

LEVIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25 September 2020

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Upcoming Events

- Friday 25
September - End of
Term 3
- Monday 12
October - start of
Term 4
- Wednesday 21
October - Fiafia
Night
- Monday 16
November -
Teacher Only Day
- Friday 11 December
- Year 8 Social
- Thursday 17
December 2020 -
End of Term 4

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai haere mai

Dear Parents / Caregivers

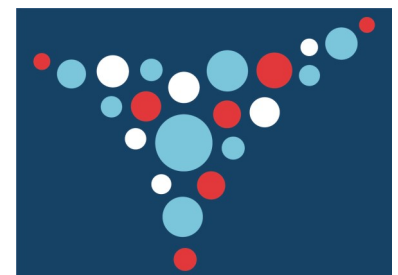
As the term break begins today we thank students who have supported new students to our school this term and who have been role models for our 3Rs - Respectful, Responsible and Resilient! It's tough joining a school ½ way through the year, with friendships already established - so well done to all!

At Levin Intermediate School we pride ourselves on the opportunities we provide to students to **'get things right'** not only in learning, when mistakes made are seen as part of learning but when mistakes are made in behaviour, this is often not the way it is seen. It is sometimes easy to forget that Intermediates are entirely made up of teenage brains, and we can all remember those years, I often describe school as a sea of puberty! With this comes many opportunities for students to see each other through a new lens and staff actively record incidents, follow up with restorative conversations between students, contact whanau when we need your support and accept that everyone makes mistakes and moving on and making some different choices next time is our best option. We also provide students with opportunities for students to belong to groups like 'Rainbow teens' and celebrate 'Pink shirt day' - all about anti bullying. Pink shirt day for 2020 is being held in the first week of term 4 - on Friday!

Term 4 has so many wonderful events already being planned and we hope that you can all join us.

I hope that everyone has a great break and you make time to catch up with family and friends, whilst school life is a busy one, I can't imagine there is a better place to be!

Nāku noa nā
Sheree Garton
Principal



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Commitment Waka

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3 in a very unsettled year. However, we have still managed to have some great events at school that the students have participated in.

There has been a very settled hum across the waka this term with a wide range of assessment and learning happening. I am pleased to say that many of our students have made some good progress over the year.

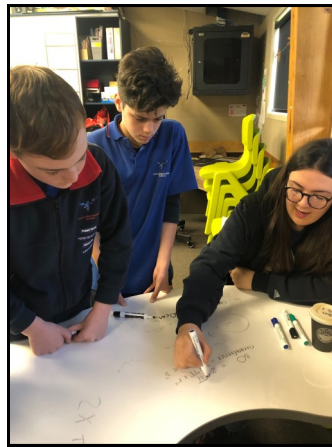


Our inquiry focus for this term has been “careers” and looking at how we can ask questions that will lead to gathering a deeper understanding of the topic. Room 9 had a very successful market day which was the culmination of their careers.

In literacy we have been focussing on what our next steps are and how we can achieve these. The students have been working on Algebra in maths. As always, Levin Intermediate has continued to offer a wide range of learning opportunities in our Technology area. Many of our students have followed a design process successfully to complete projects.



Please continue to encourage your child to read every night, watch the news, practice their maths and continue to stay focussed on their learning.



Community Waka trip to Te Papa and the Carter Observatory in Wellington - Thursday 24th September

In the morning we all came to school, Rooms 2, 5, 6 and 8. Some of us fell asleep on our friends in the bus because we all had to get up really early, about 6.30am in the morning. We met at the school at 7.30am in the morning and then raced to the bus so we could get the back seat with our friends.

When we arrived at Te Papa it was really exciting because the place was so big and there was so much to see, even though we had been there before. I have been there lots of times but it never gets old because it is so big and you can always find something new to look at. The whale heart was scary, it was gigantic. We could go inside and look at the pictures of whales. It did smell a bit weird though.

The war exhibition was quite scary because the wax sculptures looked realistic and huge. Our friends were trying to scare us when we were looking at the sculptures. The corn beef tin with wax flies were really cool and disgusting.

