

# LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2 December 2019

Principal: Sheree Garton  
Deputy Principal: Robyn Wills

## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 4 December - Cultural Evening 6.00 - 8.00pm - LIS Hall
- Friday 6 December - Year 8 Social - 6.00 - 9.00pm - LIS Hall
- Thursday 12 December - LIS Prizegiving Assembly - 6.30pm - Horowhenua College Hall
- Friday 13 December - End of Year Assembly - 11.00am
- Friday 13 December - Term 4 concludes 12.00pm
- Monday 3 February 2020 - term 1 commences

## End of Year Newsletter

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parent/Carers

As another successful year draws to a close, it is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and community in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and the creative arts and to the numerous fun and fundraising experiences had by all. We achieve so much because we work together as a team and this is one of the greatest strengths of the school.

It is difficult to identify the highlights because there are genuinely so many. Personally, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Year 7s over the year and feel torn seeing our Year 8s ready themselves for colleges across the region - so many of these young people have been great leaders, sports girls and boys, academic stars, and creative thinkers who have shown resilience as learners and with each other. We often forget how hard the teenage years **'were and are'** so I thank my staff especially for the clean slate attitude and untiring dedication we have shown students who need extra in many aspects of school life. When I glance across the list of names of students who are receiving awards at our end of year prizegiving it is pleasing and heartwarming to see names of students who once struggled with 'respect responsibility and resilience' but now are role models for others and our hearts melt when we see these names in print for some of our top awards. They start in January as children but by the time they leave in December they are young adults.

Year 8s sum up all that Levin Intermediate School is about. The students have worked incredibly hard over the last year but have also had a fantastic time. I hope they look back at their time at Levin Intermediate School with fondness and perhaps return with their achievements, taking time to visit - always as whanau! I am proud of them all and wish them good luck in the future.

### Onwards and Upwards - Welcome to our BOT too!

Whilst it is onwards and upwards for the students of 2019, so it is also with LIS. We never stand still and we are always looking at how we can improve and 2020 will be no different. It is especially exciting to be working with our new Board of Trustees recently elected (Esme, Stacey, Larina, Ofa, Kirstin and Alison - our LSM). BOT meetings have already begun and the team are fully invested in the wellbeing and achievement of our LIS students.

### Update on the 'Building' Projects

As the reputation of Levin Intermediate School has grown, so has the number of children on our roll. To meet local demand, we recently expanded to 10 classrooms and will ultimately have 275 pupils, hosting the largest Intermediate School age group in the area.

Over the last few years we have worked to enhance the buildings and resources available to ensure all children receive full educational opportunities. This has included our beautiful new technology block, whole school fencing, a new library room, extra gardens, a whole school paint beginning in summer and school signage in process currently. We have worked hard to budget well and this has enabled us to purchase another \$50,000 worth of devices to further enhance our digital curriculum, STEAM sessions and classroom programmes for 2020.

In 2020 we will also be looking for 'LIS Champions' who could help us with our own fundraising challenges. Have you ever wanted to help with a gala, hangi, grant application? Let us know.

Remember, our aim is to benefit all students at Levin Intermediate School, now and in the future. As we grow our school we are constantly striving to provide the best opportunities and the best facilities and resources. If you have any ideas or can help in any way, please do let us know.

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing summer break.

Nāku noa nā Sheree Garton  
Principal



**CULTURAL EVENING**  
**Wednesday 4th December**  
**6.00pm to 8.00pm**  
**School Hall**  
**Koha/donation at the door**



**YEAR 8 SOCIAL**  
**Friday 6th December**  
**6.00pm to 9.00pm**



Tickets \$10.00  
Available from the school office  
Dress: Smart casual - (no high heels)

Reminder to parents - students must be collected by an authorised adult at the conclusion of the social.

Dinner and Drinks provided



**PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY**  
**Thursday 12th December**  
**6.30pm**  
**Horowhenua College Hall**



All parents and extended families are invited to attend the Assembly.  
Students are to assembly NO LATER THAN 6.15pm.

School uniform must be worn, correct shoes and socks please - no polar fleece jackets.

Some extra reminders:

**Cultural Mufti day - Wednesday 4th December**

Gold coin donation. We are having a mufti day to celebrate all the cultures in our school. It would be wonderful to see your child wearing something that reflects their culture.

**Wet & Wild Afternoon - Monday 9th December - 2.00pm (as long as no water restrictions are in place)**

Students should bring mufti and a towel to change into for this fun activity. They are welcome to bring water pistols but no water balloons please.

**Sports Uniforms Amnesty**

Could all students please check under their beds and the bottom of their wardrobes for any LIS jackets, track pants and sports uniforms as we have several missing. No questions asked we would just love to have them back. Thanks everyone.

**Uniforms**

We are always being asked for 2nd hand uniforms - if you would like to donate any part of your year 8 students uniform, we will gladly pass it on for you. We allow year 8s to wear mufti on the last day.

**Reports**

Reports will go home on the last day of term, so please check your student's bag on this day. We are happy to post out copies to parents/caregivers who do not live with their child. Please confirm that we have your correct address for this.

**Enrolment forms for Year 6s**

If you have a Year 6 who has not yet enrolled for 2020, it is not too late. Call in and grab an enrolment form and get it back to us asap.