

Rāpare tekau mā tahi o Haratua : Thursday 11 May 2017

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This Week is NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language) Week - May 8 – 14

NZSL is the natural language of Deaf New Zealanders and is used daily by more than 20,000 Kiwis. NZSL is not just the signing of spoken English, it is a separate language with its own structure and grammar.

Each May, Deaf Aotearoa runs New Zealand Sign Language Week, celebrating one of New Zealand's official languages. (The other official languages are Te Reo Māori and English).

Deaf Aotearoa is a national organisation representing the voice of Deaf people, and the national service provider for Deaf people in New Zealand.

Deaf Aotearoa also works closely with Deaf communities, government agencies and other organisations to increase awareness, promote NZSL and strengthen the rights of Deaf people. Deaf Aotearoa is the New Zealand representative member of the World Federation of the Deaf, one of 133 members. If you would like to know more visit deaf.org.nz/about-us.

NZSL Week raises awareness of New Zealand's Deaf community and provides a platform for Deaf people to proudly promote their language and culture.

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) became an official language of New Zealand in 2006. This year celebrates 10 years of NZSL's official language status and is the 'official' 10th NZSL Week. It is also part of our New Zealand Curriculum for schools.

"New Zealand needs more people who are fluent users of the language and who have an appreciation of deaf culture. By learning NZSL, hearing students are able to communicate with their deaf peers and participate in the deaf community. Skilled communicators may find career opportunities that involve working with deaf people."

The New Zealand Curriculum p. 14.

On Tuesday, Room 14, who have had a lot of sign language lessons (thanks Mrs Cook – our resident expert!) went to Te Takeretanga o Kura hau -pō (the real name) for a sign language session and Pasifika story telling. The presenters were 'blown away' by the knowledge our kids had... and of course our kids were excited to share their skills!! Two of our tamariki came away with the T Shirts! They were great ambassadors for North School.



Messiah and Nikau proudly share their T Shirts



TEACHER ONLY DAY: Tuesday 6 June – NO SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN

We are having a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 6 June which is the Tuesday after Queen's Birthday weekend.

This year we are combining with Levin and Fairfield Schools and are going to Kawiū Marae for the day to learn more about our Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Muaūpoko and our local area. It will be a great opportunity for some of our teachers and support staff to practice their newly learned skills in Te Reo Māori!

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Levin North and Levin East Combine to Celebrate Matariki

Levin East and Levin North are to perform at Te Takeretanga o Kura hau -pō during Matariki on Friday 23 June. Both our senior and junior Kapa Haka (just started this year and VERY cute!) will do their 'own thing' and combine with East for a couple of waiata. Thanks Mr B, Arianna and Nadene for organising this! Not sure if Te Takere is ready for us all!



Economers

Over the next few weeks the Eco-Nomers will be making lemon ice blocks to raise money for a school-wide visit from native skinks, geckos, eels and fish. If you have any lemons to spare, please could you drop them in to Mrs MacKenzie in Room 17 or Mrs Deroles in Room 7. Kia ora.

Board of Trustees Meeting Monday Night (15 May) in our school staffroom at 6.30 pm. All welcome. If you would like to know more about how a school is run, come along. These are 'public' (ie open to everyone) meetings and often give another perspective of what happens behind the scenes!



CRAZY HAIR DAY To Support 'CURE KIDS' - Friday 19 May

Come to school with your whackiest hair do - and a gold coin please - to support this important cause. Hairspray, braids, brushed the wrong way, wigs... be as creative as you can possibly be!

At our 10 am assembly on Friday 19 May, Danny – one of our Teacher Aides - will be shaving his golden locks and sharing how much money he has made for CURE KIDS!

Fundfinders "Disco Fever" - Friday 19 May

Come as a 'Pirate' – **keep your CRAZY HAIR in!** \$2 entry fee, \$1 pizza, \$1 chippies, drinks, chocolates, glow rings. Thank you for the offers of HELP for the evening. If you did put your name down to help, Emma Hansen will be in touch to confirm and we will see you all there!!!

Times: Juniors (Years 0-3) 5.30 – 6.30 pm / Seniors (Years 4-6) 6.45 – 7.45 pm

The Lost Property Mountain... (all from Term One!)

The clothes collected day by day
they just keep mounting up
a pile of jerseys, jackets, shirts
and even a drinking cup

One lonely sock, hat or shoe
Regularly left behind
No one seems to own them
No one seems to mind

So the three bags in the photo
'chocka' full of stuff
Are on their way to another place
Cos we've collected enough!



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SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD

Term 2, Week 2

WATER SAFETY

Over the past two days, the senior children have been partaking in Water Safety sessions. There are 3 more sessions left: **Tuesday 16 May / Wednesday 17 May / Thursday 18 May.**

Children are to bring their togs and towel to school for these days. They **must** be wearing shoes to walk to and from the pool due to Health and Safety. At the end of their pool session, the children will thank their instructor or teacher, and collect all their belongings and return to school.

NETBALL

We have two teams playing in the Saturday morning school's competition - the Levin North Firebirds (coached by Sally) and the Levin North Flames (coached by Maraea). The competition has already started and continues this Saturday. Both coaches are currently organising and finalising regular practices. The best of luck to both teams this season!

WINTER HOCKEY

Competition starts at the Halliwell Turf on Monday 15 May for the North Jaguars and on Saturday 20 May for the North Cheetahs and North Fun Sticks. A draw will be coming out tomorrow. Remember to take your hockey stick, mouthguard and shinpads, and to wear the school sports uniform that you have been issued with. Have a fantastic season everyone!

BASKETBALL

This afternoon is the first of many games in the winter basketball competition. Each week there will be two members of staff at the Events Centre on duty and to offer their support. This year the Levin Basketball Association will be enforcing the '**no mouthguard, no shoes and correct uniform**' rules. If you do not adhere to these rules, there will be no game time for the player concerned. So be game-ready teams, and all the best!

WATERPOLO

The local waterpolo competition starts its winter season this Friday 12 May. Mr Clark will be organising times to prepare for the games. I have no doubt that the North Ice and North Penguins will have a successful competition. Good luck!!

SUPPORTING THE KIDS

With the winter sports season beginning to warm things up, please support your child by helping them arrive in plenty of time prepared for their sport and with healthy snack food and drink. If appropriate, spending time practising with them at home will help build confidence and fitness levels. At the games, please encourage your child to thank their coach or manager and show great sportsmanship to their own players and opposition.

SPECTATING

A friendly reminder that children in schools play sport for fun. It is our job to be role-models and to encourage fair play, positive language and persistence - especially if we are not winning! Comments on the side lines should be supportive of all teams. Our kids are great. I want them to feel valued and proud of themselves for committing to a team and trying their best.

And finally...

ISSUES, FEEDBACK OR QUESTIONS

As the school's Sports Co-ordinator, it is my job to organise our school's participation in the community events so if you need questions answered or have issues raised, or you simply want to give feedback about the children's sporting activities, please contact me.

**"The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us
but those who win battles we know nothing about."**

Ngā mihi nui

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Lunch Orders – New Menu

We have a new lunch menu starting on Monday 15 May. Please feel free to ask for a copy of the menu to take home. These are available in the office.

Levin Pippins and Brownies



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Invite all girls aged from 5 to 9 years to a

Moana activity night

to be held at the Parker Avenue Guide Hall

on Wednesday the 17th of May

from 5.30 to 7pm

**come along and see what we do at Pippins and
Brownies**

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