

Rāpare tua rua o Hui-tanguru: Thursday 2 February 2017

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Nau mai Haere mai Hoki mai (welcome back) everyone to 2017!

We hope you had a great Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

An especially big welcome to our new families and children, we hope that you will have a great time learning at our kura. Our doors are always open and we would love for you to come and see what your children are doing and share in their learning experiences.



Our **official welcome** for the year will be next **Tuesday morning at 10.00 am** followed by a yummy morning tea from one of our local catering companies. Students will lead our welcome which will be in the form of a powhiri in our school hall. We would love to see all our new families (extended family more than welcome) and of course some of our 'old faces' to be part of the welcoming group. If you are new to our school and intending to come **please meet at the office area just before 10.00 am.**

Some exciting news for Mrs J...

Mrs J had a lovely new surprise in the holidays. She and her family have adopted a little boy and while they had been expecting the event to happen some time in the future, it all happened rather suddenly in the middle of the holiday break. While I know many of you will be a little 'gutted' if your child was to be in her class for 2017, you will also be very happy for her. We would like to extend our HUGEST congratulations to Lauren, Darren and Mia on the lovely addition to their family.



A big welcome to two new teachers...

We are very lucky to have found an experienced educator to take Lauren's place for the year as a teacher in Room 1 and Acting Team Leader. **Rod Davis (or Mr D as he is becoming known)** comes to us with extensive experience as a teacher and leader in education. He has been at Foxton School for the last couple of years and I know will be sadly missed as the staff and community were very fond of him. Prior to this he has been in a number of roles in wider education including lecturing in teacher education and working for the Office of the Children's Commission. We welcome him to our school and look forward to the skills and knowledge he will bring.

Chad Prior is the other new member of staff. Chad is in his first year of teaching and **is FULL of** enthusiasm... He brings lots of skills and experience in the sporting arena as his undergraduate degree was in Sport and Exercise Science. We know that his youthful energy will be a great asset to Levin North and we look forward to a fun filled learning year.

**Please Ensure You Complete The Attached PERMISSION FORMS For
CLASS TRIPS AND MEDIA PUBLICITY And Return To The Office.**

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So the People at North for 2017 are:

Moira Howard Campbell: Principal

Hoani Perigo: Deputy Principal

Anna Cooper: Kahurangi Team leader: Sports Coordinator: Teacher Years 3, 4 & 5

Rod Davis: Manawanui Team Leader: Student Council: Teacher Year 6

Gaywyn Shippam: Kahurangi Assistant Team Leader: Learning Support Coordinator (Part time role as she is officially on Study Leave.)

Emma Hansen: Manawanui Assistant Team Leader: Reading Together Coordinator: Teacher Years 4 & 5

Claire McCallum: Teacher New Entrants

Manu Bennett: Teacher Years 5 & 6

Bruce Clark: Teacher Years 4 & 5

Chad Prior: Teacher Years 3, 4 & 5

Anne Campbell: Teacher Year 3

Kerri Vickers: Teacher Years 2 & 3

Megan McKenzie: Teacher Years 2 & 3

Kathryn Deroles: Teacher Years 2 & 3

Jen O'Donnell: Teacher New Entrants

Janine Moody: Teacher (Part time)

This is a sunhat
term – even
though there isn't
much sun...
Everyone must be
wearing a hat!

If your contact details have changed in ANY way, please let Erin in the office know (phone – particularly mobile - address, contact person).
We MUST keep accurate records at school in case of an emergency.
Erin's email is erin@levinnorth.school.nz or you can come in and see her.

Support Staff

Andrea Hyslop: Executive Officer

Erin Crowther: Office administrator

Kaiawhina

Arianna Reihana, Shelley Easton, Fiona Cook, Danny Bruhn, Anna- Marie Northcott, Sharon Free and Sally Ransfield

Dean Murray: Caretaker (extraordinaire!)

Children at Promise...

