

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1 May 2018

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 2nd May - SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Saturday 5th May - Netball starts
- Tuesday 8th May - Hockey starts
- Wednesday 9th May - Supersport Volleyball
- Thursday 10th May - Basketball starts
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th May - Bullying-Free NZ Week
- Tuesday 22nd May - National Young Leaders Day
- Kapa Haka Noho this term:
26 & 27 May
23 & 24 June
- Tuesday 5th June - Strike Percussion
- Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st June - 3-Way Conferences

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We hope everyone had a good holiday. Another busy term with winter sports here, a schoolwide SCIENCE focus, Matariki and a cultural celebration to name a few. We hope that you are able to visit us over the term and look forward to seeing you at our '3 way conferences'.

No hats this term

It was great to see students returning to school with uniforms sparkling, shoes cleaned and black socks found. This term is a winter term, so hats are not to be worn to school, except for beanies which are to be taken off once students are inside the school gates.

Let's Talk about it!

The third week of May is **Bullying-Free New Zealand Week**, held in conjunction with the Mental Health Foundation's Pink Shirt Day. The week provides a great opportunity for all members of our school and community to talk about what bullying means to them. Levin Intermediate encourages RESPECT, values opinions, celebrates differences and promotes positive relationships, making it difficult for bullying behaviour to thrive or be tolerated. To achieve this, we need everyone - school staff, students, parents, whanau and community - **working together**. Our first step for this terms learning is to unpack 'What is bullying?' as it is a word that can have a lot of different meanings for different people. Making sure everyone at L.I.S shares the same definition of bullying is important. To help with this important learning we ask whanau to unpack these ideas at home (as this is the terminology we are using at school).

- Bullying is deliberate - harming another person intentionally.
- Bullying involves a misuse of power in a relationship.
- Bullying is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time.
- Bullying can be verbal, physical and/or social; it can happen in person or online; and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).
- Not every unkind thing is bullying.

Japan Trip

During the holidays I received a lovely email from Steve Donne our Japanese liaison teacher, who had collated student feedback from his Japanese students. These were his words. ***"You'll be pleased to know that everyone had a great time. A number of students have requested to go back again next year!"***

This week's meeting for families who are interested in their child travelling to Japan will be postponed as the travel agent herself is on holiday and has not finalised the costs. Keep those CVs coming in, for students who are wanting to be considered for the trip.

100% Attendance for these amazing students in term 1:

Room 1 - Blake Potaka, Poasa Toeie, Luke Williamson
Room 2 - Madilyn Giles, Bo Tran
Room 3 - Mya Hepi
Room 5 - Manaia Hakaraia-King
Room 6 - Ethan Devery, Kimi O'Donnell
Room 8 - Jacob Hickson, Mikayla Newson, Kahnyae Rauhihi
Room 10 - Lacee Collins, Nevaeh Whakatihi, Chloe Welsh
Room 11 - Chad Goldie, Heath Hudson-Mills, Jessica Lawson

3 Way Conferences (Reports) - Week 8

This year's reporting will focus on children's progress and achievement, across the wider curriculum, whilst not forgetting the importance of foundation skills of literacy and numeracy. This vision of the New Zealand Curriculum is for our young people to be confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners. We report to share information about your child's learning, progress, and achievement towards this vision in ways that support further learning. We aim to build a stronger partnership between the child, the teacher, and the child's parents, family and whanau. As parents/whanau you are your child's first and most important teachers - building learning-focused relationships and connections between parents, whanau and teachers is therefore vital for each child's ongoing learning and success. Children are the core participants in any learning environment and need to be actively engaged in understanding their own actions and progress as learners.

How do 3 Way Conferences work?

Please note that the booking line is open from today. Levin Intermediate School uses an online booking system so that parents can book a convenient time themselves.

The website is: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event access code: 7ztn9

Please follow the instructions on the site to complete your booking. If you are unable to access the website, please ring the school office and Lyn or Cherie can assist you to make a booking through the school office.

When you come along to your interview your child and their teacher will have prepared for their conversation about achievement and next learning steps at the conference. We aim to have honest, meaningful, real and supportive discussions about achievement and next learning steps/goals.

Please Note: It is important that all parents/caregivers AND children attend the scheduled conference time.

Each conference lasts 15 minutes. A bell will ring to indicate the end of the conference. The school will provide supervised activities in the library for siblings to attend while you are at these meetings so that you and your child can participate fully in the learning conversation.

A feedback sheet regarding these conferences will come home with the newsletter following the conferences to enable you to share the things that worked well for you and any suggestions for improvements. We also welcome you talking directly to us about how you have found these conferences. We are looking forward to seeing you at these meetings with your child on Tuesday 19th June, Wednesday 20th June or Thursday 21st June. Please note that I am available to meet parents/caregivers - if you would like to see me, please call our school office and make a time, should you like to take this opportunity.

Have a wonderful week from all of us here at Levin Intermediate School.

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal

MURAL COMPETITION

Congratulations Isabel Paroli from R11! Your mural design was selected as 1 of 2 finalists in the Intermediate category for the 2018 Wall Worthy competition. We have the opportunity to win all the supplies from Resene needed to bring this fantastic mural to life for our school.

So let's make this happen by getting our votes in. Use the link below, share with your friends and let's get voting. We have this week only to win. So vote everyday, more than once if possible.

<http://www.knzb.org.nz/wall-worthy-finalists/> Voting closes 9am **THIS FRIDAY 4th May!!**



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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: