

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3 June 2020

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Upcoming Events

- Friday 12 June - School Photos
- Friday 3 July - End of Term 2
- Monday 20 July - start of Term 3
- Wednesday 29 July - Supersport Netball
- Wednesday 12 August - Supersport Rugby
- Wednesday 19 August - Supersport Hockey
- Wednesday 26 August - Supersport Football
- Dates for WRISSA sports events yet to be confirmed

Welcome Back to School

It has been lovely to see so many students back at school, happily (and safely) catching up with their friends, classmates and staff. Coming back to school after such a long time away has its challenges, even when people are very happy to be back. Many children have had different sleep routines, exercise has been more difficult to do, and even eating patterns have been different. Some families experienced high levels of stress during this time, and some still are, with job losses, health worries, and uncertainty around income.

Our focus in the first days back, therefore, has been mostly about wellbeing (along with the necessary health and safety routines that we have put in place). As time goes on we are gradually easing the students back into the routines of school, picking up their engagement in learning, but also keeping all aspects of their wellbeing in mind.

You can help us. If your whānau have faced tough times, or if something important has happened that might impact on your child's wellbeing, please tell us. We can support your child much better if we know.

Chromebooks

During the Level 3 and 4 lockdown period, we managed to get almost every student online. We did get some help from the Ministry of Education, but we also got permission to deliver many of our school chromebooks to students. We also sent out hard-copy packs to those people who we knew did not have internet connections. To avoid having to sanitise these chromebooks all the time, we are keeping those devices with the individual students. They can leave them at school or, if they have homework to do, they can take them home. Eventually, we will collect them all back in, so please help your child take care of the chromebooks and make good use of them.

AIMS Games

Unfortunately the 2020 NZAIMS Games has been cancelled. We realise that lots of students (and their families) will be very disappointed with this as it is one of the highlights of our sporting programme. It is understandable though. The challenge of safely organising a tournament which has more competitors than the International Olympics must be an impossible task. The financial issues were also a factor, because the games are largely funded by Trust Fund Grants and business sponsors. Both the organisers and the schools that attend would have found it very difficult to raise the necessary money. Levin Intermediate would certainly have struggled as we usually rely on about \$7000 of trust fund money.

We will be working on plans to do some things later in the year with our sporting students so that they get to experience a special sporting event. Many of the Supersport and WRISSA tournaments will still be going ahead at some point.

Netball

Horowhenua Netball have informed all schools and clubs that they have cancelled the 2020 season. We are very disappointed about this as most other community sports are managing to have some sort of modified competition. However, we will be running a Netball competition for Intermediate and Primary aged teams through the Horowhenua Schools Sports Association, beginning later this month.

ICAS Exams

At LIS we like to give all students opportunities to be involved with activities that they are interested or talented in. The ICAS exams are one way that academically talented students can challenge and test themselves. All exams are now done online.

The sitting dates and entry closing dates are shown below. Please contact the school (or get your child to talk to their teacher) if you would like them to do any of the ICAS exams. We will also “shoulder tap” students who we think should try these exams.

Subject	Sitting Dates (LIS will set one date)	Entry Closing Date
ICAS Science	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020	Monday, 10 August 2020
ICAS Writing*	No longer available in 2020	
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020	Monday, 17 August 2020
ICAS English	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020	Monday, 17 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020	Monday, 24 August 2020
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020	Monday, 24 August 2020

Class and School Photos

Class photos are now being taken on Friday 12 June. Envelopes have already gone home - if you did not receive one please send a note with your child and we will provide another.

School-based Immunisation Programme

The school-based immunisation programme includes the Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus & whooping cough) vaccinations for Year 7 students and the HPV vaccination for Year 8 students.

Back in March your child should have brought home a Parent Consent form for either the Year 7 or Year 8 vaccination. Please complete and sign the form and return it to school if you haven't already done so. It is important that we have them back by this **Friday 5th June**. We require completed forms from every student, with either the consent or non-consent section completed. Please contact the school office if you require a new form.

Thank you for supporting the Public Health Nurses with the Immunisation Programme.

Robyn Wills
Acting Principal



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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: