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

Term 4

Newsletter

5th December 2019



Principal's Message

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

This is the last letter for 2019, with the end of the year fast approaching.

What an eventful year it has been, with many exciting activities and learning opportunities. The highlights for me was the visit of the helicopter from the RNZAF, as was the beach trip. With the holiday season upon us it is a timely reminder to be safe over the holiday period and especially take care on the roads if you are travelling. Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap when the sun comes out.

On Tuesday 17th December at 1.30 pm we will celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 students, a number of who have been here since they were 5 years old. We will be acknowledging academic and sporting excellence as well as our school values of REACH. We will also celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 leavers. Well done to you all for reaching a significant milestone in your educational journey. Remember to go forward holding your head high, stand tall and be proud. All the best for your next learning step. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who volunteer their help, assistance and services to the successful running of our school. What you do is an extremely important contribution. The students and staff truly appreciate it. Thank you.

I would like to acknowledge the retirement of Mr Justin Wilton and Mrs Pauline Pigott. They both have made a valuable contribution to the students that they have taught and to Levin School over their years here. We all wish them the very best for their retirement. Many thanks.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy family time, relax and rest up.

Nga Mihi
Paddy Sannazzaro

Staffing and Classes for 2020:

2020 will see a change in the configuration of our classes here at Levin School. We are moving towards having composite classes. The key reasons for this are:

1. Arrangements can be made to group students together that work well with each other.
2. Our increase in pupil numbers.
3. Flexibility in placement of new students who enrol throughout the year.

Mr Manu Bennett will be a new addition to the staff for 2020. A warm welcome to Levin School.

Class composition and Teacher

Hinau – New Entrants	Mrs Kylie Edwards
Totara – New Entrants and Year 1/2	Mrs Jeanette Wilson
Kauri – Year 1/2	Ms Tanja Gerritsen
Manuka – Year 3/4	Mrs Mel West
Rimu – Year 3/4	Mr Manu Bennett
Tarata – Year 5/6	Mrs Paulianne Taylor
Kowhai – Year 5/6	Mrs Kathryn Brown
Classroom Release/Assistant Principal Release	– James Wylie
Deputy Principal Release	Mrs Danielle Phillips
Sports Co-ordinator	Mr James Wylie

Support Staff will remain the same as this year.

Reports: Reports will be sent home on Monday 16th December.

As we do Anniversary Reporting in the Junior School some of the Junior students have already received their report.

Stationery for 2020: Children will take home a 2020 stationery list with their reports. Levin School does not stock stationery, but it can be purchased from Warehouse Stationery or The Warehouse.



Happy Birthday: Jaemie celebrates her birthday today and Taizarrah will celebrate hers tomorrow. Arias, Caeley and Levi will celebrate theirs next week. We hope your birthdays are enjoyable.

Fun Day: Monday 16th December we are having a Fun Day Monday.

At 11 am the whole school will walk to the Aquatic Centre for an end of year 'Fun Day'. As part of this the students will receive a sausage in bread and an ice block, thanks to Home and School. Children will still need to bring a packed lunch, a water bottle and named togs and towel. You are more than welcome to join us.



Sports: This was the last week for all sports. All sports tops need to be returned to the office please.



Home and School Raffle: Bring \$1 to Manuka Class and go in the draw to be picked up from home and driven to school in a flash vehicle. This is a fun way to raise funds for school events/activities. All vehicles have current W.O.F and drivers are fully licensed.

Sounds like fun, I wonder if Staff can go in the draw.



Lost Property: Please check the lost property trolley in the entrance way for any of your child's belongings. With the end of the year fast approaching, all unnamed clothing left at the end of year, will be disposed of.



The Levin Performing Arts has chosen 'The Lion King Junior' as its first production for 2020, with auditions to be held on the 15th December.

This production includes lessons in theatre craft, which will encourage all participants to be involved in all aspects of the show. We hope this will interest students enough to want to learn about theatre and the benefits that can come from being involved in the performing arts. We would love to have students from as many local schools as we can, be involved.

Auditions:

- Sunday 15th Dec at 1.00pm at Levin Performing Arts.
- Children must be aged between 7 – 14 years.
- Sing the audition song "I Just Can't Wait to be King".
- Rehearsals start Monday 20th January.
- Production dates 17th – 26th April.



For more information, contact Lorraine 36 84555 / 027 6868 106.



Dates to remember:

Friday 6th December: Road Patrollers lunch.

Monday 9th December: Swimming for Juniors 1.30 -2.30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday 10th December: Graduation dinner for Year 6 students.

Wednesday 11th December: Board of Trustees meeting @ 3.30pm.

Friday 13th December: Assembly @ 2 pm, Tarata hosts.

Monday 16th December: Fun day at the Pools.

Tuesday 17th December: Graduation Assembly @ **1.30 pm**, Kowhai hosts. **Note the earlier start for this assembly.**

Wednesday 18th December: End of Term 4 @ **1 pm**.

Monday 3rd February: Term 1 2020 starts.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

From the Editor: Have a Merry Christmas to all our readers. Be save and remember time spent with those you love is just as nice if not better than whats under the tree.



Those that are not returning, the very best of luck for the next part of your journey, I have enjoyed watching you grow. To those that are returning I look forward to seeing your smiling faces next year.

HARVEY BOWLER
FUNERAL SERVICES

THE SALVATION ARMY

'The Christmas 'Avenue of Trees'

Come and see the decorated trees and celebrate Christmas with us

13th, 14th & 15th December 2019
The Salvation Army Centre Levin
Gold coin/food donation on entry

Friday 13th Dec	6.00pm-8.30pm
Saturday 14th Dec	6.00pm-8.30pm
Sunday 15th Dec	6.00pm-8.30pm

