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

**Term 4**

**Newsletter**

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**



### **Principal's Message**

Kia Ora Koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni Hao, Chao & Namaste. This is the last newsletter for the 2020 school year. And what a year it has been, one like no other and hopefully never to be repeated. Are we not the best country to be in? Yes, our Aotearoa New Zealand, a place almost Covid 19 free, and let's keep it that way.

With the holiday season almost upon us it is a timely reminder to be safe over the holiday period and especially take care on the roads if travelling. Remember **Make It Click for all passengers and drivers** and remember to **Slip, Slop and Slap** when the sun comes out.

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 have contributed towards the successful running of our school. What an extremely important role you play in supporting our students! It is very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy the sunshine (it will come), enjoy family time, relax and rest up.

Nga Mihi

Paddy Sannazzaro

We are pleased to announce that Lunch by Libelle (Libelle Group) have been appointed as our 2021 school lunch service provider. Libelle Group is New Zealand's premium school food experts with over 15 years of experience, feeding hungry tamariki in schools across the country. Lunch by Libelle promises:

- Nutritionally balanced, healthy school kai!
- 100% local staff, empowering people in the community!
- Regularly updated menu selection!
- Fresh lunches made daily!
- Honest & open communication with opportunities to give feedback!



For more information, to see their menus or to sign up to the Lunch By Libelle newsletter head to [www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz](http://www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz)>

## **Staffing and Classes for 2021:**

*At the time of the newsletter going to print there are still some aspects of staffing to be finalised.*

Due to an increase in roll numbers, a large number of Year 2 & 3 students and wanting to keep our teacher/pupil ratio low, the BoT have agreed to support having an eighth teacher. Therefore, we will be opening up Matai room, as a classroom. As a result of this the 'old norm' of moving to the next room will be a little different next year.

## **Classes for 2021:**

Hinau – New Entrants – Whaea Paula  
Totara – New Entrants/ Year 1 Jeanette Wilson  
Kauri – Year 1/2 Tanja Gerritsen  
Manuka -Year 2 TBC  
Rimu – Year 3/4 TBC  
Matai – Year 3/4 Mel West  
Tarata – Year 5/6 Paulianne Taylor  
Kowhai -Year 5/6 Nikki McLean

Classroom Release/ DP Senior School Release – James Wylie  
DP Junior School Release – Danielle Phillips  
Sports Co-ordinator – James Wylie  
Reading Recovery – Jane Heyes

Class/Room lists will be advised on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Reports:** School reports will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Stationery Lists:** These will go home with school reports *tomorrow*. Stationery can be purchased from Office Products for 2021 (*see attached letter*), Paper Plus and Warehouse Stationery. All students will be provided with pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, colouring pencils and glue sticks.

**Happy Birthday:** Happy birthday to Bailee, Cornelia-Marie, Te Ngahera, Michael, Hannah, Isla, Travis, Trinity, Locklyn and Levi, who will celebrate their birthdays in the coming weeks.



**Lost property:** There is a lot of clothing in the 'Found Property'. Please check the lost property for any of your child's belongings. As the year is nearing to an end we would like all found clothing claimed.

**Graduation Dinner:** Year 6 students will be having a Graduation Dinner at Brown Butter Kitchen on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm. The dinner has been heavily subsidized so students only need to pay \$5, payable at the office. Students are asked to be at the venue

dressed to impress and to be on time. Staff members will be dropping students off home at the end of the dinner.

**Sport:** Sports have finished for the year so **All** sport tops need to be returned to the office please.

**Health:** Meningitis is a dangerous bacterial infection which can be life-threatening and deadly in just a few hours. People who survive meningococcal disease often have serious long-term effects. The Ministry of Health recommends that young people living close together in places such as, halls of residence be immunised against meningitis. There are several different types of meningococcal bacteria, including A, C, W, Y and B. In New Zealand, most meningococcal disease is caused by group B, then group W. Bacteria are spread in a similar way to the common cold – by coughing and sneezing, or from contact with saliva (spit). How serious is it? Meningococcal disease can be life-threatening. It can develop and become deadly in just a few hours. People who survive meningococcal disease often have serious long-term effects, including, hearing loss, seizures, brain injury and permanent skin scarring. Meningococcal disease can affect anyone. However, young babies, teenagers and young adults are most at risk. Vaccination protects against the disease and helps stop it spreading in our communities. Meningococcal vaccines help protect you for up to five years. Get immunised if your last one was more than five years ago.



**Social Media:** It has come to our attention that some of our students are using social media to interact with their peers in both a positive and negative way. Can I please remind you that Primary aged students are **not** permitted to own a social media account.

As a parent/caregiver please monitor your child's internet use and take appropriate action as you may deem necessary, eg disable accounts, supervised access, check history and archived accounts etc.

**Dates to remember:**

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

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 6 students' graduation dinner.

**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.**



*From the Editor: I wish you all a happy and festive holiday with family and friends. Be safe, make lots of memories and remember it's about the presence not the presents.*



### **Community News:**

You probably have heard that the Philippines have been battered recently by a series of 6 strong super typhoons including Super Typhoon Vamco, Typhoon Goni, and Typhoon Molave and a 6.4 magnitude earthquake in a span of just four weeks. Many had died and many more had lost their homes and their livelihood. It is predicted that there will be 4 more typhoons coming before Christmas. Hence, even before they can rebuild their lives, they will again be battered by these typhoons.

The Filipinos in Levin would like to raise funds to help them start anew. They are organizing a garage sale on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Saturday at the St. Joseph School Hall (Address: 35 Durham Street) from 8am to 12 noon and we are knocking at your generous hearts and humbly request to support their endeavor. There are three ways you can support:

1. Please donate your preloved items, yet still useful. Kindly bring your items to St. Joseph Church's Presbytery (Address: 48 Weraroa Road, Levin) anytime from today till the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Friday. Please contact Gladys at 020.4147.1301 before you deliver it, to make sure somebody will be there to receive your items.
2. Please buy the home-bakes and sausage sizzles during the garage sale. The Filipinos promise to put their hearts into the food they will serve with a smile.
3. And of course, buy the items that will be on sale at the Garage Sale.

The **Horowhenua Community Music Workshop (HCMW)** offers a wide range of musical tuition to choose from; keyboard, guitar, bass, violin, ukulele, drums, flute, clarinet and recorder. 10 weeks for \$10. Registrations for 2021 can be done online at [www.musicworkshop.homedns.org](http://www.musicworkshop.homedns.org) or by phoning Rona Cooper 06 3682510.

