

Rāpare tekau ma toru o Paenga-whāwhā : Thursday 13 April 2017

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The Value of 'Playing' at School....

The First Two Years at School: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klTVYIypadU&feature=youtu.be>

This link above is a **REALLY REALLY old movie** (from the archives!). It was filmed **before even I was born** but the messages about the **importance of play as a way of learning about 'life'** have not changed. Some examples in the movie are a little dated (understatement!) but the message is the same.

Why do we think that just because a child has turned five they are magically ready to manage at school? I

watched out my window today at two five year olds playing hide and seek. Their ability to solve problems (how many do I count to? Where do I seek first?) was fantastic. In their own way these two boys were learning in an academic sense but also in how to relate to others so that the game could continue.

They were learning by accident through exploration. The things they learned could then be used in other situations.

The teacher's role in this approach (which is how we work as a school) is to take time to notice the individual child, their strengths and interests. The teacher is there to notice and make suggestions as the world is the child's world. Children are learning without knowing they are learning... so next time you think your child has done nothing but play all day, **celebrate it!**

ALL learning later in life stems from rich and varied experiences in the early years.



Arianna (Teacher Aide) and Christian on the mud slide... Lilliana and Stephan **after** the mud slide...



Mucky Day

...and on the 'playing' note... what a great afternoon our juniors had on Wednesday – **Mucky afternoon** included mud slides and HEAPS of water in the sandpit! Everyone was sooooo mucky (even the teachers)!

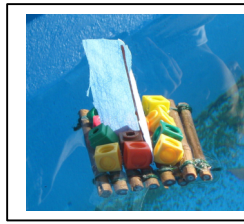
Fundfinders Easter Raffle

And the winners were...

Aroha Barnett, Dylan Neill, Junior (Room 17) and Ange Duggan.

Thanks to Fundfinders for their tremendous effort in gathering donations, printing tickets and preparing the boxes of goodies. Thanks to everyone that purchased a ticket! Over \$600.00 was raised. Happy chocolate eating to the winners!





Room 13 Science/Technology: Will it sink? Will it float? Is it balanced?

SPECTACULAR SPORTS WORD

Term 1, Week 11

TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

WELL DONE to all the children who participated in the Teeball/Softball competition this season. You had some tricky weather to contend with so well done for seeing the season out.

YEAR 4-6 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Our fantastic Interschool Athletics team participated on Tuesday at the community competition down at Waiopahu College. The weather, at last, had been kind to us so we were able to compete. We had many amazing personal achievements but it's when you hear other people talking positively about our children, that's when it becomes a real buzz! A particular thanks to Mr Murray, Mr Prior, Danny, Mark, Liz and Troy, Winnie and Philippa! Your help was invaluable.

YEAR 0-3 SPORTS DAY

Sadly, we had to postpone our Sports Day until another time. After some discussion, we thought we would try again in Term 4 when the weather will be far more pleasant and consistent!

HOCKEY - BASIC SKILLS

There is the opportunity for **adults** to learn the basics in a fun, informative session. This would be particularly beneficial to those adults who are keen to coach or manage. Kathy Norman from Central Districts Hockey is leading the workshop on **Wednesday 3 May from 6:00 - 7:00 pm** down at our local Halliwell Turf.

BASKETBALL and WINTER HOCKEY

Letters have been handed out to children who showed an interest in being part of our school's teams. Please continue to bring in the permission slip and registration money. Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

And finally...

A HUGE thank you to all of the parents, staff and whānau who have added so much value to the children's sporting achievements, successes and experiences.
None of this can happen without you!

Ngā mihi nui

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Lighthouse Club

FREE Holiday Programme Monday to Friday 24-28 April 9.00 – 11.30 am (Registrations from 8.30 am) at Levin Baptist Church. For all children aged 5-12 years. Bible stories, Singing, Quizzes, Crafts, Food, Games and Prizes. *This is a Christian Programme. Children will be given the opportunity to respond to the Bible.*
Enquiries to Pam Brooking 368 4497 or 027 565 0467.

Levin North School is a positive, caring community, which promotes lifelong learning, celebrates individuality and encourages participation and success for all.

Almost last but not least ...

A reminder that IF children need to bring **mobile phones** to school for safety reasons, THEY **MUST BE HANDED IN TO THE CLASS TEACHER OR THE OFFICE** - they are NOT to remain with the children in their bags!

The Very Last but not least...

Thank you to everyone that has supported us over the first term. From the volunteer coaches, to the classroom volunteers, the Fundfinders, the adult readers, the local businesses (who supported us over the burglary), the whanau who attended our writing hui, the whanau who attend our assemblies and our amazing staff and tamariki **have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you all next term on Monday 1st May!**