

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22 May 2018

Principal: Sheree Garton  
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 22nd May - National Young Leaders Day
- Wednesday 23rd May - Chess Tournament
- Thursday 24th & Friday 25th May - World of Maths Roadshow
- Kapa Haka Noho this term:  
26th & 27th May  
30th June & 1st July
- 4th June - Queens Birthday
- Tuesday 5th June - Strike Percussion
- Tuesday 12th June - School Swimming Sports - 12.00pm to 3.00pm
- Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st June - 3-Way Conferences.  
School will finish early on these days:  
Tues 19th June  
1.30pm finish  
Wed 20th June  
2.45pm finish  
Thurs 21st June  
2.45pm finish

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This week is going to fly by, with so many things happening for students and staff at Levin Intermediate, I am writing the newsletter on Sunday evening and hoping that team leaders can share some of the wonderful work that is happening here too. 32 Young leaders will be travelling with Ms Wills and Matua Darren to the Young Leaders conference in Porirua on Tuesday - we believe our students have so many talents and growing them into leaders that unpack strengths in themselves and others is so rewarding. Just last week one of our very talented young leaders - Angelina Toeileu started her leadership journey at Levin School, where she is tutoring a very enthusiastic Pasifika group, this week she will be joined by Feiloaki Hala who is keen to support Angelina and the group. Well done to these amazing young women!

Pretty soon our **Woodwork room will be refurbished** which will join both the old music room and woodwork rooms together - in doing this we will be including a technology suite and metalwork features - giving us greater opportunities in this technology area. Mr Harold has been busy behind the scenes moving materials in preparation for a term in another space.

### School donations

Earlier this year I put out a message to families asking if rather than paying the school donation, families may like to help out around the school. Mr Knight has a list of jobs that he just can't get to with the work that he does at school. Here are some of the 'working bee' type jobs that would help us out greatly and can be done in school or out of school hours:

- Painting some of our outdoor tables and benches
- Painting the school fence outside the woodwork space
- Gardening - especially on the edge of the field
- Making resources
- Library support

**Give us a call if you have some spare time this week.**

### Japanese Exchange

Meeting this Wednesday in the staffroom at 6.00pm.

### PB4L (Positive behaviour for Learning)

This weeks staffroom whakatauki was chosen to encourage staff to think of opportunities to teach positive behaviour when things go wrong - and they do. Our students are emerging teenagers, with so much going on in their worlds. When students make mistakes in behaviour we liken it to a mistake made in a maths problem - a chance to learn something new!

*Te piko o te mahuri,  
Tera te tupu o te rakau  
The way a sapling is  
nurtured determines how  
strong it will grow as a tree.*

## Sports Uniforms

In 2018 our sports uniform will be compulsory for students. If you have not yet purchased this and have a year 7 student, this is a gentle reminder. The uniforms are comfortable and support students to participate in physical activity both in sports practices, and PE lessons. Here are some lovely students modelling how great they look too! They cost \$65 a set, but can be paid off through an automatic payment at school over 2018. Pop in and see one of our admin staff for a automatic payment form if you need one.



**Girl's Self-Defence Lessons** - Through Weeks 5 and 6 all of our Year 8 female students have the opportunity to participate in a day-and-a-half of lessons run by the Women's Self-Defence Network - Wahine Toa. The girls will be given an information letter to bring home.

**School Swimming Sports** - we have booked the Aquatic Centre for Tuesday 12th June, 12 - 3pm. This day will include both fun events and competitive events and we hope for full participation.

**World of Maths Roadshow** - this fantastic opportunity will be here this Thursday. Lots of hands-on Maths for the real world. We are asking for a \$2 contribution towards the cost and this can be handed in at the office.

**AIMS Games 2018** - In September about 40 students will be representing LIS at the AIMS Games Sporting Championships. We will need to do a lot of fundraising to get our students there. If you know of any businesses that might offer some sponsorship, please contact the school office with their contact details.

Have a wonderful week from all of us here at Levin Intermediate School and don't forget to send back your health survey forms - or collect another one from our office if you have misplaced it. The first class to return their surveys is having lunch with the Principal!

Nāku noa nā  
Sheree Garton  
Principal

## Commitment Waka

Firstly I would like to welcome Mrs Forsberg to our team this term who is enjoying getting to know our students. Also a big congratulations to Miss O'Neill who attended her graduation ceremony at Victoria University last week showing our students that hard work always pays off.

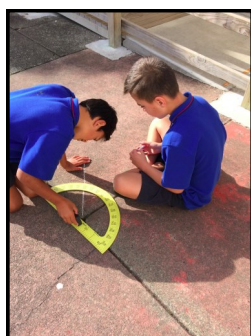
The students have also made a great start to Term 2 with positive attitudes and a commitment to their learning. As a team, we have been revisiting school and classroom expectations and I am very proud to say that most of our students are adhering to these. Congratulations to the students in Room 3 who were the first class in the school where everyone is wearing the correct uniform.

We are now fully settled into this term's learning and there is a real buzz in each of the classrooms. Each class has a novel they are studying and there is some great static images being created in response to the story popping up around the rooms. In maths, the students are working on Geometry and it has been great to see many hands-on activities for the students to explore this domain. This term's inquiry sees us working in the science area of the living world and we are beginning to explain how living things are suited to their particular habitat and how they respond to environmental changes, both natural and human-induced. It has been great seeing our students showing commitment to their academic, sporting and cultural goals when participating in goal sessions.

Please feel free to come in and meet your child's teacher if you haven't already been in, otherwise we look forward to seeing all our whanau at the 3-way conferences coming up later in the term.

*He waka eke noa, A canoe that we are all on together.*

Kirstin McKenzie, Commitment Waka Team Leader





Community Waka

Kia ora koutou, Mālō e lelei, Talofa and hello.

Can you believe that we are in mid-May already! Between our novel studies, new inquiry topic, and a trip we have been very busy term in the community waka this term.

Firstly, let me say, thank you for your efforts in ensuring your children are ready to learn. We look forward to partnering with you to ensure your child reaches their academic potential this term.

We had a fantastic time on our trip to Owlcatraz. There was much learning had by all and the children’s behaviour was exceptional. We were commended on our behaviour and as the first intermediate to go into the glow-worm caves in the last 18 years. As you can imagine taking 100 intermediate children through the caves silently took two full days but was well worth it. I am pleased to say our students did Levin Intermediate proud.



The trip was a huge success with the children getting the opportunity to interact with a large range of native flora and fauna to help inspire them on our inquiry project; Kaitiakitanga - Caring for our Living World. We learnt about native eels, worm-eating snails, the weka, native glow-worms and of course the morepork. It was an exceptional day with fun had by all.

We welcome room 9 into the waka and their teacher Mrs Bev Evans to the team. I congratulate them all on coming together as a class so quickly. Well done.

Please ensure that you book a 3-way conference with your child’s teacher. These occur on the 19th, 20th and 21st of June and is a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress so far this year.


Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa. Let us keep close together, not far apart.

Jade Cullen, Community Waka Team Leader



Action  
shots  
from  
Supersport  
Volleyball





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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: .....