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Board News 21st November 2019

Welcome to the end of what has been a great 2019. We have had fabulous growth!

Thank you to all of our Levin School community for spreading the word about how awesome our little school is.

At our last board meeting on the 12th of November, we had a Principal's report telling the board that the school numbers are at 159. Also reported on was, that our numbers for 2020 are looking great and on that, recommended to the board that an extra teacher for a 12 month fixed term be employed. The board agreed to the recommendation. Also there was a full time position advertised. We welcome Mrs Mel West to the full time staff for 2020. We would also like to acknowledge the retirement of Mr Justin Wilton and thank him for his valuable contribution to Levin School.

We as a board were informed that Levin Intermediate have erected a fence on our boundary at the field. This is for their needs.

Maths and reading testing has just been completed. A report as to the progress and achievement for students will be presented at the next Board meeting.

The finances are tracking well. Aged payable were agreed on to be paid.

Governance policies were reviewed and ratified. As was responsibilities of the Principal and Chair policy. These are available for viewing at the school office.

The staff and some board members recently attended some professional development. Very worthwhile topics. Some being PACT (Progress and Consistency Tool), supporting children who have suffered trauma run by RTLB, an NZSTA workshop on inclusive schools and student wellbeing, The Reading Book attended by AP and DP who will unpack it with the rest of the staff.

Reading recovery report explained the reading recovery programme and showed progress and achievement of the participants. This programme is supported by the board and we will continue to support it next year.

The property portfolio has been looked after by Mr S to date. This year the school has had all the fluorescent lights replaced with LED lights. This came about because of safety issues.

The next major project is to have all the roof surfaces replaced. This will be done via a project manager and mostly paid for by MOE.

To the families of the year 6 students. Congratulations on your child graduating from Levin School. Thank you for supporting our school in having your child grow with us. Good luck with your new adventures, for 2020 with year 7 and beyond

Kind regards

Anita Davidson

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