

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29 October 2018

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Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 31 October - Supersport Touch
- Wednesday 7 November - WRISSA Touch
- Friday 9 November - Kapa Haka Regionals
- Monday 12 November - TEACHER ONLY DAY - School closed
- Tuesday 13 November - STRIKE DAY
- Wednesday 21 November WRISSA Softball
- Wednesday 28 November - Supersport Athletics

Nau mai, Haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers / Whānau

Term Four is always a busy one for both staff and students. On top of our regular classroom programmes, there are still lots of out-of-school events happening all through this term. Check out some of the recent happenings and make note of up-coming events.

Year 6 Open Days

These were held over three days and one evening in Week 1 of this term. Year 6 students from each of our contributing Primary Schools (East, North and Levin) came for a day of activities and tours as part of their transition to Intermediate. This can be a big step for many children and our Year 7 and 8 hosts and helpers did a fantastic job making our visitors feel comfortable and excited about coming here next year.

Activities Week

What a fantastic time we all had. Students got to challenge themselves in all sorts of ways. Many of them learned something about themselves or about another student that they did not know before. New experiences that might spark future interests and careers were the order of the week. Hopefully students get plenty of opportunity to share their experiences with their family and friends. A few photos are attached below and more will be posted on our school Facebook page.

Teacher Only Day

School will be closed on **Monday 12 November** for Teacher Only Day. Teachers will be busy working on student assessments and reports.

Strike Day

A strike day is scheduled in this region on **Tuesday 13 November**. We would appreciate it if you could keep your child at home on this day. Non-union staff and teacher aides will be at school if you must send your child to school.

Kapa Haka

Our Kapa Haka head to the Regional Competition next weekend. They have been working so hard all year, so we wish them all the best as they head towards this challenge.

College

Year 8 students should hopefully by now, be enrolled at a College. If your Year 8 child is not enrolled yet, please do something about that. If you need new enrolment forms, just contact the relevant College office. Both of our Colleges do a fantastic job for our students, preparing them well for whatever path they choose to follow in life. Having had three of my own children attend College in Levin, I can say that they received a very good education that was well balanced between their academic education and the ability to do as many extra-curricular activities as they wanted. Our co-ed schools prepare our teenagers well for a co-ed world of work and there is a lot to be said for knowing their friends.

Student Achievements

On Saturday, 20th October, Logan Manson (Room 11, Year 8) competed in the North Island Sprint Go-Kart Championships. He won the Vortex Mini Rox Class with four straight wins and won the final by the whole finishing straight! What an awesome effort – congratulations Logan.

Inquiry

The “Big Idea” behind our Inquiries this term is “Taste”. There are many directions that students could take with this: taste in music; taste in fashion; and of course, the more obvious taste in food.

PE Uniforms

These are available for purchase at the school. They will be compulsory in 2019, so Year 7s could be buying one through an automatic payment. They look good and are very comfortable. All the twilight sports will use them next year.

Te Hinaki Trust Computers

These are still available. Please ring or drop in to get more information. Chromebooks seem to be the way the Colleges are going, rather than tablets, so it makes sense to get in early with the right device.

Twilight Sports Term 4

At the moment we have 2 Touch teams, 3 Football teams, and a softball team. We would really appreciate some Parent Help with these. If your child is playing, please consider helping with team management.

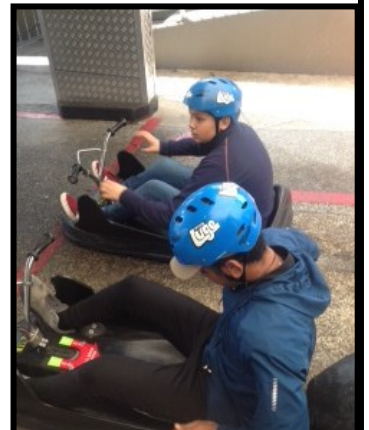
At Kotahitanga this morning we talked about settling back into school routines following Activities Week. Getting those little things right such as: correct uniform; being in the right place on time; having the gear they need etc., will all help them have a calm and productive term. Your support with these things is very helpful and appreciated.

Nāku noa nā
Robyn Wills
Deputy Principal

Community Notices:

Levin Athletics Club

Open to young athletes of all ages and abilities. Club Nights are on Mondays, 6-7.30pm at Waiopēhu College. Come along and have a go or register online through [Levin Athletics Club](#) website.



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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:



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