

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2 February 2018

Principal: Sheree Garton
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 6th February - Waitangi Day
- Friday 9th February - Water Polo starts
- Wednesday 14th February - Twilight Soccer starts
- Thursday 22nd February - Twilight Hockey starts

Nau mai haere mai - Welcome to 2018

Tu Tangata - Stand Tall

Dear Parents / Caregivers

It is with great excitement that we welcome our students, both new and returning, and their families, to the Levin Intermediate 2018 school year. Over the next 12 months, we will be trialling a variety of new programmes and initiatives. We look forward to working with you all to gather valuable feedback regarding the impact that these changes have on you and your children.

Thank you to all who attended our first day Powhiri, it was lovely to meet you all and thank you for the time you took to meet with us. Enrolments have been hugely positive and we are pleased to announce that we have started a new class this year and it is likely that another class will start shortly.

Welcome to our new staff members! Mary O'Neill in room 1, Kirstin McKenzie in room 3, Mike Gallagher in room 10 and Bev Evans working alongside staff in rooms 1,5 and 6. Our Teacher only days gave us a chance to work as a team with the theme of 'Connections'. Day 2 was an opportunity for staff to discuss culturally responsive practices and the key part of supporting students to be successful in school. Responsive pedagogies and practices require 'cultural consciousness' on the part of school leaders and teachers.

Uniforms

Thank you to all who supported the schools rules on uniform this week. Our first week back was about getting to know one another and giving time for expectations to be shared with students. Below are a few reminders to help us work towards 100% of students wearing the correct uniform.

1. Shoes need to be all black and low cut. Socks are either black or navy (please no white stripes or Nike ticks).
2. Jewellery is not acceptable. Watches are and a single pair of studs (sleepers are dangerous).
3. Hats are mufti, but must not be worn inside.
4. We appreciate that families are having to purchase many of these items as new enrolments and are happy to have a note for items that are incorrect, whilst families work towards purchasing all that is required.
5. Taonga are able to be worn with a note from parents, but are to be worn under the school uniform.

We are very grateful for the support!

SPORTS

This week students have been offered opportunities to join twilight sports teams and school based trainings. Six sports are currently on offer and I urge families to set up automatic payments to cover the many options available. \$5 a week will provide \$200 of fees a year - which is likely for the average student. AIMS games, Activities Week and Japan trips are above and beyond this cost. We have automatic payment forms available at our school office. Alternatively, if you would like to set up a regular payment via internet banking, our school bank account number is:

03 0667 0195192 00.

FUNDRAISING AND FUN-RAISING

Are you interested in being part of a fundraising team that organises not only fundraising events but supports the many 'fun' activities that happen at school? After school next Wednesday, in Room 5, Whaea Paula is meeting parents who have great ideas and are willing to meet once a month (we will negotiate times that suit the team). Previously this team has organised sausage sizzles, discos, gala days, hangi, carboot sales, iceblock days - we look forward to meeting you and getting some new ideas.

Thank you to all those who have popped into see me with queries or just to say hello. I hope to see you at our informal **'Meet the Teacher Event'** today - no appointment necessary and a free sausage sizzle for families.

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal

Art Room Requests:

Our Art teacher, Kelly Moore, would be grateful for donations of the following:

- ♦ Ice cream containers
- ♦ 1L clear milk bottles
- ♦ Old tape cassettes - she's wanting to use the tape for an art project
- ♦ Newspaper

Canteen

Mrs Lange runs our school canteen. If your child would like to buy their lunch they need to go to the canteen before school and order it. Students can see Mrs Lange at the first break if they have forgotten to order before school. Parent helpers are required to help make the fresh lunches. This is one way you can really help our school and our students. Please contact the school office if you are available between 10.30-12.30pm and advise what day would suit you – Thursdays and Fridays are the busiest days so help on these days would be great!

A variety of home-made food is available to purchase on a daily basis. An example of what child can order for lunch:

Mousetrap .50c	Donut \$1.00	Hashbrown \$1.00	Hot Cookie \$1.50	Garlic Bread \$2.00	American Hotdog \$3.00
Noodles \$2.50	Nachos \$2.50	Pies \$2.50	Beef Burger \$3.00	Chicken Burger \$3.00	Milkshake \$3.00
Chicken Nuggets \$3.50	Bacon & Egg roll \$3.50	Chicken Wrap \$3.50	Filled Roll \$3.50	Wedges \$3.50	BBQ Beef Bacon Burger \$3.50



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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: