

Rāpare tekau mā wha o Mahuru: Thursday 21 September 2017

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Kids for Kids Choir

A brilliant night was had by students, staff and families at the Kids for Kids Choir.

Our tamariki excelled and loved the experience to perform, their enthusiasm and energy throughout the performance was outstanding. Thank you to the many parents and staff who supported this event. A special thank you to Emma Hansen for the hard work she did training the students.



Kia Kaha Programme

Kia Kaha consists of a comprehensive range of anti-bullying resources to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safe practices that they can use to build and maintain successful relationships throughout their lives. The New Zealand Police recommends that learning activities in Kia Kaha operate within a whole-school approach. In the whole-school approach, parents and whānau contribute to and support the programme. Thank you to all the parents and whanau who came and learnt new skills to help their children and shared their experiences.

Waitarere Beach Clean Up

What an amazing effort by family and staff at Levin North. The day was very rewarding and really appreciated by the local community. Thank you Megan McKenzie for your 'military like' organisation!



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Reading at Levin North - Tips to Try at Home

With the holidays coming up it is vital to remember to read to your children. Below are some tips to help you with your child and their reading.

Tip 1: *Choose a quiet time*

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.

Tip 2: *Make reading enjoyable*

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to pressurise him/her if he/she is reluctant. If your child loses interest, then do something else.

Tip 3: *Maintain the flow*

If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.

Tip 4: *Variety is important*

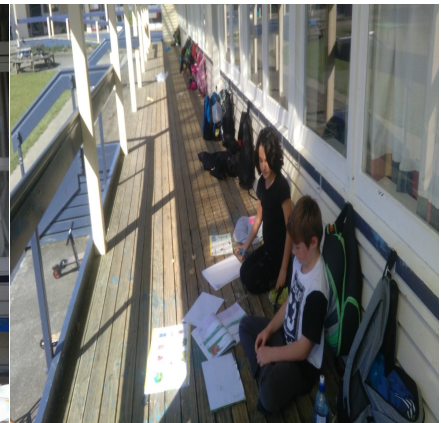
Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems and information books. Keep an eye out for the themes that catch your child's imagination at school - and help follow it up with more reading.



Reading on the way to school



George reading to Room 5



Reading at lunch time

Traffic Concerns around the School

Please can all drivers be vigilant about their driving behaviour around the school. We have had a few near misses this term, caused by people not following basic road rules. Some of the driving behaviours of concern are: ***parking on the corners, parking on yellow lines, making u-turns in front of other traffic and parking on neighbour's driveways.*** Because our children are not able to anticipate what cars will do on the road, it is very important that we all follow the road rules, drive slowly around schools and consider the impulsive nature of our children. ***It only takes a moment of carelessness for a tragedy to occur, and that is something we all want to avoid.***

Coming Up ...

- Kapa Haka Practice this Friday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in Room 3.
- Futsal this Friday 22 September. Teams leaving for the Arena Centre, Palmerston North, at 8:40 am and returning at 3:00 pm.
- Tackle Rugby game: Levin North v St Joseph's at Levin North on Monday 25 September; 1.30 pm kick off.

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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!



There are several things happening these holidays at Te Takeretanga o Kura hou po:

1. A Mad Science programme that includes stories and crafts every week day morning of the holidays from 10 am – 12 pm. We will be doing simple science experiments for the children to make and take home.
2. Coding activities, including learning HTML, CCS and Scratch – check out the website for details.
3. Craig Smith (the Wonky Donkey Man) is back! He will be here on 9 October at 2 pm, promoting his new book "The scariest thing in the garden" – not to be missed!
4. Trevor Morley and his pop up books, keep an eye on the website for details of when he will be here.
5. Lego Club will be running as usual on Thursday 5 October from 3.30 to 5.00 pm.

Colleen Hayes

Literacy and Learning Librarian

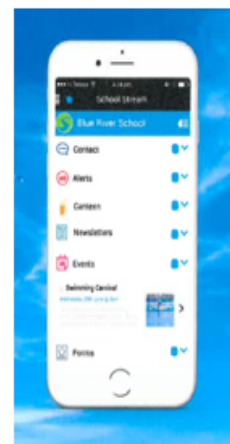
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