

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12 March 2018

Principal: Sheree Garton
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- Friday 16th March - LIS Athletics Day - Horowhenua College - 8.50 - 3.00pm
- Monday 19th March - Science Roadshow
- Art Extension - Whanganui Gallery Visit & Workshop - 19th & 26th March, 9th April
- Thursday 22nd March - Dokkyo Saitama students arrive - 4.30pm Powhiri and BBQ for all students interested in returning to school
- Friday 23rd March - Interschool Athletics
- Tuesday 27th March - School Photos
- Wednesday 28th March - Disco - 6.00pm - 8.30pm - School Hall
- Thursday 29th March - Dokkyo Saitama students depart
- Friday 30th March - Good Friday
- Monday 2nd April - Easter Monday
- Tuesday 3rd April - Easter Tuesday (school closed)

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Apologies for last week - there was no newsletter. As you can imagine there is a lot happening in a school and in preparation for this weeks events we just got too busy.

This week our whole School Athletics day is being held at Horowhenua College on Friday. Students are to assemble on the college field from 8.45am. Despite the weather forecast looking dreadful we aim to stick to this day - hoping for good old Levin to go against the odds and breakout the sunshine. Students have been practicing events for the past weeks and we have some amazing young athletes waiting to show their talents. As well as our serious competitors we have a number of events for those who have set their own goals and are looking forward to the 'fun' part of the day - just this morning I had a large group of girls explaining what they will be wearing - yellow tutu and ribbons in their hair to represent their house colours. This is our first 'house' event and participation scores make such a difference to the house points totals. House colours are: Waitarere = Red, Ohau = Green, Waikawa = Yellow. We hope to see Whanau there!

Kapa Haka

This week I would like to thank the committed group of parents and tutors who work so hard behind the scenes in support of our Kapa Haka students. Matua Darren for his high standards of behaviour, performance and wellbeing of the group. Whaea Crystal, who volunteers each week teaching poi, actions and more. Tama, our school social worker who supports all students in the group. Kellyanne, Kiri, and Renee for keeping the students happy with home baking, filled rolls and so much more. I also want to thank the fantastic parents of the students who have been selling raffle tickets and sending in notices on time - thanking you also for the early start to last Saturday when the group went to Palmerston North for the Adult Regional event. Well done Jaxon for taking out the intermission dance off competition! It was a great day of team building and gave students an insight into how far Kapa Haka can take them in the future.

Art Extensions

There will be Art extension groups attending the art gallery in Whanganui over the next 3 Mondays with Kelly Moore our Art teacher. This week many students have signed up for Wearable Art and Dance groups - we hope to have an in school Wearable Art show and from that a group will be selected to attend Artsplash in Wellington later in the year.

A special welcome to a new student Evan in Room 8, already making new friends! We welcome you and your family to Levin Intermediate, we look forward to getting to know you all!

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal

Helpful reminders from one of our students, Willow Thomsen:

Japanese exchange students

On Thursday the 22nd of March our overseas visitors, from Japan, will be joining us and experiencing a new environment here in Levin, New Zealand. Also, after school at 4.30pm there will be a Powhiri and a BBQ for anyone interested in returning back to school.

Also good luck for all the sport games this week, do us proud!

Kapa haka

Brilliant to see the Kapa Haka students supporting the adults and using all the 3R's. It was so good to see the students getting involved and awesome to see Jaxon in Room 6 winning a prize with his amazing dance moves.

Class Photos

Say cheese! It's that time of year again where we have to look our best, and get ready for school photos. Make sure if your parents want a class photo or a portrait, give them the envelope then hand in the money by **Tuesday 27th March**.



Students participating in the EPRO8 trial sessions

SCIENCE ROADSHOW

A reminder that we are hosting the Science Roadshow next Monday, 19th March. A big thank you to those students who have paid the \$7.00. Please ensure your child has paid by this Friday, 16th March. Thank you.

Community Notice:

TE NGAO TU

Te Ngao Tu is a Mau Rākau group for our youth to learn Māori martial arts under the teachings of our Māori traditions. We ask that your child or children attend these trainings and wānanga that are arranged for the year. All trainings will be at the Waiopēhu College School Gym, on Mondays starting at 5.10pm and finishing at 6.10pm. These trainings will happen during the four school terms and will only stop during the school holidays.

The tamariki will be learning the following:

- ♦ Footwork patterns
- ♦ Ti rakau skills
- ♦ Body, hand & foot co-ordination skills using rakau
- ♦ Haka, mōteatea, waiata
- ♦ Karakia Māori
- ♦ Patu movements

This learning requires time and commitment from our tamariki and support from their whanau. There are no costs involved for being part of Te Ngao Tū, but we will ask for your support in these ways:

- Fundraising for training tee shirts, equipment and wānanga
- Helping at wānanga or noho that will be held during the year
- Administration for the group
- Ensuring tamariki attend trainings and wānanga

Contact details: Vernon Walker 021 064 2254 (please text)



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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: