

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 25 September - End of Term 3
- ◆ 12 October - TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- ◆ 13 October - Term 4 begins
- ◆ 14 October - School Cross Country
- ◆ 26 October - Labour Day
- ◆ 28 October - Supersport Cross Country

Events updated daily on our website calendar

Kia Ora Tatou

School Cross Country - unfortunately we had to postpone the event today because of the weather. It will be held on Wednesday 14 October, i.e. the first Wednesday next term. At least there is a bit more time to train during the holidays.

Teacher Only Day – Monday 12th October (first day of Term 4).

We are joining with other schools in the Horowhenua to participate in a 'Minister's Curriculum Day' being held at Levin East School. Our teachers are working hard to up skill themselves in order to implement changes brought about by the updated New Zealand Curriculum which is to be operational from 2010. Teachers have been working collaboratively on this in the Horowhenua for some time and the sharing of experience and good practice is beneficial to all and the students they teach.

Term Four Teaching Programme – the big context for next term is 'ENTERTAINMENT' and a major focus will be our bi-annual school production in week nine. We are not planning a school wide 'Inquiry' on this – that will be left to individual classes if they choose. Instead we have planned a series of rotations for three afternoons from week four to eight for those not rehearsing for the production. Classes are compulsory and include lessons in health and first aid, languages, folk dance, horticulture, tech drawing and cultural art. A school wide minor focus in weeks one to three will be a science unit looking at acids and corrosion.

Activities Week – firstly, no major injuries or missing children. Whew! Students and staff have spoken very positively to me about their experiences so I am pleased that we kept this event in our calendar after trialling it last year. I would like to thank you, the parents, for enabling your child to participate by agreeing to our requirements and by providing the money. I especially would like to thank the staff and parents who assisted in the various events and for the weeks of planning and organisation required to make them happen. Our office staff and Mrs Binning did a huge amount of work to enable every student to attend at least one activity. I have included here a lovely email as an example of why we are so proud of our students.

Att Trevor Jeffries

My name is Kerry Gifkins one of the drivers from Madge Coachlines who went on the trip to Auckland. I would like to pay a huge compliment to your school, pupils, parents who were on the trip and to your teaching staff for their commitment to the students and the organization skills to make the trip one of the best trips I have ever been on. As a driver the students were a pleasure to have on the coach everywhere we went, the tidiness every day in the coach was brilliant, even to the point had I been the next driver to use the coach I wouldn't have needed to vacuum the coach on our return, a real credit to your school. Both myself and John (other driver) would have no hesitation with future trips (if available) in the future. Please pass this on to teachers and pupils.

1 – 1 Learning Class – we are keen to form a committee of interested parents and teachers to move this idea forward. Anyone can register their interest by leaving their name with the office or sending us an email and we will get back to you. Parent input will be essential as we try to identify issues and find solutions.

New Office – we are delighted that we are finally in our new offices. Everyone has been very patient and there are still a few teething problems to sort out and finishing off to do. If you haven't already been in, it's worth a look. An official opening will be planned for the end of the year.

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Trevor Jeffries, Principal

Uniform for Term Four – girls: skirts and boys: shorts. Please take the opportunity now to ensure your child has the correct items of clothing and they are in a tidy state.

Public Notices:

Drama & Music Holiday Programme with Darlene Mohekey & Sally Tohill - These two workshops offer an opportunity for children to explore creativity and gain confidence while having fun through Drama, Dance and Song. Wk 1 - 28 Sept - 2 Oct - 9.00 to 3.00 for 5 to 8 year olds \$100.00. Wk 2 - 05 - 09 Oct - 9.00 to 3.00 for 9 to 12 year olds \$100.00. For further enquiries please phone or text Darlene 027 330 5280.

Nothing But Wheels School Holiday Programme - School holiday passes \$25.00 for unlimited entry - Horowhenua Events Centre, Victoria Street, Levin - Phone 368-6840 or 027 3838 427.

School Holiday Workshops - Creative Writing - 28 Sept to 2 Oct - 9.00 to 3.00 - ages 11 to adult - cost \$75.00. **Theatre** - 5th to 9th Oct - 9.00 to 3.00 - ages 8 to 16 - cost \$75.00. For details phone Shirley Silvester 368-1315.

Aquafunk Classes - Every Wednesday night at 5.30pm at the Levin Aquatic Centre for \$2.50 12 to 18 year olds only - enquiries to Rachael Miller 368-0070 or 0274 700 740.

Kotuku Sea Scouts - Sailing, rowing, tramping, camping, cycling - Adventure Plus! Kotuku Sea Scout Troop are currently recruiting for new members. Boys and girls aged 10—14 years are welcome to join for fun activities every Thursday night. Enquiries to Keith Christensen 368 3533.

