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

Term 3

Newsletter

15th August 2019

Principal's Message

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

What a wet week it was last week. Inside activities at interval and lunch

certainly have put the key competency of 'Managing Self' to the test. For some unexplained reason a number of students will wear their socks when outside – forgetting to put their shoes on. Staff are constantly reminding the students. We have a pile of 'Lost Property' socks growing on our trolley. Please check and follow up with your child/ren. Wednesday August 4th Chronicle had an extremely good article 'The Online World is the real world'. It is a timely to remind whanau that use of electronic devices, the internet, social media etc should be discussed and monitored by parents.

Do you really know how much time your son/daughter is spending on 'screen time'?

Are you aware of the 'games', 'chat rooms', that they are playing or visiting?

I recommend that you implement some of the key strategies that John Parsons suggests, which follow at the end of the newsletter.

From the Archives: July 16th – Added 23 books to library. Call for tenders for ploughing and levelling the playground.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro



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



Welcome: Sophie joined Kowhai class last week and Skyla joined Manuka class this week. We welcome them and their families to Levin School and our Levin School community.

Happy Birthday: Tamara and Anahera celebrate their birthdays this week and Chloe C and Caleb will celebrate theirs next week. We hope you all have wonderful birthdays.



Manuka Class Ice Block Sale: Manuka Class are learning about money and as a rich maths experience they will be selling ice blocks for \$1. Children must order and pay for their ice block by Friday morning and they will receive their ice block at lunchtime. Some of the money raised will go to the local SPCA, reinforcing the concept of kindness. What a great idea!

Kidscan Mufti Day: There were some interesting and fun outfits worn on Kidscan mufti day. Thanks to everyone who participated and for your donations. We raised \$ 118.00. Well done.



Sports:

Netball: The Netball team have played well this season and have got themselves into the finals, which are being played on Saturday 17th August (*no times available at time of newsletter going to print*). Prize giving will follow, so go on down and support the team.

Basketball: Levin Juniors game is at 4.55 pm, on court 3 and Levin Seniors game is at 3.15 pm, on court 2. **Remember No mouth guard, no game!**

Rugby: The team have enjoyed 2 games so far. They are playing and working well together as a team, achieving good results. Keep it up guys.



Dates to remember:

Friday 16th August: Assembly @ 2pm in the hall. Rimu hosts.

Wednesday 21st August: BOT meeting @ 3.30 pm in Hinau.

Thursday 29th August: Basketball tournament, all day.

Friday 30th August: Assembly @ 2 pm in the hall. Manuka hosts.

Tuesday 3rd September: Duffy Theatre.

Wednesday 4th September: World of Maths.

Friday 13th September: Assembly @ 2 pm in the hall. Kauri hosts.

Tuesday 17th September: Speech finals in the hall @ 11.30 am.

Friday 27th September: End of Term 3.

Monday 14th October: Start of Term 4.



Our School App

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

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

Community News:

Te Takere: Great News! We are holding an amnesty at each of the Horowhenua Libraries over the month of August. The library will be writing off overdue library fines in exchange for non-perishable food items, ie. 1 item per each \$10 worth of fines. Please note that this is for overdue fines only and will not cover the cost of lost or damaged books, rental charges or Baycorp fees.

Some Key Strategies for Parents from John Parsons

- Maintain open lines of communication with your child. Don't overreact if you see something that alarms you or makes you angry. Share your concerns, talk about issues in terms of how they relate to safety.
- Don't let your child store or use devices in the bedroom when they are young. It will help avoid conflict and issues when they are older.
- Show an interest and enthusiasm when they use technology. Showing interest will promote open communication.
- Become your child's "friend" in any social network environment your child creates.
- Maintain easy access to your child's platform via their log-in so you can see everything.
- Ensure that you can always have access to your child's phone to help them stay safe. Make it a condition of owning a phone. Always check that their communication is consistent with family values.
- Educate your child about the importance of protecting images, and to seek permission before uploading images of someone else online, and remove that image if someone doesn't like it and vice versa.
- Check their browser history occasionally.