On one of our Teacher Only Days we watched a Youtube clip which Whaea Janine had brought to our notice. It was called 'Help for the children that education forgot'. Victor Rios's message was very clear; he talked about our perceptions of learners and rather than having a group of learners at 'risk' he called them kids 'at promise'. He gave examples of the strengths of learners and building on these rather than looking at what they "CAN'T" do. We believe we have a whole school of kids at promise, this is what we are about!

It is well worth watching!

https://www.ted.com/talks/victor_rios_help_for_kids_the_education_system_ignores



Four-year-old class

We are starting our Tuesday four-year-old class on 7 March. This class is an opportunity for four year olds and their whanau to come and be part of our school. It is a fun afternoon session introducing everyone to learning at North. If you would like to know more, please come and see Gaywyn Shippam, Hoani Perigo or one of our office staff.

Paper copy or not: We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we use as a school so are encouraging families to read the newsletter on our **website**

(<http://www.levinnorth.school.nz>) or **Facebook Page** (<https://www.facebook.com/levinnorthschool>),

however if you would like to continue to receive a **paper copy**, please complete the attached form.

If you do not return the form, we will presume you don't want a paper copy.

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Music at North

Nikki is offering music lessons again at North for 2017 and the form below is to gauge how much interest there is, as we have several options. We are looking at offering tuition in other instruments; this will depend on interest. As per last year the cost will be \$10.00 per lesson and lessons will be for approximately 20 minutes in small groups. This money must be paid to the school office, however please note that this year, if payments fall behind more than two weeks, we will have to stop the lessons as we had a considerable short fall in funding last year which could be better used in other ways. I know we said this last year but this year it will happen! Please complete the attached form if you would like your child to have music lessons at school.

SPECTACULAR SPORTS WORD

SWIMMING

Despite the weather not living up to our expectations, the children in Years 0 - 3 are braving it and enjoying their swimming sessions in the school pool. They will swim every day for 5 weeks and then swap with Years 4 - 6 who will have their sessions. In Term 2 we hope to work with the Aquatic Centre to deliver a Water Safety programme. More information about this will follow.

CRICKET

'Tis the season to be batting, bowling and fielding! The children in the school Cricket Academy have started their training in practice for their competition in a few weeks' time. We wish them the best of luck for their games!

Food wrappings coming home

With the increase in prepackaged foods coming to school as part of lunches, we will be asking this year that the packaging be taken home (this will not include grubby yoghurt pots). Last year we had endless problems with chippie packages etc. blowing out of the bins and all around the playground; this isn't really the image we want to portray as an environmentally friendly school. We respect your rights as parents to provide this food but are asking that you help to take care of the rubbish.

Lunch supplier

We have a new lunch supplier this year and there is a new list of options. This can be found on our school website with a paper copy at our office. The process will be the same as last year.

Music at North

My child would like to learn: drums guitar keyboards vocal (Please circle)

Child's name: _____ Room No: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

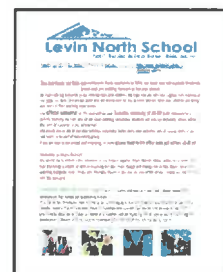


Paper Copy of Newsletter

Our family would like a paper copy of the newsletter.

Youngest Child's name: _____ Room No: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____



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CLASS TRIPS - PERMISSION

When a child enrolls at our school, our procedures state that we are required to obtain parent permission to take students on trips in and around Levin (ie our local area). As part of our communication about school events, we will always let parents know about such trips but it does streamline the process to have this 'blanket' permission. Separate permission will be sought for any trips outside the immediate Levin area. Please sign and return the form below and we will keep this on our files.

I give / do not give (please circle) my child permission to go on trips in the immediate Levin Area.

Name of student: _____ Room Number: _____

Name of Parent/Caregiver: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/2017

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MEDIA PUBLICITY - PERMISSION

From time to time local media representatives approach us for photographs and good news stories. This permission will allow your child's image to be used.

Name of student: _____ Room Number: _____

Name of Parent/Caregiver: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/2017