

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

31 August 2018

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Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

## Upcoming Events

- Monday 3 September - LIS Cross Country
- Thursday 6 September - WOW dress rehearsal - LIS 2.00-3.00pm
- Friday 7 September - Kapa Haka performing at the Council Chambers for the Citizenship Ceremony
- Sunday 9 September to Friday 14 September - Aims Games
- Tuesday 11 September to Tuesday 25 September - Japan Tour
- Monday 17 September - WOW Wellington
- Wednesday 19 September - Supersport Cross Country
- Friday 21 September - Artsplash Dance - Wellington

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

This weeks newsletter is packed with some of the high level achievements from students across the school both in and out of school time. So have a read, feel proud and do inform us if there is something that you would like celebrated via our school newsletter or facebook page.

### Japan

It is going to be a busy few weeks leading up to the holidays with 15 students and 2 staff off to Japan for 2 weeks. This is such an amazing opportunity and we wish them all the best.

### AIMs Games

Our AIMs games teams of 36 students and 12 adults is off too and a special thanks to our Deputy Principal, Robyn Wills who co-ordinates the fundraising, organisation and requirements for this to happen - it is a huge job and it is **all about the students** and giving them the opportunity to face some excellent competition and be part of the 11,000 students who attend from across NZ and the Pacific.

### Dance Crew

Dancers are working hard behind the scenes with Miss Walsh and our very talented Willow to participate in the Intermediate Schools Dance competition. It is especially pleasing to see Year 8 students welcoming Year 7s to the crew and already Sarjae in room 10 is being highlighted as a possible leader for 2019s Dance crew. Thanks to Miss Powell for her support in this too.

### PCT challengers

Thursday saw 2 teams of students participate in the Police led challenges at the Events Centre. Well done Pauliasi, Seth, Peara, Richard, Teaoiti, Maraea, Torina and Lopa for playing well and finishing 2nd overall within 23 teams!

### WOW @ LIS

Next week (Thursday 6 September) 2.00-3.00pm, we will have a whole school event to share the WOW work that has been happening at school - parents and whanau are encouraged to attend as this will be our dress rehearsal for students travelling to Wellington the following week.

### Activities Week

A reminder that deposits for Activities Week should have been paid by now. If you have not done so, please pay as soon as possible.

### Home based 'Activities Week' selections

We have added 3 extra activities to the list - which will each have a \$20 Koha School can be expensive sometimes and staff work extra hard alongside parents to fundraise, and apply for grants, so if you can support our school by paying the costs for these events it really will help. We also need parent helpers, so let us know if you will be around and about for the week of the 23rd of October.

\$20 options:

- Lucky Dip - a variety of activities in school and around town. Each day students will make their own lunch - choose workshops that interest them i.e art, gaming, jewellery making, mosaics, and more.
- SPORT, SPORT and more SPORT - basketball, badminton, handball, swimming, tenpin bowling and lawn bowls.
- Relaxing at school - students will be able bring games from home, novels they are reading, listen to music, attend a movie in town, take walks to Te Takere and chill! As well as some more surprises in store.

P.T.O. →

So....before we sign off for the week, there are a couple of reminders that we would like parents/whanau to support us with:

- We are a uniform school which means **'uniform first'** - some students are taking advantage of wearing non uniform items to school i.e. Nike sweatshirts, whilst school polo fleece jackets are left at home. We approve of students being warm and extra layers are ok to wear to school, but not in the place of school uniform items.
- **Chewing gum is a 'no go' at school.** Mr Knight has worked really hard to remove this from concrete areas, however lately gum is being chewed on the way to school and unfortunately is not making it into the bin. We will be asking 'gum chewers' to remove gum from concrete areas during break times if this continues.
- **SOCKS - must be plain black or navy blue** - no Nike ticks, designs or coloured socks please.
- **Cellphones - only 10 were handed in today** and teachers are aware that students have these at school. Many schools are now cellphone free and do not come to school at all. We are supporting families by allowing students to bring them to school, so they are contactable before and after school hours.
- **PE uniforms - these are available for purchase now and will be compulsory in 2019.** If you want to pay off a set for 2019, we have AP forms at our school office. They are basketball type uniforms and are comfortable, cool and support students to be active during games and PE lessons.
- **Te Hinaki Trust Computers** - The Te Hinaki Trust supports students to purchase their own chromebook device. Our school has a small pool of devices that are shared around our 11 classrooms. We encourage students to access learning through chromebooks. Please pop into our school office if you would like to find out more.

