



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

Term 1

Newsletter

13th February 2020



Principal's Message

Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni Hao, Chao & Namste. A very warm welcome back to 2020. A special welcome to all of our new students and their families to our Levin School community. As per the note sent out last week there have been some staffing changes, these being:

- Mr Wylie is long term relieving in Kowhai Class.
- Mrs Taylor is acting DP of the Senior School.
- Mrs Maclean is relieving in Hinau Class until the end of Week 7 when Mrs Marsters-Sasa will start at the beginning of Week 8.
- Mrs McKenzie is now keeping the classrooms spic and span as Allie has moved on.

This year our key curriculum focus for teaching and learning is:

Taiao Tōtou – Our Environment

How does the environment affect us and how do we affect the environment?

Swimming continues for the next 2 weeks. Remember togs and towel on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays**. Thank you for your support so far.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro

School Donations: Levin School Board of Trustees have opted into the Ministry of Education School Donation Scheme. The result of this means that we will not be asking families for 'School Donations' (fees), as we have in the past. It will also mean that we will be able to subsidize fees for sports teams and special events. There will still be a small charge for these extra curricula activities, eg sports teams.



Water Only: Levin School is a '**water only**' school so please no juice in children's drink bottles. A great idea is to freeze their half-filled drink bottle the night before, then they have nice cold drinking water the next day, as it slowly thaws.

Sunhats: All children have been issued a school sunhat. These are to be worn during interval and lunch and to school events. Sunhats are to remain at school.



Sports: Netball, Cricket, Soccer and Hockey are starting up this term. Children that have expressed an interest in playing these sports will be bringing home permission slips to be signed and returned. We are also asking for help to manage any one of the teams. Please indicate on the permission slip if you are able to help out in any way.



Home and School: Home & School (also called the PTA) is a fundraising group of parents at Levin School and we need new members. We organise fun events for the children eg disco's and sausage sizzles. Money raised from the events may also be used to pay for the students' school trips and extra resources. If you are interested in joining us, please provide your name and contact details to the office.

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1 - Monday 3rd February - Thursday 9th April

Term 2 - Tuesday 28th April – Friday 3rd July

Term 3- Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term 4 - Monday 12th October – Tuesday 15th December



Dates to remember:

Wednesday 19th February: BoT meeting @ 3.30 pm

Tuesday 3rd March: School Swimming Sports

Juniors 9.00-10.30 am Seniors 10.45-12.30 am

Wednesday 18th March: BoT meeting @ 3.30 pm

Tuesday 7th April: School Photos

Thursday 9th April: End of Term 1

School Hours: Our school day starts at **8.55 am** and finishes at **2.55 pm**. It is important to have your child here and ready to start their day on time. Children that arrive late disrupt the whole class and miss out on important notices and learning time.

Attendance: Remember to notify the school if your child is going to be late or absent. By downloading the **free** Skool Loop app, you will not use any of your data if you need to contact the school.

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Community News:

Horowhenua Junior Softball Club: Levin United Softball have an exciting opportunity for the children of Horowhenua. Kevin Stockford, coach of the Denmark Men's Softball Team is offering a free coaching clinic in Levin, Saturday 15 February 10.00-1130 am at Playford Park.

Horowhenua Community Music Workshop: Music tuition for primary and intermediate age children held after school at Levin Intermediate School. Tuition in keyboard, guitar, bass, violin, ukulele, drums, flute, clarinet and recorder. \$30 for three terms.

To find out more or to register phone 3682510.



Parent Workshop: Free presentation on Raising Resilient Children. For more information, go to: www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Places-Events/Event-Calendar/Raising-Resilient-Children

Pasifika Celebration Day 2020: Fale Pasifika Horowhenua is planning a free community event for everyone. The event will be held on Saturday 14 March 2020 at the Levin Adventure Park from 3-7 pm.

Pasifika Celebration Day is an event which recognises the diversity of Pacific Island cultures within our community. Its about the coming together of people from all ethnicities and creating an understanding and acceptance of the diversity within our community.

