

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 24 - 27 February - Tatum Park Camps
- ◆ 5 March - Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- ◆ 22 March - Dokkyo Saitama students arrive
- ◆ 23 March - BOT meeting 7.00pm
- ◆ 1 April - Parent Information Evening 7.00pm
- ◆ 9 April - End of term 1

Events updated daily  
on our website  
calendar

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### Camp Week

This newsletter is late because of **Camp Week**. The students are all back today and the initial feedback has been very positive. Students seem to have achieved the goals of meeting new friends, having fun and getting to know the teachers. It has been very pleasing to see the large number of parents who were able to pop in to visit the camp. Our sincere thanks to the hardy souls prepared to stay overnight (I wasn't one). Photos from the camp are being uploaded to our website – 'Thru the Lens' page.

I will be reviewing the overall camp with the teacher in charge, Mr Edwards, to see whether we will repeat the exercise next year and if so we will place it in the school events calendar so parents know well in advance. I would appreciate all outstanding camp accounts being paid to the school office by the end of March.

### School Closed

Next week the **school will be closed for tuition on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** so the teachers can attend a workshop about *maximising learning*. It is being run by Andrew Fuller and he has a very interesting website, [www.andrewfuller.com.au](http://www.andrewfuller.com.au), which has useful tips for parents of teenagers.

### Board of Trustees

The BOT held its first meeting for the year on Monday and the main item was a presentation by Mr Cooney about our *Inquiry Learning Model* which we are developing and using with our students right now. Board members were particularly interested in the way classes were using their 'learning caves' on our website to record their thinking out of school hours. Student interest and participation has been very high. You are encouraged to get your child to show you their class 'learning cave' and perhaps you can add your thinking too.

The minutes of Board meetings will be posted on our website for anyone to read.

### Assessment and Reporting

We continue to refine our assessment practices and reporting procedures and we are in the process of developing a student profile which will show a student's progress in Numeracy, Oral Language and Inquiry Learning Skills. We will use these profiles as a working document to give feedback to students and report to parents at our 3-way conferences. The first of these will be held in week 2 of Term Two on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

The next area of assessment we are working on is Reading and we are learning to use a new tool called e.asTTle for this purpose. We will hold a **parent information evening** about all this on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.00pm**.

Naku noa, Trevor Jeffries

## SUPERSPORT SOFTBALL

Competition was held in Palmerston North last Wednesday and we fielded two teams.

The boys team lost their first innings 10 -0 and didn't lose another innings after that. However that cost them in a count back in the pool so they ended up playing for third/fourth. In a dominating performance they beat St Peters to finish third of nine. Boys: Himiona Henare (c), Raana Lee Tatana, Cullen Millard, Sebastian Whiting, Mu Teo, Johnny Logan, Tiare McCarrison, Makisi Lomu, Shalom Poi, Jahdae Te Rangi, Dwayne Wallace.

The girls were playing through champions but most of last years team had left. However they proved to be a cut above the rest, winning the competition comfortably and retaining the Super Sport Girls Softball banner for the second year in a row. They then provided outstanding support for the boys' final game. A fantastic team effort.

Girls: Brooke Hori Te Pa-Philips, Ayla Murray, Bailey Hori Te Pa, Raumati Bishop, Ema McKay, Bonnie Bradshaw, Renee Bacon, Frances Bacon, Kyla Tukapua, Casey-Mae Waddell, Lisa Williams.

