

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12 February 2018

Principal: Sheree Garton
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 14th February - Twilight Soccer starts
- Thursday 22nd February - Twilight Hockey starts
- Friday 16th March - LIS Athletics Day - Horowhenua College

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to our new students and their family who started last week - Seth and Nikolai. We hope you have had a positive start to school. We have had a great couple of weeks settling into new classes and getting acquainted with peers and teachers.

Our mission here at LIS reads:

He Waka Eke Noa - A canoe we are all in with no exceptions"

To achieve this aim Levin Intermediate has to build strong relationships with everyone involved in a child's learning including families, staff and the wider community. We ask that if you have things that need further discussion that you give us the opportunity to hear your concerns or celebrations 'Kanohe kei te Kanohe' - face to face. Far too often social media and word of mouth outside of the school gates focuses on the negative without the opportunity to see both sides of the story.

We consistently encourage students to get involved in the many opportunities on offer here at Levin Intermediate whether it is in the art studio, on the stage or the sports field or in one of the academic enrichment and extension programmes. We believe that this is a time in one's life when we start figuring out who we are and where our passions lie. It is these early experiences that may begin to set us on a future path of success. We encourage you to take every opportunity to get involved in your child's journey.

Ways to support and value the relationship between your child and their teacher:

- Don't be a Stranger – take a moment to introduce yourself to your child's teacher and stay in contact.
- Learning doesn't stop at 3.00 pm – support the teacher by encouraging your child to talk about the school day and what they are studying.
- Keep your child organised – check for newsletters, permission forms needing a signature etc.
- Encourage your child to have a timetable displayed so they know when PE gear is needed and to keep an eye on the daily notices through the 'Collingwood Daily' - shared at Kotahitanga.
- Teachers are on your side so give them support – some parents go into 'attack mode' when their child complains about a teacher. Try to get the full story by contacting the teacher in a positive way, and working together on the situation.
- Let your child make mistakes – teachers want students who try hard and not all students are going to get all work correct all the time.
- Support your child but don't put too much pressure on them to be perfect. Our greatest lessons often come from the mistakes we make.
- If the teacher is doing a good job let them know – working with a large group of young people is highly demanding. It's incredibly uplifting and appreciated when someone takes the time to say thank you.

If you would like your student to participate in Kapa Haka we have places in our group and welcome new members over the next week. A special thanks to the Kapa haka students who represented LIS and supported Muaupoko day on the 6th of February.

NEWSLETTERS – WHAT TO EXPECT

There is a weekly Newsletter issued to all students via Email or a paper copy, usually on a Monday. Class teachers may also issue Newsletters or notices to parents of their students, stating information about programmes and class events. Notes will be sent home regarding camps, class trips etc.

CYBERSAFETY and RESPONSIBLE USE

All students have access to ICT to support learning. They have their own Levin Intermediate email and login to our network. All students are required to sign a responsible use agreement prior to accessing ICT here at school (part of enrolment). All computers are protected against inappropriate websites and the school has its own internal audit procedure to monitor website use. On some rare occasions, we become aware of student 'conflict' taking place through home email, chat rooms etc. Parents are encouraged to regularly check on how their child is using the Internet and in particular Social Media outside of school hours.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are NOT permitted to be used at school. We ask that you actively discourage your child from bringing his/her phone to school. However, should your child need to bring a phone for after-school use, the phone must be turned off when entering the school site and handed into the office or classroom teacher, where it will be stored safely. The school will take no responsibility for any phone brought to school.

Our doors are always open and we look forward to partnering with you as your child embarks on another successful year!

Nāku noa nā Sheree Garton
Principal

Office Notes:

SCHOOL FEES – Our compulsory SPEC fees total \$80.00. These consist of Technology fees for Art, Food, Textiles, Hard Materials and Think Tank. These fees can either be paid in one lump sum, term by term (in advance), or by automatic payment. Term 1 fees are due now. We have automatic payment forms available at the office. If you wish to set up payment by internet banking, our Westpac school bank account number is:

03 0667 0195192 00. Please ensure that you list your child's name as a reference. Statements are sent out once a term.

ABSENCES – If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you ring the school before 9.00am to explain their absence – phone 368 8306 and press option 1. It is helpful if you state your child's full name, room number and the reason for their absence. Thank you.

Ngaa Kootuku o Punahau Waitangi performance:



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Please sign and return this portion to the school office to enable your child to go in the draw to win some wonderful prizes.

Child's name:Room: Parent/Caregiver signature: