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

Term 1

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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

It has been a very positive start to the year. Students are all settling into the routines of school life. The children are happy to be back at school. Thank you to all for preparing your tamariki for school – eg stationery, uniform, swimming togs etc.

We are now into week 2 of 'School Lunches'. It's great to see some of the students trying new foods. The next 2 weeks' Lunch By Libelle - Term 1, Week 3 & 4, (Puriri & Totara) menu looks very delicious. These menus can be found and downloaded at www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz

Each School week we start with Hui Ata – our Monday morning assembly. Whanau are welcome to attend. This is where we share karakia, waiata, birthdays and notices.

Swimming: Swimming for the Junior team (Hinau, Totara, Kauri and Manuka) started yesterday. Sessions are on the following dates:

- Friday 12th February
- Wednesday 17th February
- Friday 19th February
- Wednesday 24th February,
- Friday 26th February
- Wednesday 3rd March,
- Friday 5th March

Time 1-2 pm at the Levin Aquatic Centre. Children will walk to the pools, leaving school at 12.30 and return at the end of their swimming lessons.

It would be much appreciated, if you have the time, to help walking the children to and from the pools. Please let your child's teacher know.

Students will need – named togs, named towel and named tog bag. Please practice at home getting changed into their togs and putting clothes into a named tog bag, drying themselves and changing back into their dry clothes.

Swimming for the Senior team (Kohwai, Tarata. Matai and Rimu) will be in Term 2.

Whanau Fun Night: Remember to keep Wednesday 24th February (4.30-6.00 pm) free for a Whanau Fun Night and picnic tea. A separate note will come out with more information next week.

Lunch time Water Slide: It is planned to have a water slide out for a lunch time activity on hot days. We will be using dishwashing detergent and water to make it slippery and fun. Students will need to bring named togs, towel and a tog bag if they wish to use the water slide. Seniors days for using the water slide will be – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, weather permitting and the Juniors days for using the water slide will be – Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting.

Sun Screen: We certainly have had some lovely hot days at school. Please remember to put sun screen on your child and if your child is prone to burn, put a tube of sun screen in their bag.



Nga Mihi
Paddy Sannazzaro

From the history books: February 5th 1902 – Large number of children attending a public picnic at the opening of the Water Races.

Home and School:

Welcome to our new Whanau and welcome back for 2021 to the rest of our Levin School Whanau.

Home and School will be back and hopefully hosting some fun activities for our Tamariki throughout the year.

For those that don't know who we are or what we do, we are volunteer family members of Levin school and Mel West is our Teacher Representative.

We gather for a meeting usually once a month after school, (Covid made this tricky, and resulted in a quiet year from us last year). We come up with fun activities like discos, car boot sales and mufti days that all fundraise for our school to cover costs that government funding doesn't.

In the past the fundraised money has been used for things like sandpit equipment, bus fares for trips and school trip fees so no one misses out which eases the pressure on our families.

We are a friendly bunch, always looking for more helpers to enable us to do these cool events.

If you would like to join us either for attending meetings and sharing your ideas or just helping out when needed on the day of an event, please send an email with your name to homeandschool@levin.school.nz

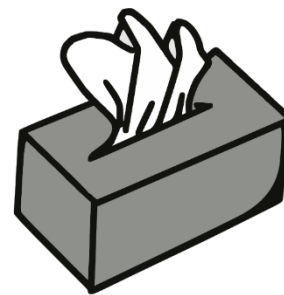
We will then add you to our mailing list and keep you informed about meetings and upcoming events.

Our first meeting for the year will be Monday 15th of February, details to follow by email. Children are welcome and usually play together while we chat.

Many thanks

Levin Home and School Team.

Tissues: Levin School belong to KidsCan which kindly donate shoes, socks, jackets, museli bars and health items to school, for those that may need them. Unfortunately, they can no longer supply school with tissues and as you can imagine we certainly need them. If you could pop a box in your grocery trolley when you next do your shopping and donate a box to the school, it would be gratefully appreciated.



Dates to remember:

Friday 12th February - Junior swimming
Wednesday 17th February - Junior swimming
Friday 19th February - Junior swimming
Wednesday 24th February - Junior swimming
Wednesday 24th February- **Whanau fun night**
Friday 26th February - Junior swimming
Wednesday 3rd March - Junior swimming
Friday 5th March - Junior swimming

Community News:

Registrations are open for the Able2Tri.

The Able2Tri event is a triathlon for people of all abilities, held in a fun and safe environment for all participants at the Makino Aquatic Centre Feilding.

Entry Fee: pre-register before 20 February

- Individual: \$10
- Team (up to 3): \$25

Course Options

Super Sprint – 100m swim | 5km bike | 2.5km run/walk

Super Short Sprint– 50m swim | 1.6km bike | 800m run/walk

Register before 20 Feb to secure your spot Pre-registration is recommended.

Email: chipl@sportmanawatu.org.nz for more details