

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 4 May - 3 way conferences
- ◆ 6 May - Supersport Mountain Biking
- ◆ 20 May - Supersport Basketball
- ◆ 29 May - Teacher Only Day
- ◆ 1 June - Queen's Birthday
- ◆ 17 June - School Photos

Events updated daily  
on our website  
calendar

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### 3 Way Conferences – 4 May

Next Monday we are holding our first 3 way conference meetings for the year. At this meeting you will see what our recent reading and numeracy testing has told us about your child's current level of achievement. That information will be discussed along with what your child's teacher knows about your child as a learner.

It is important to hear what the student thinks about their progress and we are trying to encourage them to participate at the meeting. Our major thrust at these meetings is to agree on what your child needs to focus on learning over the next four to six weeks.

At these meetings we can only give a brief snapshot of the current picture. If there is a particular issue which needs more thought and time, a further meeting should be arranged with the teacher at a later date.

We will also be showing the Individual Student Portfolios that we are developing. I encourage you to make the effort to come along and to book a time either using the form provided or calling the office or emailing us at [office@lis.school.nz](mailto:office@lis.school.nz).

### School Sports Teams

A number of winter sports are getting underway very soon and our staff organise these for the benefit of our students. They do it in their own time and often at their own expense. I am very grateful to them for this and it annoys me when I hear reports of players committing to a team and then either dropping out or not turning up for practice or the game.

This is a very important matter where parents can do their children a great service by insisting that they fulfil their commitment to their team. Let them know that you are prepared to make sacrifices for them to participate because learning about reliability and stick-ability are qualities they need to succeed in life. Don't fall into the trap of making excuses for them. If there is a genuine reason they can't participate they must let the organising teacher or their coach know well in advance so other arrangements can be made. Please help us to help your child.

### Pandemic Planning

Our school has a Pandemic Plan as required by Ministry regulations and we are currently reviewing it due to the outbreak of swine flu in New Zealand. Advice to schools, as of today, is to update our emergency contact information so I have attached a form for you to complete and return to the office.

On the reverse of the form is some information about washing hands. This is the most effective way of preventing the spread of germs. It is also very important to cough or sneeze into a tissue to prevent germs being spread into the air. These preventions apply equally to the regular colds and flu viruses.

What is the school doing? We are investigating the possibility of installing antiseptic hand gel dispensers into every classroom.

What can you do? Donate a box of tissues to your child's class for use this winter.

Naku noa – Trevor Jeffries, Principal

## 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. Mrs Lange has added a few things to the menu for the winter months. Much of it is made fresh, on site, daily:

BBQ Beef Bacon Burger	\$3.50
American Hotdog	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$2.50
Hashbrown	\$1.00
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
Wedges	\$3.00
Toasted Sandwiches	\$3.00
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$3.00
Hot Cookie	\$1.20
Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Milkshake	\$2.00



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**J. Contact details**

*Please take time to fill out this form with up-to-date contact details for you as parents/caregivers of your child (or children) at school. Please also provide two local emergency contacts of people your child knows (eg, family/friends) who could take care of your child in an emergency **and collect them from school.***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of child (ren): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Parent/caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Parent/caregiver \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. First emergency local contact (eg, friend or family member):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Second emergency local contact (eg, friend or family member):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

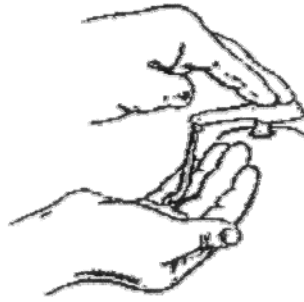
Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hand Hygiene with Soap and Water

**1. Remove jewelry.**  
Wet hands with warm water



**2. Add soap to palms**



**3. Rub hands together to create a lather**



**4. Cover all surfaces of the hands and fingers**



**5. Clean knuckles, back of hands and fingers**



**6. Clean the space between the thumb and index finger**



**7. Work the finger tips into the palms to clean under the nails**



**8. Rinse well under warm running water**



**9. Dry with a single-use towel and then use towel to turn off the tap**



**Minimum wash time 10-20 seconds.**