

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19 March 2019

Principal: Sheree Garton
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 19 March - Whanau Fun Night 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Friday 22 March - Interschool Athletics
- 23 March - Students from Dokkyo Saitama arrive
- Wednesday 27 March - Disco - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
- Wednesday 27 March - 6.00pm - School Trustee Info Evening
- Monday & Tuesday 8 & 9 April - EPRO8
- Thursday 11 April - School Photos
- Friday 12 April - end Term 1

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Yesterday's Kotahitanga was a chance for students at Levin Intermediate to show our respect and condolences to the families of Christchurch. A minute of silence and a brief message of support for each other was shared. We are encouraging our students to speak to their families in the first instance if they have questions relating to the events. All our thoughts are with the people of Christchurch and the families. They've gone through so much.

Athletics

The whole Schools Athletics day was held at Horowhenua College last Monday and what a fabulous day it was. Students had been practising events for the past weeks and we had some amazing young athletes show their talents. I was fortunate enough to watch the Year 8 Boy long jump winner Teaoti Aari jump a staggering 4.45m, a new year 7 student to our school Kayleigh Kabondo take out the 100m final and Richard Schaaf sprint to victory on a number of occasions. The day couldn't have been better thanks to the organisation of Robyn Wills who prepares for the day with precision to say the least. Thank you especially to our students who represented themselves with pride and great sportsmanship. Representatives for our interschool team have since been chosen and we wish our team all the best for this week.



Whanau Fun Night - Tonight 5:30- 7:30

Tonight we hope to see you all at our 'Whanau Fun Night', it is our informal way to meet with our families, have some fun with a variety of activities - chess, volleyball, free sausage sizzle and more.

Uniform Expectations - Black Shoes and black or navy socks only please

Over the past 2 weeks we have noticed that some students are turning up to school with incorrect shoes and socks. Whilst we understand that this can happen sometimes, please can parents ensure students have good reasons and a note from home. KidsCan shoes and socks are free to all families - please feel free to call in and collect a pair.

Have a wonderful week, enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Sheree Garton
Principal

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A message from our Commissioner - Helena Barwick:

A very warm welcome to those of you who have joined the Levin Intermediate School community this year and welcome back to others.

Over the last 18 months our Principal, Sheree Garton, has done a great job, staffing is settled, student behaviour has improved, learning is happening and the roll is growing. The school is close to the point where a Commissioner is no longer needed at Levin Intermediate School and a board of trustees can take over.

Sheree and I are very keen to meet with parents who would consider putting their name forward for election when the time comes.

We know that students are only at Levin Intermediate for two years but we see our school as a vital link between the primary schools your children attend and the colleges they go on to so please think about helping us make that link the best it can be.

We are going to have a meeting on **Wednesday 27th March at 6.00pm** to talk about what is involved in being a school trustee and the support that is in place for new boards. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have about the school.

Please come, we would love to see you.

Helena Barwick
Commissioner
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Think Tank

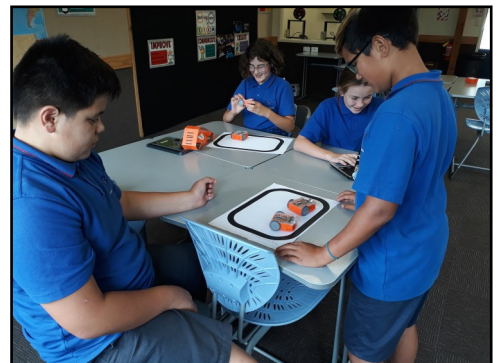
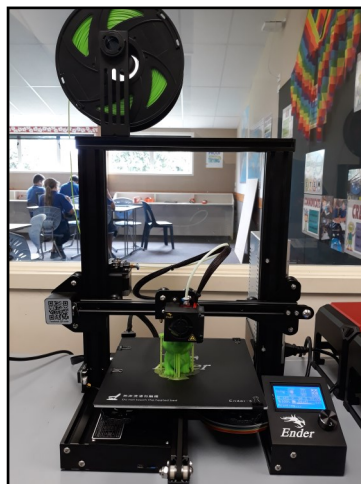
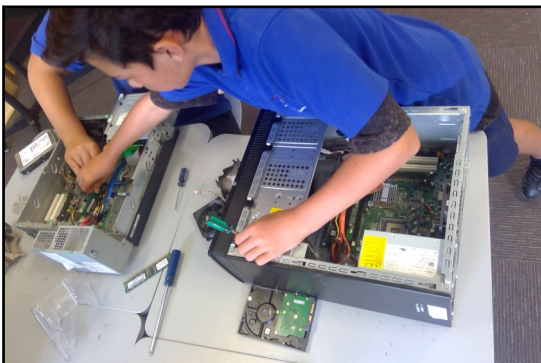
Think Tank has quickly picked up momentum this year with the arrival of our 3D printers, robotics and laser engravers.

Our students have been using Scratch coding to program Edison robots to complete obstacle courses, Sumo wrestle and have dance battles. Coding provides our students with skills which will serve them well in college and industry. 3D printing is a technology which is becoming more common place and easily accessible. It is now possible to print bionic body parts and equipment in remote research centres without relying on delivery. Our students have been designing miniature houses on a CAD program and printing them on our 3D printers.

STEM extension students have been breaking down and rebuilding computers to identify the parts, what they do and how they fit together.

Exciting times are coming with our modular drones due to arrive in time for Term 2. These will be programmable using Scratch coding and able to be customized to allow for creativity.

Dave Miller
Think Tank Teacher



Outstanding sporting achievement recently:

Congratulations to Shantayne Rangiuia-Herbert who has been selected in the Wellington Under 12 Bronco Baseball team to travel to Japan in June.

Family, Whanau, Fun Night

Levin Intermediate School

Tuesday, 19th March

5.30 – 7.30 pm

Welcome to our fun night
Nau mai, Haere mai
Fun activities for all the family

- Sausage Sizzle

- Water slide – if water restrictions allow
- Tug of War
- Laser maze - Wool
- Touch / Rippa Rugby
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Longball
- Quiz
- Sack race / 3Leg / Egg & Spoon
- Dodgeball
- Backyard games
- Rock painting station/Art station
- Board games / Chess

