

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15 June 2018

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Upcoming Events

- Saturday 16th June - Car Boot sale - Japan Trip Fundraiser - 7.00am to 12.00pm
- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June & Monday 25th - Thursday 28th June - Life Education
- 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
- Wednesday 20th June - Supersport Basketball
- Friday 29th June - Interschool Swimming Sports
- Kapa Haka Noho this term: 30th June & 1st July
- Wednesday 4th July - Supersport Netball
- Thursday 5th July - Cultural Evening - 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Good luck to our girls who are playing Rippa Rugby today. We have sent 2 teams of enthusiastic players off with our Miss O'Neill who has been coaching and supporting Rugby since her arrival at Levin Intermediate School. As Principal I am so proud of our beginning teacher Miss Mary O'Neill who has put her students first and has contributed so much to our school in the short time she has been here. Our recent visiting Principals commented on the warmth in the classroom and the high level of engagement they saw in Mary's class when visiting. Recently Mary applied for a permanent position in our school and was successful in her application - congratulations Mary!

Student Led Conferences are this week...

This week I have had the pleasure of working in Room 5 and Room 11, supporting students to be ready for our 'Student Led Conferences' happening next week. Teachers are recording what students are able to do in Mathematics, Writing and Reading as well as how they portray the key competencies of 'Thinking, Using Language symbols and texts, Managing Self, Relating to others, and Contributing' - whilst these seem big in words - students have been able to unpack subjects and share goals and gain a greater understanding of where to next with learning. During the conference parents, staff and students will be sharing ideas of 'ways to help at home' - and adding this to the report. **If you have not made a time yet, please do! We are wanting to meet each and everyone of you as the very important 'first teachers' of our learners.** Shortly after the conferences a written report will be sent home.

PB4L (Positive behaviour for Learning)

This week we are focussing on '**Being Respectful - especially in the area of supporting and encouraging our peers in a positive way**'.

Here are some ideas to help your child manage peer pressure and peer influence:

1. **Keep the lines of communication open.** You can do this by staying connected to your child. ...
2. **Suggest ways to say no.** ...
3. **Give teenagers a way out.** ...
4. **Encourage a wide social network.** ...
5. **Build up your child's sense of self-esteem.**

Life Ed Caravan is coming soon!

The Life Ed Caravan will be at school next week, this is a great resource and we would like everyone to attend. Please send \$4 to school to cover the costs of this event.

Carboot Sale tomorrow - Saturday 16th of June - 7am-12 noon 'Come and grab a bargain'

The car boot sale will be going ahead - Rain, hail or shine! We have set aside space in our school hall in case of rain and hope that you can spread the word and join us in an effort to support our students who are travelling to Japan.

- Carwash from 8:30am
- Cake stall
- Sausage Sizzle
- Bric-a-brac
- 2nd hand office furniture

Thank you to our RTLB

This week I was thinking of some of the very important people who support our school, and who do an amazing job and are always at the end of the phone or here in person when we need them. Thanks to our amazing RTLB team and David Taylor who is our lead RTLB teacher. David works with our staff and students when learning and behaviour is needing extra - supporting applications and liaising with staff at both ends of the process. David attends all of our leadership meetings and supports families with his friendly manner and positive outlook - **'always looking for the good in our students'**. David supports our SENCO and provides a connection with the latest MOE information and initiatives - **Thanks Mr Taylor for going above and beyond!**

I hope that everyone has a great weekend and makes time to catch up with family and friends, whilst school life is a busy one, I can't imagine there is a better place to be!

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal

Collaborative Waka

Although the days are getting shorter, there is no stopping the momentum at LIS. Swimming sports saw a great number of our students competing at the Levin Aquatic Centre. Everyone was supportive and encouraging of the competitors. Well done to everyone and good luck for Interschools on Friday, 29th June.

Our inquiry topic is in full swing with students answering the question "How can I help solve...?". We have been looking at environmental issues we face, in particular why are bees so important and why are they disappearing at an alarming rate? Students are looking to develop solutions around off-grid living, providing clean drinking water and weaning ourselves off oil use. Next week they will be building their solutions.

Matariki celebrations kick off next week! We will be designing murals to tell the story of Matariki, making a kite (Manu aute) that links back to our local Iwi, mobiles and poetry.

Commitment Waka

Wow, it is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of week 7. It has been a very busy term with lots of great learning opportunities that our students have been able to be involved in.

There has been many sporting events that our students have attended and winter sports is fully underway. The school swimming sports took place this week and many of the students from the Commitment Waka were stars in the pool.

Another wonderful experience that some of our students were able to take part in, was traveling to Te Papa to work in a digital classroom at Te Papa. This was a great experience where our students were able to learn about creating a stop-motion animation to tell a story. The children learnt to create a storyboard about the human impact on the environment and then tell their story using digital technology. We were also lucky enough to be able to look at some traditional musical instruments from our local area that are being stored in the archives at the museum. Thank you Matua Darren for coming along and supporting us on this trip. I know that I personally learnt a lot and I know that the kids certainly did.

Our students have been asking some great questions based on their inquiries and I am looking forward to seeing the displays that will be set up in the hall for the student conferences.

Our kids have been working hard to prepare themselves and their classrooms for the student-led conferences next week. Please make sure you have booked to see your child's teacher. It would be great if we could have a 100% turn out of parents/whanau from our teams.



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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: