



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

Term 2

Newsletter

4 July 2019

Principal's Message

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

Wow! Term 2 is over already – halfway through the school year and what a busy term it has been. Lots of exciting, fun activities and learning has taken

place. The students certainly have benefited from the input from teaching staff, teacher aides, volunteers and family members. Thank you to all who have supported 'Our Students' over the term.

Exciting News: As a result of higher than expected numbers (with more to come) in Totara class the Levin School Board of Trustees have agreed to fund an extra teacher for Terms 3 & 4, 2019, therefore we will be opening up Hinau as our New Entrant class from Week 2, Term 3. We have been lucky enough to secure the services of Mrs Mel West. We welcome her and her family to our Levin School Community.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday break. Enjoy family time together.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro



Happy Birthday: Hay, Kahvarn and Galaxy celebrate their birthdays this week. We hope you all had a very special day.

Sports:

Netball: Saturday 6th July netball times were not available at time of newsletter going to print, please check with class teacher on Friday. There will be no game on Saturday 13th July, first Saturday of the holidays, but there is a game on Saturday 20th July. You will need to check the Horowhenua Netball website, sporty.co.nz/netballhorowhenua, to find out the game time.

Basketball: Yr 3/4 team have a late game today, 5.45 pm and the Yr 5/6 team have their game at 4.30 pm. Remember **No mouth guard, no game!** There will be no games during the holidays.



Rippa Rugby: The Rippa team competed in a Rippa Rugby tournament on Monday 1st July. Five games were played and the team won two. It was a cold day but a fun day, with a treat of fish and chips to finish off with. Thanks to Mrs Brown.



Character Day: What a busy and fun week it has been for Book week. Don't forget to dress us as a book character for tomorrow. There will be a dress up parade in the hall at 9 am. I look forward to seeing all of the interesting book characters.



Ninja Turtle Lunch: By now all orders for the Ninja Turtle themed lunch will be in and what a neat lunch it's going to be. Thanks to Home and School for organising this treat for the end of term.

Home and School Group News: I hope everyone enjoys their Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle lunch tomorrow! The Home and School Group have so far this year organised a successful car boot sale and school disco. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the school families and whanau for their support of these events. With your support we have been able to raise funds for the school, which paid for the students' hot dogs at the Numbers & Nibbles night and new sand pit toys. Next term we will be contributing to the upcoming maths show to keep the costs to students to a minimum. We are also currently looking into contributing towards the purchase of a school gazebo, which could be used at school and inter-school sports and other activities.

Once again, thank you for your support. We hope to have more activities organised for next term. We always need extra pairs of hand, so if anyone is interested in joining the team, please see Mrs Edwards at school.



Dates to remember:

Friday 5th July: Book Character dress up day.

Friday 5th July: Assembly in the hall @ 2pm. Kowhai hosts.

Friday 5th July: End of Term 2.

Monday 22nd July: Term 3 starts.

Friday 9th August: KidsCan Mufti Day.

Health: There have been lots of children away with a nasty virus that has been going around. Hopefully after a two week break it will give children a chance to rest up and get rid of any nasty bugs that are lying around. Thank you to those families who notify the school of their child's absence. Remember it is a legal requirement that children attend school every day. If they are not going to be at school, please do let us know, as unjustified absences are marked as truant.

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News from the Board:

Hello from the Levin School Board of Trustees

We have held our triannual elections and I am pleased to introduce our two new Board Members, Kelly Coley and Sam Spencer. Thank you for putting your names forward. Look forward to sharing your journey with you. At the first meeting after elections, the chair is to be elected. I am proud to have been re-appointed.

A huge thank you to our outgoing board. Len Blackaby, Ariana Paxton, Aroha Wiparata and Angela Procter Rofe. Thank you!

We at Levin School are sitting at 144 students enrolled with 20 students in the new entrant class. With more enrolments the management team put a proposal to the board:

- To use board funds to employ a teacher for a fix term for term 3 & 4 to cover the growth in the new entrant/year1 class.

The discussion was on the options of part time, short days or full time. The Board is proud to say we have gone with the full-time option for less disruption. We are also very excited to welcome Mel West to the staff.

The Auditors have completed last year's annual accounts and we invite you to see them on our website www.levin.school.nz – main menu – documents- annual accounts. You will see there is the Analysis of Variance, Board Members come off dates, Statement for Kiwi Sport funding, Financial Accounts and the Audit Report.

We have had a progress update on Levin School Strategic Goal 1 – To deliver teaching and learning programmes based on the New Zealand Curriculum which is designed to meet the needs of our Levin School students and the wider Levin School Community.

We also as a board put in a funding application to Eastern Central Community Trust and were granted \$5000 to go towards updating and increasing our Technology for learning in the junior School.

Our School is part of the Community of Learners – Kahui Ako. Where all schools across the Horowhenua have come together for collaborative learning and engaging the community. Our in school teacher is getting a lot out of this.

Thank you to all of the Levin school community for your support.

Please have a fabulous break over the holidays. Stay safe and warm.

Kind regards

Anita Davidson

Board Chair