

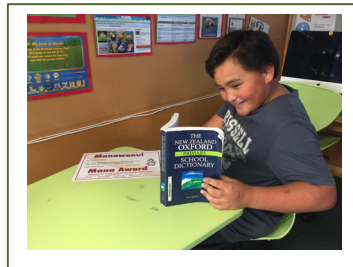
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...The difficulty in learning the English language. (Try reading the following aloud!)

Beware of heard, a dreadful word  
that looks like beard and sounds like bird  
And dead: it's said like bed, not bead -  
For goodness sake, don't call it deed!  
Watch out for meat and great and threat,  
(they rhyme with suite and straight and debt.)  
A moth is not a moth in mother  
Nor both in bother, broth in brother



The poem above is an excerpt from one that is used in our **Reading Together** sessions and is a great example of the challenges associated with reading and writing the English language (for some of our children).

Some REALLY struggle to come to grips with how to read and write words while others have no trouble and is it any wonder!

Did you know that the 26 letters of our alphabet can produce 44 sounds in 250 different spellings? If we lived in Finland learning to read and spell would be much easier, as each letter of the alphabet has only one sound. In English...

- Why is the 'k' sound written with a 'c' in cattle but a 'k' in kettle?
- Why do the words bridge, badge, hedge and fudge end in 'dge' but stage, huge, page and rage end in 'ge'?

**Who would be a teacher????**



## TEACHER ONLY DAY: TUESDAY 6 JUNE – NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

I know this has been in the newsletter before BUT....

We are having a Teacher Only Day on 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 Kawiu Marae for the day to learn more about our Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Muaupokotanga and our local area.



Soil covers them  
Only some came back  
Lives were lost, families broken  
Decisions were made  
I will remember  
Enemies attacked  
Remembering is important  
Soldiers were lost

Great descriptive writing by Christian - Room 12

## Spot the almost real teacher...

And congratulations to our newest teacher, Mr Prior, who had his graduation ceremony last week. Beginning teachers complete a degree as part of

their training. Chad's degree is in Exercise Sport and Science, so he brings those skills to our school! Well done from all of us!



Go Chad!

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### **CRAZY HAIR DAY To Support 'CURE KIDS' – This 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” - This 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. See you all there!!!

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

**A new idea...** The next Fundfinders meeting will be on **Wednesday 24 May at 7.00 pm at Focal Point**. (Let Emma in Room 12 or the office know by Tuesday 23 May if you would like to come!) This is an evening meeting to try to meet the needs of some of our parents who would like to help out more, but just can't get there during the day. Once again we would love your ideas - coming to the meeting is NOT committing you to attending every other meeting!

### **\*\*Policies and Procedures\*\* – Complaints Process**

We have had a very upset parent contact us regarding the behaviour of another parent towards her and her child. This happened outside school hours about an alleged incident during the school day.

I have copied the wording from our Policies and Procedures below as this way of dealing with things is not helpful or appropriate.

The purpose of our **complaints** policy is to provide clear guidelines for the school community in raising and resolving concerns and **complaints**.

We have procedures in place that we follow to ensure that **complaints** are handled appropriately. Our procedures enable us to:

- maintain the best learning environment for our students
- resolve matters of concern early, if possible
- respond to feedback and concerns constructively
- deal with **complaints** fairly, effectively, and promptly
- take into account individual circumstances
- maintain confidentiality
- preserve school/community relationships and communication
- monitor and record **complaints** and concerns about student safety.

If your child tells you that something has happened at school and you are concerned, in the first instance this should be raised with the child's teacher! There are always two sides to a story!

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### Please be on the lookout...

Yesterday one of our 'kindy' mums was walking her child along Weraroa Road between 9.00 and 10.00 am. She was a few paces in front of her child when a white Holden vehicle pulled up alongside and wound down the window to speak to the child. The mother didn't hear what was said but when she turned around to see what was happening the driver quickly wound up his window and u- turned to drive away in a hurry! She has made a police report as she felt it was unusual, but we all need to be a bit vigilant for the next period of time.

### SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD

#### Term 2, Week 3

#### WATER SAFETY

Over the past two weeks the senior children have been participating in Water Safety sessions. The feedback from the sessions has been positive and the children have learned some valuable skills to stay safe in the water.

#### WINTER HOCKEY

Well done to the North Jaguars who played their first game on Monday. Competition starts on Saturday 20 May for the North Cheetahs and North Fun Sticks. School socks can be purchased at the office for \$10.

#### BASKETBALL

Please remember that it is a requirement from this week on that the children play with mouthguards. It is a rule that has been set by the Levin Basketball Association.

#### NETBALL

The message below has been issued by Netball Horowhenua. Future Ferns is open to Year 1-6.

We are currently taking registrations for our ANZ Future Ferns Programme. Interested players can either fill out a registration form online on our website or download a copy of the form and bring it to our Future Ferns registration day on Monday 22 May, 3:30pm, at the Horowhenua Netball courts.

Information about the programme can be found on our website <http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballhorowhenua>

Regards

Netball Horowhenua

If you are interested, please follow the instructions on the website.

#### And finally...

#### TO DROP OFF OR TO SUPERVISE?

If your child is playing in a school sports team, it is not appropriate for you to drop them off and leave. They need to be supervised by yourself or another adult that you have organised. It is a health and safety issue if something were to happen at the game. The coaches and managers are responsible for what happens with the game, not for the behaviour management of unsupervised children. Please respect this and ensure your child is looked after.

#### SCHOOL SPORTS SOCKS

If any whānau in our school community have children that have left school or have school sports socks that are in a good condition and no longer use, please can you drop them off at the school office so we can redistribute them. Thank you.

*"Some people want it to happen, Some wish it would happen, Others make it happen"*

*~ Michael Jordan ~*

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### **Getting Kids into Nature with KIWI GUARDIANS!**

The Department of Conservation is running an event at **Te Takere** on **Saturday 20 May between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm**. There will be give-aways for tamariki and the chance to learn about the Kiwi Guardians programme. Kiwi Guardians is a partnership between DOC and Toyota and it's all about encouraging families to explore the outdoors and take action for conservation.

The Kiwi Guardian adventure starts off with a map which has small tasks to complete along the way. When the tasks are completed and the code word is found on the Kiwi Guardian post, children can then visit the Kiwi Guardians website and claim a medal online which will be posted to them in the mail, with a certificate.

We will be in Levin to let people know about this initiative as one of the Kiwi Guardian sites is on your doorstep at **Papaitonga!**

More information about Kiwi Guardians can be found on this link: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/toyota-kiwi-guardians/>.

### **Just a Reminder**

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