We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events. Year 6 students will be visiting us between the 15th and 19th of October next term followed by an 'Open Evening'.

Nāku noa nā  
Sheree Garton  
Principal

### **Collaborative Waka**

This term we welcomed Danielle Walsh to our team. Danielle has come to us from Ashburton and brings a wealth of expertise as well as a passion for Dance and Drama. We also welcomed Dave Miller's son, Tommy, who was born 11th August.

Our students have been developing their research and inquiry skills while looking into careers which interest them. It looks like New Zealand will have plenty of Army Engineers, Judges, Pilots and Chefs in the future! This has also formed the basis of our persuasive writing focus as they try to convince each other that theirs is the best choice.

We have focussed on Design Thinking to overcome challenges in learning. Design thinking uses creativity and practical skills to solve problems in much the same way that designers do. Our first challenge came with our environment inquiry during term 2 where our learners had to design a solution to an environmental issue. Portable water filters were developed, solar power units built, off-grid housing designed and a pollinator garden planted.

### **Request from our Textiles teacher:**

We would appreciate donations of old bric-a-brac, wool and knitting needles that you no longer require.



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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: .....

## Community Waka

It has been very exciting and busy here in the Community Waka at LIS this term.

We have been learning all about aerodynamics and rocket flight with our science inquiry, numbers and their relationships in algebra and some persuasive writing techniques for literacy. It has been very pleasing to see how much progress the children have been making this term.

Cross Country - is this Monday, 3 September (weather permitting). Come on down and show your support, it will be great to see you here.

Reports - hopefully you have received these. Please make contact with myself or your child's teacher if you have any questions or it has not arrived yet.

Uniform - during the winter months it can be a real battle to ensure that all the uniforms are clean and ready. Thank you for your efforts in this.

We welcome back Mrs Evans from the World Masters Champs in Switzerland who made a respectable top ten finish. Well done! Room 9 have done very well with Mrs Porter and Mr Dahya in their teacher's absence.

Activities week will soon be upon us! Please ensure that you attend the information evening this coming Monday. There will be lots of helpful information about what your child will be doing and what they will need to have in preparation.

## Netball

Last Saturday saw our five Netball Teams playing their final games for the season. Games were exciting and hard-fought.

LIS C team won their game, despite only having six players. LIS B2 unfortunately had to default as they had a number of players who could not come. LIS B1 lost their final game, but have battled hard in the top Intermediate 1 Grade - good preparation for next year! LIS A2 had a very exciting game, beating Fairfield's top team to place third in the Intermediate 1 Grade - fantastic!

Great to see some boys playing in our Netball teams. LIS A1 played in Collegiate 1 Grade all season and showed just how resilient they are as they beat Waiopahu Senior B to win that grade.

We would like to sincerely thank our Parent and Teacher Coaches who gave up so much of their time to help these awesome students of ours: Robyn Willis, Kerri Burns, Aroha Wiparata, Krystal Tinirau, Rebekah Willis, Jessica Rutledge, Kirstin McKenzie, and Mary O'Neill.

We also need to congratulate two of our students who have umpired all season and have passed their Centre Umpires Award - Peara and Ngapera. (Tu Tangata!)



## Chess

Our 'Chess team' travelling to the Nationals being held in Auckland during October is made up of Rihara, Tapata, Ethan, Lewis and Levi. Well done to all who competed. Keep practising - we are so proud of you!

