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

Term 1

Newsletter

9th May 2019



Principal's Message

Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni Hao, Chao & Namaste.

A great start to Term 2. The first winter term and only 1 wet day. The students are certainly enjoying the opportunity to play outside at interval and lunch time.

Once again there are exciting and fun learning activities planned for the term. From 'Zero Waste Education' to visiting the 'Star Lab'.

Please take note of the regular notes that are sent home by individual teachers.

Thank you to all those whanau members of Kowhai class who attended the 'Sharing of the students' work on their Country inquiry. Tarata class have their 'sharing' tomorrow, Friday 10th May. I hope to see you there.

Today at 2pm and tomorrow at 2pm teachers are to attend a Paid Union meeting. We have been able to arrange attendance at these with the least disruption to students as possible. Students will attend school as normal. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as NZEI (New Zealand Educational Institute) continue to push for better conditions for teachers which results in better outcomes for all of our learners.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro



Welcome: A very warm welcome to: Micah who joined Manuka class, Lacey, Mikaza, Layton, Melah-Grace, Tarleah, Peyton, Toakase, Daltyn and Blake who all joined Totara class.

Board of Trustees: Board of Trustees elections are coming up! You will be receiving your nomination forms shortly in the post so keep a look out for these.



Electives: During Term 2 we will be running an 'electives programme' for all of our students. The children will be able to choose from a variety of exciting activities such as cooking, dance, crafts, board games, coding and sports. We would love for our Whanau to be involved and are looking for parents who might enjoy taking a small group of children for an activity. You might like to teach children to weave or paint rocks etc. At this stage we will be running the programme during weeks 3,5,7 and 9 on a Friday afternoon at 1.40 pm. All equipment would be provided by school.

If you think you might be interested or would like some more information, please pop into school to talk with me. Tanja Gerritsen

Sports:

Netball: The game on Saturday is at 11am on court 9. Please be at the courts and ready to play by 10.30am.



Basketball: The Yr 3/4 basketball team have their first game today at 3.15 pm and the

Yr 5/6 team have their game at 3.40 pm. Children must have their mouth guards. **No mouth guard no game.**

Waterpolo: The Waterpolo team have their first game on Friday 10th May at 4.35 pm. Children need to be in their togs and ready to play 10 minutes before their game.



Mobile Dental Unit: The Mobile Dental Unit is currently at Levin School. Students will have their annual dental examinations and any preventative treatment required. Students requiring further treatment will be sent an information pamphlet, medical history update form and consent form. These need to be signed and returned to the school office before any treatment is undertaken. If you have any concerns or wish to be present at the appointment, please phone 3683126 or 0274750760.

Dates to remember:



Friday 10th May: Westpac Chopper Mufti Day. Gold coin donation.

Friday 10th May: School Assembly in the hall @ 2pm. Rimu hosts.

Friday 17th May: Electives start

Wednesday 22nd May: BOT meeting @ 3.30 pm

Friday 24th May: School Assembly in the hall @ 2pm. Manuka hosts.

Monday 3rd June: No school, Queen's Birthday.

Please note: Thursday 4th June will be a normal school day, NOT a Teacher Only day as planned. The finish date for the year will now be Wednesday 18th December.

Attendance: It is a legal requirement that children attend school every day. Remember to notify the school if your child is going to be late or absent. Unexplained absences will be marked as truant. We are making a bit of a focus on truancy this term. Children that are regularly late or have unexplained absences will be referred to our Youth Aid Officer.

By downloading the **free** Skool Loop app, you will not use any of your data if you need to contact the school.

We are Summer loving our school app!

Simple free download:
In Google Play and App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

Available on the App Store

Online payments: For those families who wish to pay online for school donations or uniforms, our bank account details are:

Account name: Levin School Board of Trustees

Account number: 03 0667 0247706 00 50

You need to quote your child's full name and what the payment is for.

Community News:

Hi all,

The Council are working on a strategy looking at **all modes of travel and transport**; trains, buses, active transport, parking and roading networks. There is a survey circulating at the moment to capture people's experiences (the good and bad) of our transport network. The consultation period for this phase of the

Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy (information

gathering, identifying key themes and directions) is open **until 10 MAY 2019**. Please follow the link below to **have your say on transportation** in Horowhenua. Your ideas, interests, issues and concerns are valued and wanted.

<https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Have-Your-Say/Horowhenua-Integrated-Transport-Strategy> Thanks. Fiona Read (Youth Aid Constable) and Therese Barber (Shared

Pathways Project Manager)



Do you know any new Kiwis who need some English help?

English Language Partners offer: One-to-one help anywhere in Otaki or Levin areas (1-2 hours a week).

Classes in Levin and are two hours a week. We help adults with using and understanding English at all levels (beginners to advanced), we help new arrivals and also those who have lived in New Zealand for years. To contact English Language Partners phone 368 6062 or visit upstairs NZ Post, Corner Oxford and Queen St. Levin



Levin Schools Kapa Haka Performance Group

Thursday 9th May, 2019

Tēna rā koutou kātoa,

Our school performing kapa haka group will begin practices soon.

Practice's will run every Tuesday afternoon during school terms, starting with the first practice on the 15th of May, 2019.

Practice's will run from 3.15 - 4.15 pm.

We will be creating a bracket to perform at community events.

With this said, it is important children remember they will be representing the school and therefore need to maintain our school values of REACH at all times.

We ask that you could discuss this with your child and remind them of the commitment needed to learn waiata and haka.

I look forward to sharing this journey with your tamariki.

Ngā mihi

Whaea Aroha - Kaiako