



Levin School Values: Respect, Excellence, Attitude, Co-operation and Honesty.

Term 2 **Newsletter** **7th June 2018**



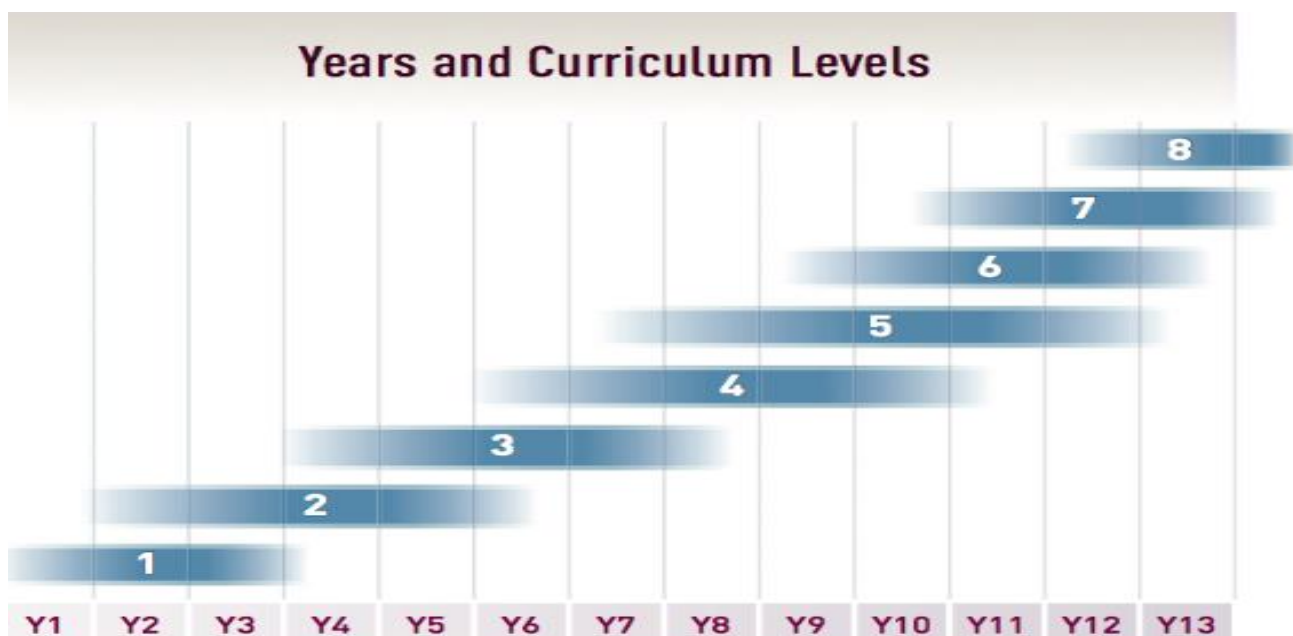
From the Principal: Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa lava & Malo e lelei. Teachers are busy preparing student interim reports which are due to go to parents on Thursday 14th June. These will then be followed with Parent Teacher conferences on Tuesday 19th June. As you may be aware the National Standards (NS) reporting system has gone and this has changed how we report back to parents. We will now be reporting using the **NZ Curriculum** – something we did prior to the introduction of National Standards. To avoid any confusion for parents the following frequently asked questions may be useful in understanding the changes.

Q. Will my child's report still report on reading, writing and maths?

A. Yes. The main change will be that we will no longer report against NS but against the curriculum levels.

Q. What is the difference between the NS and Curriculum Levels?

A. The Curriculum Levels are a 'band' which goes over a couple of years and caters to the reality that students develop at different rates. In general terms students in Years 1-3 are working at level 1, Years 3-4 at level 2, Years 5-6 at level 3 and so on up to Year 13.



Q. What will my child's report look like?

A. We will be reporting on progress and achievement in reading, writing and maths as well as general comments. Reports will include Next Steps in learning and how you can help at home.

Q. Do I need to attend Parent Conferences if I have received a written report?

A. Yes. Parent Conferences create the opportunity to fully support the learning of your child, remembering that 'Positive' learning takes place if we all work together'.