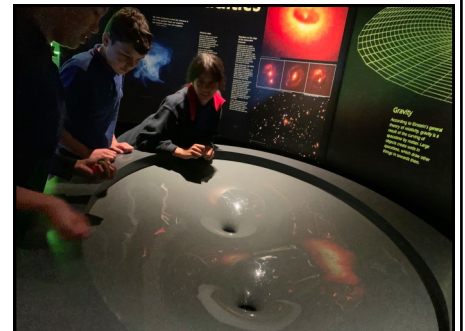
The interactive volcano, earthquake house, tsunami, the eel game, walking through the bush walk, the cave, the bird sanctuary with their noises, the hologram wall, were really engaging. It was exciting because we don't have anywhere else to do these things.

Most of us had not visited the Carter Observatory so we were excited to see what it had. The Planetarium had six projectors that projected the images onto the big round roof screen that was above us. The lean back seats were super, duper comfortable. We designed our own mission and got to choose whether we wanted to go to Mars or Saturn. Then we got to decide whether we would land on it or orbit the planet. Our last decision was to either use solar energy or nuclear energy to reach the planet. The first try was a failure but we learnt that learning from failure is important. So we gave it another go and orbited Saturn using nuclear energy with an orbiter and used Venus's orbit speed to gain momentum in order to get there faster. At the planet Saturn we found its moon had geysers that shot out liquid water and then turned to icicles.

The interactive gallery had activities that let us try our skills to see if we were good enough to go to space. We could pretend that we were Maui and pull down the sun. The little balls put into a black hole demonstrated how black holes work. There was a massive telescope upstairs and a room full of lots of other interactive activities. Especially the mirror that turned our images into aliens. Actual samples of rocks from meteors and the moon were there too and we could touch or lift them. Really cool!!!

It was so much fun and you learn a lot. We highly recommend it.

By Tiaria and Basti
On behalf of the Community Waka



LIS Sports

Interclass sport - We have had many interclass competitions this term where a wide range of students participated, football, basketball, quizzes, algebra races to name just a few. Congratulations to room 4 for winning Football and room 1 (Pa Harakeke) for taking out basketball. The staff challenged the winning basketball team to a game and I am pleased to say, the teachers won that game. The students proceeded to win a game of netball against the staff.

Supersport Netball - We took two teams to the tournament in Palmerston North. Both teams played some excellent Netball. The Year 8 team came 3rd in their grade.

Supersport Basketball - Supersport was a different experience for many this year, with the competition changing to a mixed grade to meet level 2 COVID restrictions. LIS started strong and came out with a few wins. We placed 2nd in our pool which put us in contention for the banner. After a few close losses, we placed in third. Well done to all the players and all the hard work they have put in to develop their skills throughout the season.



WRISSA Volleyball - WRISSA Volleyball was a tough competition this year with 28 teams entered across the 2 divisions. After a long drive to Kilbirnie sports centre in Wellington, our teams took to the court. We had mixed results with the girls placing 7th in the pool and the boys placing 4th.

X-country - This term we also hosted our annual x-country. The students were treated to a colour run. As they ran they were squirted with water and had powdered paint thrown at them. Well done to all participants.

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Year 7 Girls	Carmen Su	Luanne Blackaby	Taylah Seng
Year 7 Boys	Brody Goldie	Rydah Tua	Jeremiah Qaranivalu
Year 8 Girls	Missy Huriwai	Tishayla Doreen	Siobhan Burgess
Year 8 Boys	Ethan Beuck	Blake Rasmussen	Hunter Pakau

Netball - After the local Netball Centre opted not to run the 2020 season due to Covid-19, our school decided to run a competition for Primary and Intermediate schools under level 2 guidelines. We entered four teams and they all participated with excellent sportsmanship. LIS A1 won the Intermediate A Grade, LIS A2 came 3rd in the A Grade, LIS B1 won the Intermediate B Grade. Lots of our players also helped by umpiring the games and attending umpire training.

