

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6 April 2018

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## Upcoming Events

- Art Extension - Whanganui Gallery Visit & Workshop - 26th March, 9th April
- Wednesday 11th April - WRISSA Rugby 7's Tournament
- Friday 13th April - End of Term One
- Monday 30th April - Start of Term Two
- Wednesday 2nd May - SCHOOL PHOTOS

Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

I hope that students and their families were able to enjoy the extended break over the Easter period. Great weather and family time is always a bonus at this busy time of the year.

### Japanese Exchange - Farewells and a date for travel!

Last week we farewelled our Japanese students and many tears were shed at the school entrance as our new friends departed. During the stay it was great to catch up with Steve Donn who coordinates our Japan exchange. Steve has renewed our contract with Japan and we are moving to the previous 2 yearly system of visiting Japan as the Japanese community find it very difficult to host us yearly. This will mean that we will travel to Japan this year in 2018, but not next year in 2019 (The Rugby World Cup would make it too costly anyway). So if you are interested in applying to go to Japan for 2018, we need to know shortly. Here is some important information that will help you make a decision to apply:

- Travel to Japan will be Term 3 - during school time. Leaving on September 10th and returning September 23rd (Dates and times will be confirmed shortly).
- Staff attending the trip - Kirstin McKenzie and Yo Watson.
- 15 Students maximum will be selected to go.
- Students must have **exemplary behaviour** and be outgoing - please be aware that it is too far to travel if students are homesick.
- The approximate cost is \$2,300 - \$2,600 plus spending money.
- Some fundraising will be completed to support students who travel to Japan but most of the amount is up to the students' family to organise.
- Each student will need to pack their school uniform as school is attended in Japan.
- Students visit Tokyo Disneyland, Edo museum to name a couple of fantastic experiences.
- Please collect an "**Expression of Interest**" form from our school office.

### What makes us a PB4L school

Part of being a PB4L school is that we have a team of staff who work together with the aim of supporting engagement, participation and learning. At Levin Intermediate we focus on effective, inclusive strategies that support learning and behaviour with the aim of academic and social success for all. The PB4L strategies work best in learning spaces where teachers have high expectations of all learners in an inclusive, positive environment. During this week we will be asking students to be active participants in curriculum decision making and offer opportunities to contribute to Term 2 planning, themes, experiences and learning spaces.

In Brief, these are our Term 2 areas of learning:

## **KEY COMPETENCIES - RELATING TO OTHERS**

Personal Perspective/ Effects of bullying in Society

## **INQUIRY LEARNING - ENVIRONMENT**

Social Sciences

Science/Health

Kaitiakitanga

## **LITERACY - NOVEL STUDY**

### **Mathematics**

**ANGLES & GEOMETRY** Contexts of Numeracy and Algebra

### **PB4L - Be Responsible**

Have a wonderful week from all of us here at Levin Intermediate School.

Nāku noa nā  
Sheree Garton  
Principal

### **Digital/Collaborative Waka**

It's been a busy term in the Digital/Collaborative waka!

We have been learning to give constructive and positive feedback in our writing groups by using the commenting function on Google Docs, creating music using Garage Band on the schools new iPads and development of our solar powered drag cars continues.

Coding skills have evolved from simple "block" coding to using Python codes in Code Combat. This is an online coding platform that children can sign in to and use at home. In our measurement module in Mathematics we have been using Floorplanner.com to create 3D spaces (also available at home).



We are now working towards our first Tinker session on the last day of Term 1. For this, we will be learning how everyday objects work by pulling them apart in class. If you have any common household items (hairdryers, computer parts, power tools) that are destined for the scrap heap, please consider sending them into school.

### **NETBALL**

Here is the Netball Draw for this Saturday, 7th April. All players should be turn up about 30 minutes before the game and should meet for warm up.

9 am: LIS A2 and LIS B2

10 am: LIS A1

11 am: LIS B1

12 pm: LIS A1 (second game); LIS C



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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: .....