

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20 February 2018

Principal: Sheree Garton
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 22nd February - Twilight Hockey starts
- Monday 26th February - Mufti Day - \$2.00
- Monday 26th February - Sausage Sizzle - \$1.00 each
- Friday 2nd March - Twilight Softball starts
- Friday 16th March - LIS Athletics Day - Horowhenua College
- Monday 19th March - Science Roadshow
- Thursday 22nd March - Dokkyo Saitama students arrive - 4.30pm Powhiri and BBQ for all students interested in returning to school
- Friday 23rd March - Interschool Athletics
- Wednesday 28th March - Disco - 6.00pm - 8.30pm - School Hall
- Thursday 29th March - Dokkyo Saitama students depart

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This week staff are setting up 'Target Student Groups' within their classes. Target students are those who will need to make extra progress in their learning. Whilst National Standards are out with the new government, key messages include replacing these with a new system that better acknowledges a child's progress, and focuses more on developing key competencies for all learners is on the way. Here at L.I.S we recognise the importance of providing extra support for students who need it. Whilst we are keen to move students in their learning we recognise that students who have a strong sense of belonging do better - therefore ***we can't do this important work on our own***. We need whanau to support us to connect with what students learn, how they learn and who they learn with. We need to create powerful whanau connections - where whanau engage with learning too. Over the next 2 weeks we will endeavour to contact parents of current Target students by phone, email, a note home or text to set up an opportunity to begin this journey together - He waka eke noa!

LIBRARY HELPERS and CHESS CLUB

This year we have had an increased number of students interested in playing board games including Chess and reading in our school library during break times. To support these great choices we are wondering if there are any volunteers prepared to give up ½ an hour per week to supervise our library space. Please contact us if this sounds like you.

FUNDRAISING

On Monday the 26th of February we are holding our first fundraiser to support our Kapa haka students to attend events over the coming months. We ask students to bring \$2 if they would like to participate in a mufti day and \$1 each for a sausage sizzle that will run through two breaks (we do not take orders, students can pay at the BBQ).

TEXTILES

Our textiles teacher, Whaea Annaleise, would love donations of soft materials - old tee shirts, towels and old woollen blankets. If you have any spare items at home please send them along to the school office.

Have a great week to all our families!

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal

Ngaa Kootuku o Punahau
Waitangi performance →



P.T.O. →

GENESIS ENERGY COMPETITION

You can help Levin Intermediate School win a fantastic prize that will help our students for years to come.

All you have to do is vote every day until the 2nd April (and get as many other people to also vote every day) for **Levin Intermediate School** on the <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/voteforyourschool/> web page. Search for our school name and our logo.



Our school could win either \$25,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000 to spend on science or tech equipment.

For example, we could have a solar array installed, giving our students a chance to learn about solar energy, energy efficiency and a host of related topics using resources from the School-gen website. Alternatively, 3D printers, robotics kits or even virtual reality goggles – whatever helps get our kids enthused around science, tech and maths!

We already put lots of time and effort into getting our students ready for a hi-tech, environmentally friendly world. This would give us a tremendous boost in terms of resources.

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

Levin Intermediate will be hosting the “Science Roadshow” on **Monday 19th March**. This is a great opportunity for your child to participate in a wide selection of interactive displays and hands-on activities based around the Science Curriculum.

The programme lasts for 80 minutes and includes *Astronomy; Ecology and Environment; Interpreting Representations; Reflection and Refraction; Sound and Spinning and Whizzing*.

During your child's visit there will also be two new exciting demonstrations covering *Am I Living?* (characteristics of living things; humans, other animals and plants) *Fire and Ice* (concepts of temperature and combustion). These demonstrations are often the highlight of the show.

The cost for the show is \$7.00. Please send the money to the office by **Friday 16th March**.

SNAPSHOTS FROM DAY ONE 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: