

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Upcoming Events

- Term 3 starts - Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 30 July - Horowhenua & Waiopahu Colleges Open Day for Year 8 students
- Wednesday 7 August - Supersport Rugby
- Wednesday 14 August - Supersport Football

Kia ora koutou.  
Nau mai haere mai

As the term comes to an end, we are hoping everyone has a well deserved break. Term 2 has been especially busy with a huge variety of sporting, cultural, academic and artistic learning experiences. Last week 'Science Maker' sessions were held in our school hall and students were motivated to work together on a variety of challenges. We have made specific changes to enhance Science this year and to encourage a love of science, having students experience relevant investigations that make a difference. We celebrated the efforts of the 65 students who took part in 'Show Quest' this year and watched the youtube clip at Kotahitanga on Monday. Do check this out if you haven't already seen it. Please check out our Facebook page as we have plenty of pics to highlight the number of activities students are involved in.

On Wednesday our Year 7 and 8 Netball teams attended Supersport Netball in Feilding and we are so proud of the sportsmanship that was seen on that day. Being the smallest Intermediate in this group means that we go up against some pretty big schools and this year as always we lived up to our reputation for being a school worthy of competition - our Year 8 girls playing the winning team and losing in extra time by one goal. Well done to Hoana, Feiloaki, LeeAnne, Torina, Tarleya, Tracey, Nikaia, Rikayah, and Sela for representing LIS in the year 8 team and Lexi, Cassidy, Mele, Hunter, Te Ata, Hannah, Manaia, Missy, and Alyssa for representing LIS in the year 7 team.

### Mid Year Uniform Check

At the beginning of next Term we will have a mid year uniform check. We understand that at this stage of students life they grow.

Some students will receive a letter to remind them about our school's expectations and we will be following up with them throughout the term. Once again we thank parents for their support in keeping our expectations high.

### Labels Assembly/Kotahitanga

At this week's assembly/kotahitanga we will award students with their Blue labels to celebrate their efforts and commitment in many key areas of school life.

Students in both Year 7 and Year 8, will be able to work towards achieving labels in:

- Academic and Specialist subjects
- Performing Arts/Cultural excellence and achievement
- Sports
- Citizenship/Leadership
- Commitment/Community

The Label Incentive Achievement Awards were introduced at Levin Intermediate School many years ago and have become highly sought after by students across both year groups. The awards have helped to advance and motivate the average student to a higher level of achievement. Since the introduction of labels we have noticed a high interest and an overall increase in student self-motivation, commitment, participation and effort. Children across all levels of ability earn and receive these awards proudly displaying them on their jackets.

### **GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) Programmes**

All students need stimulating and challenging opportunities to “achieve personal standards of excellence” and “to reach their full potential”. At LIS each student’s individual learning needs – particularly those who are gifted and talented students - are catered for, not by extra education but through involvement in appropriate learning programmes. Within the classroom, learning is scaffolded to provide for the individual needs of all students, including motivating and challenging GATE students within this classroom setting.

GATE students are provided for, school wide, by lunchtime and after school programmes as well as targeted GATE programmes each Term. This year to date GATE programmes have included:

- Science Maker Sessions
- EPro8
- Mathex
- Kapa Haka
- Poly
- Specialist classes including cooking, hard materials, and art
- Showquest

Term 3 programmes are all linked to our School’s achievement data being collated at the moment.



NZ Police recently launched a new non emergency number, 105. They’ve done this to make it easier to get hold of them in the event of non-urgent situations or ‘Things which have Already Happened’, which don’t require Police assistance immediately.

You can call them on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at [105.police.govt.nz](https://105.police.govt.nz) to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

### **Congratulations to Kirstin McKenzie - Assistant Principal**

Kirstin recently won the position of Assistant Principal. Kirstin has been a fantastic team leader over the past year and represents us across the region as our Kahui Ako lead teacher. She is currently reviewing our school curriculum and leads ‘Effective Literacy’ practice across the school. Both Robyn and I are excited to be working with Kirstin as part of the senior leadership team.

*Have a wonderful term break, from all of us here at Levin Intermediate School!*

*Sheree Garton*

*Principal*