

Rāpare toru tekau o Poutū-te-rangi : Thursday 30 March 2017

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The Frustrations of Facebook ... and more importantly the possibilities!

I have two boys and one of them lives in London. I use Facebook to look at his photos and see what he has been up to (not that I always want to know!). I 'get it' that it can be a great space to keep up with people. What I don't get is that some people, as has been shared with me, use the space to 'bag' other people and unfortunately schools (not just ours, but I am talking about ours in this newsletter).



Purposeful writing to Constable Fiona for her help with SAFE road crossing.

I find it incredibly disappointing to hear that some people think it is OK to bad mouth the great work of our teachers and our GREAT kids! Of course you are all entitled to your views BUT our door is always open, so please come and see us rather than having a 'go' in this way. While you may not always agree with the amazing things that are happening in our school, they are always based on very sound educational reasons and we are always willing to listen to other points of view.

For those of you who would like to spread some **positive messages**, did you know that if your child is educated at our school from New Entrants to Year 6, in terms of academics:

- they have a **97% chance of being at or above the standard in reading, 93% chance in maths and an 83% chance in writing.**

In terms of how our kids feel about school:

- **97% are proud to be here, 92% feel part of the school, 91% feel safe, 94% respect other students and 98% feel there are adults at school they can talk to if they have a problem.**



Rock and Water - learning more about how to help others interact in a positive way.

**Check out our Facebook Page above – Thanks Liz and Mrs McKenzie
Feel free to share this stuff - we are justifiably proud of it😊**

Positive Behaviour for Learning

At our BOT meeting on Monday night, our leadership team talked about how we manage learning behaviour in our school. It was an interesting 'sharing session' and I will put a copy of the powerpoint on our website. Our 'behaviour management' focus is holistic, individualised, educative and restorative. Every child behaves inappropriately (if and when they do) for a different reason – the consequence should always be linked to the reason (in simple terms). We are not a prison or a place of punitive responses but an educational environment – this, therefore, is how we should respond.

The link below might explain this. Thanks Mrs J for sending it through to us... <https://youtu.be/7JdCY-cdgkl>

Yay for EFTPOS!

Thank you all so much for the prompt payments for everything that your child is involved in (and for those school 'donations'). It has made quite a difference to our school finances (as I mentioned in the paper recently!).

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Traffic Safety (again) at our Front Gate ...

One of our parents shared this story from 'Stuff' with me yesterday – the issues in Blenheim are very similar (at times) to ours, despite us asking repeatedly that it is important that you as adults set the example for the children. This can happen by encouraging your children to cross in the right place (at the crossing), not double parking and not parking on yellow lines. Please help us and our road patrollers to keep our children safe!

[HTTP://WWW.STUFF.CO.NZ/LIFE-STYLE/WELL-GOOD/INSPIRE-ME/90889651/MOTHERS-PLEA-TO-PARENTS-TO-MAKE-THE-SCHOOL-DROPOFF-SAFER](http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/well-good/inspire-me/90889651/mothers-plea-to-parents-to-make-the-school-dropoff-safer)

Reading Together - Next Week

The amazing Reading Together course starts again next week at our school. Thanks to the HUGE number of parents and caregivers who have indicated that they will give it a go. As I have said before, it is one of those courses that has an enormous impact on the achievement of children as the home and school work together! Some of our students have made two year's progress in six months as a result of their parents doing the course and following up on what they learned at home.

If you are worried about your child's reading ability or just want to know more about how we approach teaching, let our office staff or Emma Hansen know!

Girl Guiding in Levin

Did you know that Girl Guiding New Zealand has units in Levin? They meet every Wednesday at Parker Avenue Guide Hall.

- Pippins (aged 5-6 years) meet between 4.00 and 5.00 pm
- Brownies (aged 7-8 years) meet between 5.30 and 7.00 pm
- Guides (aged 9-12.5 years) meet between 6.00 and 8.00 pm

If you would like to join, just call 0800 22 22 99

SPECTACULAR SPORTS WORD

Term 1, Week 9

FITNESS SESSION

Last week some of the children participated in a fitness session run by Greg Jackson and Emma Childs. They loved their hour session... have a look below!



GO ACTIVE KIDS TRYATHLON

This community event was postponed on Sunday due to the weather but a new date has been set. Please see details below.

Registrations will open at 4:30 pm with the first race starting at 6:15 pm.

There will also be a BBQ for all participants and families.

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YEAR 4 - 6 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Unfortunately this has been postponed until next Wednesday (5 April). Same time, same venue.
I will send a reminder letter out to the team next week.

SUMMER HOCKEY

Today is the last day in the summer hockey competition. Good luck to all teams :)

CRICKET ACADEMY

Yesterday afternoon was the cricket academy finals. Below are the comments made by Danny Bruhn, coach of the Levin North Green Team.

"So proud of our Levin North Cricket teams today. We had two teams playing during the six week season with some great cricket.

LNS Black had six games with three wins and three losses. They played for 3rd and 4th positions today and came 4th by only one run. LNS Green won all six of their games, including today's final!

The kids have trained hard during two of their lunch times every week to improve their skills and teamwork - and it really showed today. Well done to each and every student involved!

Thanks also to Matt Good and his volunteers from the HKCA and Sport Manawatu for making this competition possible."

As Sports Co-ordinator, I personally want to thank Danny and Lewis Bertinshaw for the incredible commitment given to these children. I saw yesterday how much respect they had for each other, and how much fun they have been having. I'm so proud of ALL of our players.



And finally...

"All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them"
~ Magic Johnson ~

Ngā mihi nui

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