



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

**Term 4**

**Newsletter**

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**



### **Principal's Message**

Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni Hao, Chao & Namaste. Keeping ourselves and our children safe is the most important thing that we can do. One aspect of safe practice is to have children buckle up when travelling in cars and other vehicles that have seat belts.

Below is a reminder about the rules for children when being transported in a vehicle.

The NZ Transport Agency recommends that a child uses an appropriate child restraint until they are 148 cm tall or 8 years old. Children are too small for adult safety belts and so must have booster or special car seats for their safety.

Under New Zealand law the driver must make sure that:

- children under seven years of age are restrained in a car seat or approved child restraint
- from the ages of seven, until their eighth birthday, the child must use a booster seat or an approved restraint if one is available; if no restraint is available the child should be restrained by a safety belt or any other available restraint suitable for a child
- children aged 8 - 14 years wear a safety belt



All child car restraints must meet approved safety standards; look for a label or sticker attached to the restraint.

Please contact Paddy if you need a booster seat and remember to 'make it click'.

Be safe  
Nga Mihi  
Paddy Sannazzaro

**From the Archives:** April 14<sup>th</sup> – Suspended several children from attending school one week or until they are free from vermin.



**Happy Birthday:** Happy birthday to Taratoa, Izaiah and AJ, who celebrated their birthdays this week and to Riko, Xavier and Shyla, who will celebrate their birthdays next week.



**Dates to remember:**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Black Friday Mufti Day.** Gold coin donation or non-perishable food item for Christmas hampers which are given to some lucky families at the end of year assembly.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Board of Trustees meeting @ 2:30pm.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** Road Patrol training @ 9am.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November:** Assembly @ 2pm. Kauri hosts.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** School Photos. Pre-paid envelopes have been sent out. If you require one or a sibling envelope see Ms Pickering.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Beach Education @ Foxton School for Junior School and Manuka Class.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Senior School Camp.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Road Patrollers out on Orange Day Parade, 9:30-2:00.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Beach Education @ Foxton Beach for Senior School.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Road Patrollers lunch at Cobb & Co.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Board of Trustees meeting @ 3:30 pm.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Reports go home.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Final Assembly @ **1:30 pm**. Please note the earlier starting time.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** End of Term 4. School will finish @ 1 pm.

**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 who arrive late disrupt the whole class and miss out on important notices and learning time.

**Attendance:** The School has to submit attendance data to the Ministry every week, so it is very important to notify the school if your child is going to be **late** or **absent**.

Children with unexplained absences will get 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.

**Our School App**

- 🔔 Events
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- 📧 Newsletters
- 📄 Permission Slips
- 🔔 Instant notifications
- 👤 Absentees

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

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## **Community News:**

**Variety Childrens Chariety - Kiwi Kids Sponsorship (KKS):** The end of Term 4 is approaching quickly and while that means long summer holidays are around the corner, at Variety we're already thinking about what kids need to start Term 1 ready to learn.

We continue to have generous Kiwis sign up to sponsor children, and we know there are lots of kids in need of help with the basics like school uniforms, stationery and extra-curricular activities.

So NOW is a great time for families/whānau to sign up to Kiwi Kid Sponsorship to ensure kids and young people have everything they need over the holidays and for Term 1 - 2021. Getting organised now means Variety has enough time to process a child's application and find them a sponsor so they can access their funding in time for the new school year. Applications are all online and easy to complete.

All children who are NZ citizens or residents aged 4-17 are eligible for KKS and there is no limit on the number of kids sponsored in a family.

Check out our [FAQs](#), email us at [kiwikids@variety.org.nz](mailto:kiwikids@variety.org.nz) or call us at 09 520 4111 to discuss.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Kiwi Kid Sponsorship Team

**Summer Reading Programme:** Children's reading levels often slip over the holiday period.

Horowhenua

Libraries want to do their part by running a Summer Reading Programme over the summer holidays.

The Reading Programme aims to encourage and promote books, libraries and the fun of reading to children through

incentive awards, activities and storytellers. This is offered free of charge thanks to the Eastern and Central Community Trust. The programme runs from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Places are limited. Registrations open Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Te Takere.



**Work and Income Help** – Work and Income offer a variety of help when it comes to housing concerns. They can sometimes help with paying ongoing rent, board or mortgage payments and your moving costs, or if you have nowhere to live. If you need to leave home because of family violence they may be able to help with emergency housing. For more information, go to [workandincome.govt.nz/housing](http://workandincome.govt.nz/housing) or call **0800 559 009**



Horowhenua Kāhui Ako presents

# An Online Safety Information Evening

With Rob & Zareen Cope - Parents & Filmmakers

**FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2020 | 6PM - 7.30PM**  
**TE TAKERETANGA O KURA-HAU-PŌ, 10 BATH ST, LEVIN**  
**LIGHT NIBBLES WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO COMMENCING**

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators & social media access.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work visit [www.ourkidsonline.info](http://www.ourkidsonline.info)