

Rāpare rua tekau ma toru o Poutū-te-rangi : Thursday 23 March 2017

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Writing hui... "The write stuff"

Thanks to all of the parents and caregivers who took the time out to come along to our writing hui, **the write stuff**, last week. Following personal invitations from many of our students (see the photo) our small but enthusiastic group of about 25 parents laughed, talked and shared



ideas about how we as a school go about **teaching writing in today's curriculum**.

The session covered a number of aspects from the **link between reading, writing and speaking**, 'aspects' of writing, **the use of technology** through to the things that had changed over the years. One of the activities that we did was to get feedback from the group about their **hopes and dreams** for writers from our school. It was interesting to note that many of the responses focussed on children being confident and uninhibited in sharing their ideas and enthusiastic/passionate writers. It was fantastic for me as the leader of the school to see our 'team of teachers' share their knowledge to help parents understand practice.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE (teachers and parents!).



Room 6 with their invitations

Rock and Water

Many of you will have noticed a police car parked outside our school over the last few days. We are very lucky to have Constable Fiona Read working in our school with our students in Years 4-6 over the next few weeks in a programme called 'Rock and Water'. This programme develops respect (**manaakitanga**), caring (**whanaungatanga**) and solidarity (**kotahitanga**), using exciting games and exercises to engage, enlighten and empower. It is an incredibly flexible programme with goals that align well with our curriculum and will be adapted to meet the specific needs of our students. Some of the outcomes are:

- a powerful social skills/relationship development programme
- a very effective anti-bullying tool
- about helping all students (including those with ASD, special needs etc)
- helpful in reducing anxiety
- develops positive, healthy education and work environments
- about creating a real awareness for us about how we interact and communicate with our students



Headlice are back!!!!

Yes... our very annoying 'friends' are back in the school. It is very frustrating for some of our families who treat their children at the first sign when others don't! The flow on effect is that we never get on top of the issue. So if we spot **headlice** on your child's head, we will be ringing to ask that you come and get them to treat them. Please don't be offended as **headlice** are very **friendly critters** but we need to be a bit more proactive. We will

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give you free shampoo and combs (from our office) so that there is no cost to you. **We might even be able to get on top of things!**

Book Fair

What a great result! You spent over \$2,000 supporting your children's reading and this raised over \$400 for our school library resources – amazing!! A HUGE shout out to our Fundfinders who worked in Room 18 every day to make sure it was a success.

Coming up...

Tupperware Fundraiser

Friday 7 April (just in time for Mother's Day)

7.00 pm

Room 18, Levin North School

Everyone welcome

Products on display and demonstrations

If you have already received a catalogue and have finished with it, please drop it back to the school or bring it on the night.

Catalogue link below: <http://tupperware.ipapercms.dk/Tupperware/Australia/2017/seasonal-catalogues/aw17-seasonal-catalogue/>

Easter Raffle – see the poster below... no donations required this year. We are just asking that each family sell five tickets...

THANK YOU LEVIN CLUB!!!!

The Quiz Night at Levin Club was a hugely successful event raising well over \$2,000 for our school. There was amazing support with nearly 20 teams! Congratulations must go to our own Beauty and the Beasts (Manu, Bruce, Hoani, Chad and Kirsty (from Levin East but that's ok!) who won the night by a very convincing margin. Hoani is still 'crowing'. Our other 'school' teams came a respectable second and third! Thank you to everyone who came along and an even bigger acknowledgment to the local people who sponsored raffle and spot prizes. These included:

Veges by Travis Sue and Kelly Easton

Firewood from Bens Firewood

Vickers Marketing

Write Price

Quins Garages

Super Liquor

Corey's Electrical

P.D.L

Horowhenua District Council/ Aquatics

Horowhenua



Also a massive thank you to Gary O'Brien who was the Quiz Master and James Hoskins for his superb entertainment.

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SPECTACULAR SPORTS WORD

Term 1, Week 8

YEAR 4 - 6 SPORTS DAY

Thank you so much to our Year 4 - 6 children for their determination, persistence and positive attitudes during last week's sports day. There were some exciting results and fierce competitions! A huge thank you to the friends and whānau that came along to support!

A MASSIVE congratulations to the following children for making the Levin North Interschool Athletics team: Annaka, Kesariah, Tarlayah, Jasmin, Blake M, Corey, Lucus, George, Lily, Makere, Acacia, Jadyn, Josh B, Ethan H, Lonnie, Riley N, Chloe, Bella-Rose, Lacey, Ashanti, Talan, Ethan M, Calais and Mason.



YEARS 0 - 3 CHILDREN
Week 9 Thursday 30 March
Starts 10:00 am
Finishes 12:30 pm

Next week it is the Year 0 - 3 Sports Day. The children have been out practising regularly to ensure they know what to do in each event.

On the day, your child needs the following: **a sunhat, big water bottle, more food in their lunch box than normal.** Feel free to come along and watch!

Many thanks on behalf of Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs McCallum, Mrs Deroles, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Vickers, Mrs McKenzie and myself.

HELMET CHECKS

Just a reminder that there will be a free helmet check tomorrow from 11:20 am – 12:20 pm. Please remember to bring your helmets so that they can be checked for safety.

And finally...

It never gets easier, YOU just get better!

Ngā mihi nui

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