

Rāpare tua tahi o Mahuru: Thursday 7 September 2017

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Mālō e lelei, (Hello) to another action packed week.

Kaveinga 'o e Uike Lea Tonga 2017 (Tongan Language Week). Fakakoloa Aotearoa 'aki e Loto 'i Tonga; Enriching New Zealand with the spirit of Tonga

We would like to acknowledge our Tongan students. Some classes this week have been introduced to the Tongan language. If you are interested in learning more about Tonga, the following site will help you support your child. <http://www.mpp.govt.nz/language-culture-and-identity/pacific-language-weeks/tonga-language-week/>.

Maths ideas at home: Geometry and Measurement

Maths is all around us. Make maths real to your child and choose some of these ideas below to try at home.

- **Choose a shape of the week.** Look for this shape in the environment. Ask your child to describe the shape to you.
- **Play 'guess my shape'.** You think of a shape. Your child asks questions to try to identify it but you can only answer 'yes' or 'no'.
- **Hunt for right angles around your home.** Can your child spot angles that are bigger or smaller than a right angle?
- **Make a model using different boxes/containers of different sizes.** Ask your child to describe their model to you.
- **Let your child help with cooking.** Help them to measure ingredients accurately. Talk about what each division on a scale represents.
- **Choose some food items out of the cupboard.** Try to put the objects in order of weight by feel alone. Then check by looking at the weights on the packets.
- **Use a stop watch** (on your phone) to time how long it takes to do everyday tasks, eg how long does it take to get dressed. Encourage your child to **estimate** first.
- **Use a TV guide from the internet.** Ask your child to work out the length of their favourite programmes.

St John's at School

This week our students have been introduced to basic first aid from St John's. This involves bandaging, CPR and what to do when people are injured. Thank you Sarah - from St John's!



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Zero Waste

Thank you Francis for supporting our school efforts to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Francis has been delivering a Zero Waste programme throughout the school. Well done Emerson whose lunch box actually had zero waste! Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



We are already doing a range of initiatives through our Eco-nomers and our wonderful Mr Murray. Our worm farms and Jalopy have had an awesome impact on our students learning about and doing Zero Waste.

Rock and Water

Constable Fiona is currently working with our Room 1 and 3 students. Rock and Water is an evidence-based, scientifically proven programme used to develop social skills, self-control, self-confidence, resilience, self-respect and self-realisation for students, using a holistic approach. It is used in at least 30 countries and has been delivered to an estimated 2 million young people. The programme uses physical games and exercises to develop strong emotional awareness, mental strength and social competency.

KIA KAHA - AN INVITE: HELP US TO TAKE A STAND

On Thursday 14 September from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm we are inviting you to our **'TAKE A STAND'** meeting/hui. The focus of this hui is to involve our community in helping Levin North become a 'bully free' school where every child feels safe and supported. In order to do this, we are running the Kia Kaha programme across the whole school. This programme enables students to develop strategies for respectful relationships where bullying behaviours are not tolerated.

At our hui you will be introduced to the Kia Kaha programme, see the activities your children will take part in and have a chance to explore some home and school strategies that support your child.

It will be a highly interactive evening - less teacher talk more parent voice - so please join us and help make Levin North the safest school in the Horowhenua!

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa
Let us keep close together not far apart

Yummy Stickers

If you have Yummy Sticker sheets at home, can these please be returned to Erin in the office as soon as possible as they need to be sent away before the end of the term. Thank you!

Scholastic Lucky Book Club

Reminder that all orders need to be handed in to the office by 3.00 pm tomorrow - Friday 8 September.

Please note we can no longer accept Book Club order forms with credit card details. If you wish to pay by credit card, you must order online. Parents can order online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP, mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or via the LOOP mobile apps.

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ICT at North

This week students have been working on an Augmented Reality Dragon and combining it with an App called ComicBook to design their own comic.



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SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD

Term 3, Week 7

TACKLE RUGBY COMPETITION UPDATE

The game due to be played yesterday against Taitoko School will be rescheduled due to the weather.

NETBALL SPRINGTIME TOURNAMENT

Last Sunday a netball springtime tournament team spent the day at Donnelly Park courts playing against other teams in the community. It was a fun day enjoyed by the girls and their whānau.

LEVIN HUSTLE BASEBALL

Recently, the Year 4-6 children have been having sessions with a baseball expert from Wellington called Kris Richards. The children are in cross-class groups to attend their session. The feedback from the children who have had their turn so far has been good, and the children really look to be enjoying themselves when their session is on.

The Levin Hustle Baseball club are preparing for their OPEN DAY on Saturday 16 September at Playford Park and would love to see whānau and children there. Also, they are currently taking registrations online for our local baseball league.

You can register your children at <https://levinhustlebaseball.wixsite.com/levinhustlebaseball/registrations>

CRICKET

If your child is interested in joining a cricket club, there is an information sheet available from the office. Some of your children will have already collected the information when it was handed out last week, but should you want another one, they are available at the office. **Just a reminder that this is to play in a community club, not a school club.**

SOCCER

I have had a couple of children ask me about twilight soccer. There has been a group of selected Year 5/6 girls and boys who have been practising lately. They are competing in an upcoming FUTSAL tournament in Palmerston North. **Our interschool soccer season begins in Term 4.** More information will come out soon. As usual there will be a request for support in coaching and/or managing teams.

And finally...

SCHOOL APP

Remember to download the school app if you want to get more information about sports or school activities. Contact the office if you want to know more!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Netball, Basketball and Hockey uniforms need to be returned to school washed and dried please.

SPORTS BOARD

For those of you who are not familiar where this is or what it is, inside the office to the right, there is a board which has photos and some sports information on it. Feel free to check it out, talk to the staff in the office or email me.

"Sports do not build character, they reveal it."

~ Heywood Broun~

Ngā mihi nui

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