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

**Term 4**

**Newsletter**

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



**From the Principal:**

Kia Ora koutou, Talofa lava & Malo e lelei,

Spring weather is certainly upon us, what with earthquakes, snow on the Tararuas, wet mornings and sunny afternoons, and lots of exciting activities happening here at School. Wednesday afternoons see the students from Kowhai, Tarata and Rimu classes fully motivated with technology challenges. The New Zealand Curriculum's Key Competencies (Capabilities for living and lifelong learning) are certainly evident, as students display 'Thinking', 'Managing Self', 'Relating to Others' and 'Participating and Contributing' as well as using our school values of REACH. What a fun way to learn. Engagement in learning results in positive achievement outcomes for students. Ask your son/daughter what have they been learning at school? Have those rich conversations – encouragement and successful support are an important part of creating student learning.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro



Happy birthday to Kaylee, Troy, Kingston and Miziah who celebrated their birthdays last week and Connor, Riko and Xavier will celebrate their birthdays next week. Hope you all had and have awesome birthdays.

**Welcome:** Welcome to Elijah Faio who joined Tarata class and Raylan Falamoe who joined Totara/Hinau class. We welcome these children and their families to Levin School Community.

**Sports:**

**Water Polo:** Your game tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, is at 3.20 pm. Please be at the pools ready to play 10 minutes before your game.



**Softball:** Your game tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, is at 4.30 pm. Please be at Playford Park ready to play 10 minutes before your game.

**Soccer:** Twilight Soccer games are played on Wednesday nights. The team are working well together. Last night's game was a loss, but they did provide players to the other team. Well done guys.

The Camp Monster Fundraiser Raffle has now been drawn and winners have been notified. A huge thank you to our Sponsors for our Raffle - you are fabulous and we really appreciate your support.

**Noel Leeming, Quarter Acre Cafe, Salt and Pepper Cafe, Caffeinate, Focal Point Cinema, McDonalds, Ballentynes, Pauls Meat Centre, Noel Gill, Whittakers Chocolate, Phoenix Football Club, Resene, RJ's Licorice**

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### **Absences:**

It is a legal requirement that children attend school every day. If for any reason your child is going to be away, it is important that you notify the school, otherwise unexplained absences are marked as truant.

By downloading the free Skool Loop app, you are able to inform the school of absences without using your data.

**Health:** Did you know if your child is suffering from a tummy bug (vomiting and diarrhoea) there is a free service available from most community pharmacies. The pharmacist will need to see the child and he will speak to you about options and if medicine is needed, it will be supplied free of charge.

**Hygiene:** Please make sure children are showering or bathing every night and for those older children, the use of deodorants may also be of some help.

**Head lice:** These nasty critters are about again. Girls should have their hair tied up. Head lice do not have wings but have strong legs with a claw on the end to help them swing from hair to hair. The female lice will lay about 7 eggs a night and will hatch in 7-10 days. Lice will live for 40 days. **So please check your child's hair every week or even every day when there has been an outbreak. Medicated lice treatments work best and it helps to wash all bedding, clothing and soft toys in very hot water. Soak hair brushes and combs in boiling water for 1 hour.** We all need to work together to get rid of these pests.



### **Dates to remember:**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Assembly at 2pm, Rimu hosts.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Road Patrollers day out, 10am-2pm.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Senior Camp.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Final assembly TBC.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of Term 4. School will finish at 1 pm.**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Office open for enrolments and uniforms.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February: First day of Term 1 2019.

**Reminder:** Please check the lost property trolley in the foyer for any of your child's missing items, including shoes and socks.