

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8 June 2018

Principal: Sheree Garton
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 12th June - School Swimming Sports - 12.00pm to 3.00pm
- Saturday 16th June - Car Boot sale - Japan Trip Fundraiser
- 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

Thank you once again to our Kapa Haka group for their exemplary efforts around Manaaki manuhiri, for the Intermediate Principals hui held at LIS yesterday.

It was such a busy week at LIS, we could really have done with Monday! Thank you to Ms McKenzie and Matua Darren who took 30 eager learners to Te Papa this week to take part in a programme called 'Raranga Matihiko - Weaving Digital Futures'. The students were able to work in the Te Papa learning centre, explored a variety of digital tools and had real experiences to support the Environmental studies we are working on this term. Thank you also to our tutor Karen, who delivered worthwhile self defence lessons to our girls, we really appreciate the support.

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'.

This brings me to a topic that we need your help with...

- Do you know what social media sites your child is using? Facebook etc?
- Are you aware of the conversations they are having? The language that is being used and the photos and videos students are posting of themselves and others?
- Are you aware of the times they are accessing devices?

Over the past weeks we have had several parents and students inform us of inappropriate things being **said and sent** on Facebook. Whilst we at school are here to support students in the area of cyber safety, much of what students do outside of school hours is out of our control and rarely are we able to mop things up once the damage is done. A recent conversation with a parent who was unaware that her child had a Facebook page - found her child was saying 'mean things, swearing' and was being sent pictures. This has once again prompted me to raise this with our parent community. ***Facebook is not recommended for students under 13 and we have few students over this age - yet 80% of our students use some form of social media!***

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS:

- **Set expectations.** Talk to your child about how long they should spend online and what is appropriate content to view.
- **Understand** what they do online.
- **Teach them the basics.** Strong passwords and being aware that not everything, or everyone, is as it seems.
- **Social media.** If they are old enough, help them set up the account. Depending on their age, use your email address to sign up and enter their actual birth year so they're less likely to see inappropriate content.

Life Ed Caravan is coming soon!

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

School Technology fees

Whilst meeting with the Wellington Regional Intermediate Principals today a discussion was had around School Technology fees - **I am pleased to say that ours are the lowest in the region - costing \$2 a week to attend Food, Hard materials, Science, Art, Textiles and Think Tank.** This also includes 2 more subjects that are not offered in most other Intermediates. Please contribute when you can, we absolutely appreciate the small amounts and automatic payments of **\$5 a fortnight.** Without these contributions our school cannot fund the other important materials and resources that we need to give our tamariki the best.

MATARIKI is going to be AMAZING!

Planning is already underway for Matariki which will take place during the last 2 weeks of term.

- Waka competitions include - 'The Great Create' - Making a mural, creating kites (manu aute), making a mobile, writing poetry and creating a calendar. These will be judged and announced at the cultural evening (\$2 Tickets go on sale next week - our hall is able to hold 250 people - so get in quick).
- A food festival for all - This year we are wanting students to share food from their own cultures and families. We will be providing samples of foods including Hangi, Pig on the spit and students are encouraged to seek out family favourites i.e. **'Aunty Kelly's Chocolate cake'** and bring to school and share - along with the recipe. We will share these on the day and publish on facebook.
- An Evening Concert - Thursday 5th July - 6.00pm to 7.30pm - Where Pasifika and Kapa haka will perform and a live quiz of facts and learning is held between Waka teams!

How can you help?:

- We would love whanau to join us over the two weeks, supporting mural making, designing kites etc and of course during our food festival day, helping to peel and prepare. Many hands make light work! Please make contact with your classroom teacher - we would love to see you.
- Donations of veggies, meat for our Hangi, chop suey and other cultural dishes.

Finally, the sad news. Our beloved Whaea Paula is off to pursue other opportunities and will be leaving us at the end of the term. When her class were told - sad eyes and questions said so much and we wish her all the best in her next journey. Danielle Walsh will be joining us in Term 3. Danielle is an enthusiastic Intermediate teacher who is moving to live in Horowhenua - she is currently working at Ashburton Intermediate. We will welcome Danielle on the first day of term with a Powhiri and hope you too can join us for this special time.

Thank you to all those parents who have supported our students when things go well and when things do not - you know who you are and we are ever grateful for the courage it takes to be a parent in today's world where the temptations of peers and community make the hard times harder. We are here for you and want Levin Intermediate to be the school of choice for our Horowhenua Year 7s and 8s - where we live by our school motto - Tutangata - Stand Tall. And, where our new school Expectation 'Be Resilient' helps our students to solve conflict peacefully, view difficulties as opportunities for growth and where our learners make the most of the opportunities at Levin Intermediate School.

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal

Soft Materials (Textiles) Room

A request from our Soft Materials teacher, Rata Cornell: Our focus next term is on Winter Art & Craft so I would really appreciate donations of odd balls of wool, knitting needles, oddments of fabric or any sewing bric-a-brac for our students to build creative, innovative skills. Thank you.



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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:

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Swimming Sports



**Tuesday 12th June 2018
Levin Aquatic Centre**

Year 7 & 8's - 12.00pm to 3.00pm.

Fun events and competitive events for all students.

Bring togs, towels (caps and goggles optional).

**Students should bring lunch as it will be difficult to get a
Canteen lunch.**

Students will be released from the pool.

**Out of town bus students will be able to catch the bus from
Horowhenua College.**

**Non-swimmers will remain at school for the normal school
programme.**

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Awesomeness

Levin Intermediate
School

June 16th 2018

7am until Noon

\$10 per car
(Book your spot
at the school off