 717. The Puppy Who Was Left Behind The race is on to find the lost puppy before he gets left behind. \$12.00 \$5.00 | 718. The Pet Pantry The Palace Pets compete in the Whisker Heaven Pantrycook! Who will win? \$16.00 \$5.00 |
| 719. Talent Showdown The stage is set for an explosive talent showdown! \$9.00 \$5.00 | 720. Doko-Snappysaurus Can one boy save an entire hunting party from a hungry dinosaur? \$19.00 \$5.00 |
| 721. Wonder Why Penguins Can't Fly The perfect introduction to polar lands. \$16.00 \$5.00 | 722. Nic's Lunchbox Mathematical lunch for kids who love to munch! \$16.00 \$5.00 |
| 723. The Funnies Fjord Race It's the day of the Funnies Fjord Race, and everyone celebrates the team day! \$14.00 \$5.00 | 724. Spooky Snackdown So spooky can't you extreme courses, one winner! \$14.00 \$5.00 |
| 725. A Whiskery Mystery Fly Guy is in for a whiskery mystery. Will the arrest be completely cat-er? \$16.00 \$5.00 | 726. Amazing Meteorites Safety your need for loved with fun facts and incredible images of meteorites. \$16.00 \$5.00 |
| 727. Cagatha Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman Wedgie Woman's wicked ways need the end for Cagatha underwear! \$14.00 \$5.00 | 728. My Book of Jokes A perfect first book of jokes for all young comedians! \$9.00 \$5.00 |

Duffy Books in Homes \$5.00 Parent Offer

Scholastic is proud to support and sponsor Duffy schools and they are delighted to again offer these fantastic books at such a great price to families to encourage summer reading. We hope our parents and caregivers will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to add more books into your home or perhaps they will make a great Christmas gift.

If you would like an order form for this \$5.00 book offer, they are available from our school library.

Orders close Friday 17th November.

LIS Sports Uniforms

We have given out a lot of sports uniforms over the last few weeks, with students participating in different sporting codes. Please check that your child has returned their sports uniform to school - thank you.



Supersport Girls' Touch Team participated in the Supersport tournament in Palmerston North on Wednesday 1st November.

Community Notice:

Levin Little Theatre is proud to present their latest production "**Trouble in Pantoland**" - a magical panto adventure!

Tickets are available from Beacon Book & Gift Shop, Oxford Street, Levin.

Show dates and times:

Thursday 9 - Saturday 11 November 7.30pm

Sunday 12 & 19 November 2.00pm

Friday 17 November 7.30pm

Saturday 18 November 2.00pm

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 November 7.30pm