Reports will go home on Thursday 14th June for Years 4-6 and for Years 1-3 if anniversary reporting is due.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro

Paid Union Meeting: On Thursday 21st June, teachers will be attending a Paid Union Meeting, starting at 2.30 pm. Parents/whanau are asked to make arrangements for their children to be collected at 1.30 pm, to enable teachers to attend. For those children unable to be collected please notify the office.

Resource Donation: The Board reduced the Resource Donation to \$20 a child or \$30 for a family. This money helps to go towards the large amount of photocopying, swimming and other resources. A huge **thank you** to those who have already paid these.



Happy birthday to Lance who celebrates his birthday today and Houston and Piers, who will celebrate their birthday next week.

Welcome to Zephyr Clark who turns 5 today.

Home and School Reminders:

Firewood Raffle: Thanks to those children who have returned their raffle ticket money. All money and unsold tickets need to be returned to the office by next week. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 15th June and the winner notified.



Read-A-Thon: Read-A-Thon money needs to be returned by Friday 15th June.

Book week Friday lunch: Order forms for a special lunch on Friday 15th June will be sent home on Monday. All orders and money will need to be in to the office by Thursday 14th June.

Next Home and School meeting is Friday 15th June at 3 pm. All welcome.

Book Week: Next week is our annual Levin School book week. Lots of activities are planned which include visiting authors, visits to Te Takare, Library competitions, Dress up as a character on Friday. On Wednesday lunch time there will be a ‘Travelling Library’ where children can swap or simply take a book (free).

Uniform:

Show ‘excellence’ by wearing the correct uniform – school polo shirt, school polo fleece, black shoes and socks, black shorts, skorts, track pants or black tights. Black long sleeved skivvies can be worn underneath the uniform.

Sports

Netball: The team are playing at 9 am on court 6 this Saturday. Please be at the courts by 8:30 am.

Water polo: The team played Levin North last week. This week their game is at 3.45 pm against Koputoroa. They need to be in their togs and ready to play 10 minutes before the game.



Basketball: The Year 3/4 team are playing at 3:45pm on court 3 and the Year 5/6 team are playing on court 2 at 5:15pm.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: These are scheduled for Tuesday 19th June, starting at 1.30 pm. Bookings can be made on line or by phoning the office. To book an interview on line, simply **enter the code j2p79** on the home page of the School Interviews website (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) click ‘go’ and follow the simple steps.

Desks and Chairs: We have school desks and chairs for sale.

\$5 for a desk and chair. These are great for doing homework on. Just pop into the office and see Mrs Pickering.



Health

With winter now upon us, there are a lot of coughs and colds going round. Please remember to phone the office **3686562** or text **02102480530**, to notify the school of your child's absence.

Head lice: These pesky critters are in full force. Please check your child's hair regularly. We all need to work together to try and beat this problem.



What to look for:



(these are head lice bites)

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) attached to hair shafts
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears
- Itching of the head

What to do:

- Check all members of the family (for the next 3 weeks)
- Treat anyone who may be hosting head lice. Treatment may be required for at least 3 weeks (3 weeks is the head lice breeding cycle, which you may need to break)
- Please advise the school

Extra precautions: Wash all bed linen, soak hairbrushes, combs and vacuum carpets and rugs. Do not share hair brushes or hats.

Water: We have a water and milk only policy here at Levin School. Students are encouraged to have water bottles. We have a refill station outside the staffroom so children can refill their bottles when needed.

First Aid Training: Staff attended First Aid Training on Tuesday 5th June. It was great to have the opportunity to upskill in the latest techniques so we are prepared if the need arise.



Dates to remember:



Friday 8th June: Assembly at 2 pm. Totara hosts.

Monday 11th June: Book week starts.

Thursday 14th June: All unsold raffle tickets and money needs to be returned along with lunch orders and money for the Friday lunch.

Friday 15th June: Character Dress Up day

Tuesday 19th June: Parent/Teacher conferences.

Wednesday 20th June: Board of Trustees meeting at 3:30 pm

Thursday 21st June: Teachers Paid Union meeting at 2.30 pm.

Friday 22nd June: Assembly at 2 pm. Kowhai hosts.

