

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21 March 2018

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## Upcoming Events

- Art Extension - Whanganui Gallery Visit & Workshop - 26th March, 9th April
- 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
- Friday 30th March - Good Friday
- Monday 2nd April - Easter Monday
- Tuesday 3rd April - Easter Tuesday (school closed) (school closed)
- Wednesday 2nd May - SCHOOL PHOTOS

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Week 8 is here and whilst week 7 was busy and exciting for students and staff with Athletics day last Friday and trips to Palmerston North for ART extension, students fundraising and fudge-making for the Levin East School Gala as part of the Community Wakas learning, this week certainly has shown no sign of slowing down. Monday started with 'The Science Roadshow' enjoyed by our 255 students, Tuesday evening while I write this newsletter has 4 teams of Epro8 students competing in our school hall. Wednesday we host our local primary school teams to take part in Epro8 in our hall and on Friday a team of 30+ students will represent us at the Interschool Athletics day at Horowhenua College. Congratulations to all students who are taking part and contributing to an learning environment that has so much to offer.

On a 'not so good note' it is timely that I mention the behaviour choices of a few students who are making poor choices. We have no place for bullying or fighting at our school and students who get involved will have parents called and consequences to show that this is not the way we operate here. Our school expectations, Be Respectful, Be Resourceful and Be Responsible make our school a safe place for students and staff. We recognise that learning is about academic excellence and improvement, we also commit to supporting students in modelling excellent behaviour.

As you may have read in our newsletter previously our roll continues to grow and this years student numbers have meant that we are able to start a new class in term 2. Mrs Bev Evans has been appointed and will begin a new class in room 9. Parents will be contacted this week of students who are to be given this option.

This week our student council will be announced and names will be published next week. Student councillors will attend the Young Leaders Conference and be supported to take up various leadership roles across the school. Kapa Haka and Pasifika leaders who take on huge responsibility in these highly valued roles will also attend the Young Leaders Conference. A notice will come out shortly.

Sheree Garton  
Principal

### Commitment Waka

Well done for starting the year well. As a team we have set up clear routines and expectations for our students and the majority of the time these are being met and exceeded. The Commitment Waka Teacher's are feeling positive about the rest of the year and looking forward to continuing to build strong relationships with each other and our families. Over the past few weeks we have been participating in a physical and academic goals rotation. The academic goals were selected by the students to combat 'gaps' in their education. This is something that all of our students should be proud of as they have shown commitment to their

learning. We are nearly at the end of this rotation process and will be beginning a new set of rotations in Term 2, so please start thinking about any other aspects of your learning that you would like support in. Our physical goals have one last rotation to go. After this, students will be creating their own training programme based on the workshops they have attended. This will consist of a range of activities to build fitness, strength and agility or to attend specific workshops such as plyometrics that enhance the way we jump and increase power.

*Motivation is what gets you started, commitment is what keeps you going.*

Keep the good work team!



### **Community Waka**

Thank you these students Gracee-Joy, Isabel, Chad, Sharman, Conrad, Blake, Jake, and Levi for supporting our stall at Levin East school gala on Friday night. It was a great success and a lot of fun was had by all. These students really worked hard to give back to our local community and did our school proud. Even after such a hard day at Athletics day they continued to be excellent ambassadors for our school.

Well done everyone in our waka for their participation in our athletics day last week. We had such an awesome day and to turn up with such positive attitudes was a testament to how awesome you all are. Keep up the hard work!

Easter is just around the corner and I hope that you all have a very lovely time with your families.

### **Zebong**

Last Thursday 40 students had the opportunity to work with a “Zebong” a professional storyteller. Firstly he worked with a group of 20 boys. Zebong inspired our boys to pick up a pen and write their own adventure stories.

*“We loved the story he told us about his tattoo... I am now a confident storyteller” ~Amosa Talai*

The second group that went through this engaging and interactive workshop were a group of students who are passionate about writing.

*“We learned that you can make up stories using food, tattoos, jokes and the past” ~Angelina Toeieiu*



### **Sports Fees**

This is just a friendly reminder to make sure that Sports fees are being paid. We are quite happy to have payments in instalments and our office staff can help you set up automatic payments.

## Winter Sports

We are gearing up now for winter sports, with Netball and Rugby trials and training underway. We will be calling for winter Hockey and Basketball players soon too. Football and Rugby are both run by local clubs for their weekend games, but we do develop our school teams for various tournaments. If you are able to help in some way, please let us know. We value the knowledge and experience that many of our parents and whanau have.



## Athletics

Despite the poor weather forecast, our Athletics Day went ahead last Friday at Horowhenua College. What a great day we had. Lots of students dressed up in their house colours and supported each other so well. The level of participation was very good this year and we saw some outstanding individual performances. The staff and student and parent helpers worked very hard throughout the day to make the event go well. We're now waiting for our Champions medals to arrive, so we will award these, as well as certificates to all place-getters, as soon as they do. We are taking a strong team of athletes to the Interschool Competition this Friday and I'm sure they will represent LIS to the very best of their ability.



**Our school 3R's are: Respectful, Responsible & Resourceful. Please discuss our school rules at home. (see over page)**



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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: .....



At Levin Intermediate  
We strive to be:



*Respectful*



*Responsible*



*Resourceful*