

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1 April - Parent Information Evening 7.00pm
- ◆ 4 April - Great Forest Fun Run / Walk
- ◆ 9 April - End of term 1
- ◆ 27 April - Term 2 starts
- ◆ 4 May - 3 way conferences
- ◆ 6 May - Supersport Mountain Biking
- ◆ 17 June - School Photos

Events updated daily on our website calendar

## Message from the Board of Trustees

*Greeting to our school community from the Board of Trustees. We are a group of seven parent volunteers who have taken on a role to try to help our school provide the best educational opportunities for all our students. The job does take up a bit of family time but the rewards of seeing our plans actually happen is fantastic.*

*We are in the middle of building a new School Office and Staffroom. This is a big project and we are sure it will make a huge difference in the working conditions for our staff. We are planning to move into the building early in term two.*

*Right now the Board is developing a new three year strategic plan. As we reviewed the 2006 – 2008 strategic plan we were pleased to note how much of that plan the school has achieved. We were especially pleased to note the completion of the IT infrastructure around the school. The Board has put a lot of money into developing the computer network and providing IT tools for our students.*

*Our new plan will have a strong learning focus around the New Zealand Curriculum and will reflect the changes in teaching practices in our school. Another strong focus will be improvements to the learning environment and particularly upgrading the classroom blocks over the next two years.*

*The Board is looking for new members to join us in our work. A normal term is three years but at our school half the board members change every eighteen months. Currently we have two vacancies and we are looking for people with some background in building or property*

*maintenance or with some financial knowledge. We are particularly keen to have more local iwi representation too. If you are keen to know more you can call me or any of the Board members, in confidence, or leave your name at the school office.*

*Kind regards  
Peta Hill, Chairperson.*

## Uniform Requirements

You may have noticed a change in temperature this week. It is a requirement for every student to have either a sweatshirt or polar fleece for the colder weather.

I am concerned when I see a student shivering with cold and without the school uniform clothing to keep them warm. This can have a negative effect on their ability to focus and learn. This is also a health matter so we will follow up any student who says they don't have either item and is suffering from the cold.

Now is the time for you to check whether your child can find their polar fleece or sweatshirt. Ensure it is readily identifiable and ready to wear. It is also the right time to purchase either item from Classic Apparel. Don't leave it till the last minute as you might find they are out of stock. A small number of second hand items are available here from the school office.

Sue Binning, Deputy Principal

## Parent Information Evening

All parents and caregivers are invited to an information evening to be held next Wednesday, 1st April, at 7.00pm. The focus will be on the new assessment tool e.asTTle and the new student profile which will be used at our three-way reporting next term.

## TECHNOLOGY FEES & SCHOOL DONATION

Technology fees are a compulsory item and are to pay for materials used by students for work which they ultimately own and can take home. An example of this is cooking ingredients to make biscuits which the students can eat or take home to share.

Donations are not a compulsory item. They are requested to help us make up our budget shortfall from annual government funding. This enables us to provide the range of student support and learning opportunities we think are necessary for our students.

Technology fees for 2009 are \$65.00 made up as follows:

Hard Materials	\$12.00
Food	\$13.00
Textiles	\$16.00
Art	\$12.00
Computers	\$ 8.00
Printing	<u>\$ 4.00</u>
	\$65.00
Mathletics	<u>\$10.00</u>
	\$75.00

Yearbook (Optional) \$15.00

Donation amount is \$50.00 or \$75.00 for two or more students from the same family.

Accepted methods of payment:

- Payment for the year - cash / cheque.
- Automatic payments (can also be used to pay for school trips and visits).
- Term by term.

### Voluntary Fund Co-ordinator

We are seeking a Voluntary Funding Co-ordinator to help out at our school. If you have a spare hour or two, enjoy fundraising or helping fundraise, have previous experience with fundraising, then please contact our school. We welcome your help.

### Dokkyo Saitama

Students from Dokkyo Saitama J.H.S. in Japan arrived in Levin on Sunday 22nd March for an 8 day exchange with our students. Two of the Japanese students and their host brothers arrived at school in style on Tuesday courtesy of Mr & Mrs Murray and their hot air balloon! Students from L.I.S. will visit Japan in September this year.



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

We have a state of the art canteen which sells healthy food that is good for our students and helps them learn. Its future is under threat through lack of patronage. We are asking for your support so we can continue to offer our students this service. Talk with your child about where they are spending their food money and on what. We all know that kids prefer lollies and fatty food but is there a good balance? Diet is very important for a successful learner. Parents have the most chance to influence their child's decision making by providing specific guidance and positive modeling.

Below is an example of what is offered in our school canteen. Much of it is made fresh, on site, daily:

BBQ Beef Bacon Burger	\$3.50
American Hotdog	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$2.50
Calzone Rapperz	\$2.50
Noodles	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Mouse Trap	\$0.50
Texas Sub	\$3.00
Nachos	\$2.50
Beef Burger	\$3.00
Chicken Burger	\$3.00
Sandwiches	\$1.00 & \$2.00
Toasted Sandwiches	\$3.00
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$3.00
Filled Roll	\$3.00
Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Milkshake	\$2.00

There is also a variety of fresh fruit, yoghurt, muffins etc available on a daily basis.

Mrs Lange will add a few things to the menu for the winter months, commencing term 2.

Mrs Cornell teaching our friends from Japan the art of flax weaving.

