

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 20 February - Waterpolo starts
- ◆ 24 - 27 February - Tatum Park Camps
- ◆ 5 March - Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- ◆ 9 April - End of term 1

Events updated daily
on our website
calendar

Tena Koutou,

This is our first **newsletter** for the year and we will publish one every second Wednesday (the even weeks) of each term. We will try to make it as useful and informative as possible and in a new innovation the newsletters will also be published and stored on our school website www.levinintermediate.school.nz for you to refer back to. Why not add this website to your favourites?

Welcome to all our new families. We hope your time as part of our school community is rewarding and that you are kept fully informed as to the academic and social progress of your child while they are attending Levin Intermediate. We are happy to speak with you about your child's performance and areas of strength and weakness. All you need to do is contact the school office and leave a message for your child's teacher to contact you.

The first thing we are focussing on is establishing good **relationships** between teachers and students. Not only do we have to get to know new students and classes, but we also have two new teachers – Mr Gallagher (Mr G) and Ms McKee on board.

So first up is a **class overnight camp** at Tatum Park on the 24th, 25th or 26th February. Information about this will be forthcoming from class teachers but it would be great if you are able to call into the camp and spend a half

hour or so in the afternoon/evening with your child's class and teacher. This is the only camp in the first half of the year. We have not yet made a decision on other camps for later.

We are committed to improving communication with parents and invite you to view our new website. On it you will find the **school calendar** which we will constantly update. Click on the date to see what's on. On **Thursday 5th March** we have scheduled a **Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed.**

You will also see that tomorrow the Public Health Nurse will be talking to the Y8 girls about the **HPV vaccination programme** later this year. Parents are welcome to come along to the hall at 11.00am to ask questions or you can contact her on 3660888.

Also check out the '**notices**', '**teaching and learning links**' and '**thru the lens**' sections. We hope information on the website will answer many of your questions.

Naku noa

Trevor Jeffries



Traffic

To avoid congestion in Collingwood Street, please pick up your students in either Tiro Tiro Road or Adkin Avenue between 3.00 and 3.15pm. Please don't use Collingwood Street as this allows our buses an easier right of way as they depart.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FRUIT IN SCHOOLS

We have accessed a free initiative to provide fruit to our students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We hope this will encourage our students to bring fruit from home on the other days of the week to eat at school.

DAY ONE 2009



STUDY GROUP

The after school study group will commence next Wednesday, 18th February from 3.15 until 4.45pm. Students enrolled are provided with afternoon tea and are able to use the school computers for research. There are teachers available to support learning and class teachers can recommend areas which need extra work.

Application forms are available from the office. There are limited spaces available so first in first served to a maximum of 30 students.

Year 8, 12 & 13 HPV GARDASIL®

Public Health Nursing Service will be offering the free HPV GARDASIL® Immunisation programme in your school during 2009.

To assist the Public Health Nursing Service deliver the programme efficiently we request that school rolls be provided to Public Health Services electronically.

The following information is requested from the school;

- Name
- Address
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Phone Number – day and evening
- Room Number of the child

Legal opinions from the Ministries of Education and Health supported the release. Discussions were held with The Privacy Commissioner and the Office of the Ombudsman. The Privacy Commissioner advised that "before school rolls can be provided to Public Health Nurses, schools need to inform parents and children that the rolls will be used in this manner.

School rolls are necessary to:

- Facilitate the unique identification of children prior to immunisation
- Enable data entry of the child's details and consent information and vaccination event
- Help monitor any adverse reactions following immunisation

The data is held by Public Health Services.

If you have any concerns please contact Tracey Bentall HPV Coordinator, Public Health Services 06 350 4560.

Public Health Services, MidCentral Health, MDHB

Consent forms **will be sent home with your child on or about the 8th February 2009**. Please return to the school with all questions answered.

PUBLIC NOTICES

- **Nothing But Wheels**
rollerblading rink is open in Levin at the Showgrounds Events Park on Friday nights. Entry is \$3.00 and blade hire \$2.00. Fun games and prizes. Phone 368-5646 for more information.
- **Levin Jackals Inline Hockey Club** starts training for under 20s and under 12s on Wednesday 11th February from 5.30 to 7.00pm. Free entry and all welcome.
- **Drama & Singing Classes**
Classes resumed 3 February 2009. There are vacancies for children aged 7 to 16 years in both drama and singing this term. \$7.00 per week per subject. The subjects are taught separately, you can do either or both. Individual singing lessons by arrangements. Adult beginning singers also welcome - evening time slots available. Phone Shirley Silvester for details 368-1315.
- **Horowhenua Music Workshop** - Registration Day Saturday 21 February 9.00am to 12.00 noon - Levin
Intermediate - \$10.00 or \$30.00 per student for the year depending on the instrument. Enquiries to Audrey Collins 367-9226.