

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 27 October - Labour Day
- ◆ 29 October - Information evening for Year 6 students and their parents
- ◆ 31 October - Teacher Only Day School Closed
- ◆ 4 November - School Photos
- ◆ 5 November - Information evening for Year 6 students and their parents
- ◆ 24 November - 3 Way Conferences
- ◆ 16 December - Year 8 Dance
- ◆ 18 December - Year 8 Graduation
- ◆ 19 December - End of term 4
- ◆ 3 February 2009 - Term 1 commences

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term Four Programme. Our school wide study focus this term is centred around the theme of "social justice". Students will be involved in a number of investigations and studies. I am looking forward to seeing their conclusions and what it might mean for us here.

Life Education is supporting us deliver a new programme later this term called *'From The Shadows'* as part of our Health Curriculum studies. This programme looks at the effects of legal and illegal drugs (including alcohol) and the consequences of addiction in relation to the physiological changes to the body and brain during puberty. A parent evening will be offered the week before the programme begins to explain it in more detail.

Our PE programme will look at safety around water with some students having the opportunity to participate in a 'beach education' programme.

Sports. Our school cross country will be held next Wednesday at Donnelly Park from 11.15am. Family and friends are welcome to come along in support.

Twilight hockey and soccer will begin later this month. Any parent willing to manage a team for 8 weeks can contact Jas McKay in R14 (no practices required, game only).

Super Sports competitions this term are touch rugby and athletics.

Tuition. The study centre is operating over eight Wednesdays this term and application forms are available from the office. This is a golden opportunity for a student to catch up or focus on a particular learning area or skill with a teacher available to give them individual

support in a small group setting. Internet access is available for research and study purposes as well.

Reporting. Diary our final 3-way conference evening for Monday 24 November, when we will be able to discuss your child's learning and what they will need to concentrate on to improve. We will provide the results from the Reading Assessment completed at the end of last term. We are hopeful of having another assessment completed in time for this conference as that data will be provided to your child's college.

Year 9. Because we are sending our current assessment data to the local colleges this term, it is important that your child has been enrolled to attend. We are working closely with Horowhenua and Waiopēhu Colleges on the transition from Intermediate. When choosing a college look at which one would best suit your child's learning style and academic interests. Try not to be swayed by where their friends are going. They will have made a whole lot of new friends half way through the year because of the subject groupings they will be placed in. I am really impressed with the work being done together by both colleges to make the transition to Year 9 successful for our students.

School Closure. School will be closed on **Friday 31 October** for a Teacher Only Day which we are having in conjunction with a number of other local schools to work on the new N.Z. Curriculum.

Promotion. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer advertising a promotion from Courtesy Ford which will benefit our school. This will be updated every month and a new special advertised. If you require another voucher for friends or family, they are available from the school office.

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