

Rāpare rua tekau ma waru o Mahuru: Thursday 28 September 2017

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Levin Intermediate School

With the new Principal (Sheree Garton) at Levin Intermediate, one of the many positive changes that families and schools will see is a different approach to transition. The school is developing some exciting NEW transition to Intermediate School experiences for our Year 6 students. They are having an open evening on Friday 27 October for whanau and they will be hosting our students on 26 October for a day of fun and getting to know our children. They are also hoping to bring Year 8 students to work with Year 6 students at our school, teaching some playground games. Sheree is also happy to come to our school and have a talk to parents and whanau about some of the changes and some of the amazing stuff that is starting to happen at Intermediate.

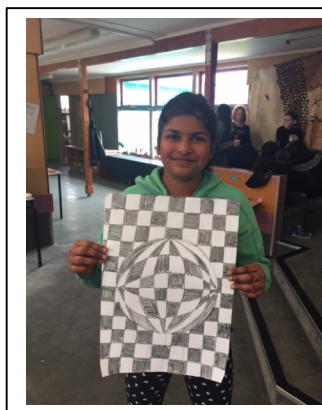
Something to think about (and maybe a bit sad?)

One of our Year 6 students asked me the other day why it was that some parents '*yell or swear at their kids and drag them in and out of their cars*'... I wonder what she saw and I wonder what the message is that she (and any other children that saw this) received????

Kia Kaha and Keeping Ourselves Safe...

We are continuing to work through Kia Kaha as a school and many students are trying really hard to focus on being an 'upstander'. Next term this programme will be morphing into **Keeping Ourselves Safe**. This programme is one that we are mandated to teach in school (by the Ministry of Education) and focusses on enabling children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Students recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and those who have been or are being abused are encouraged to seek help.

We will be having another parent hui to introduce this early on Thursday 26 October and it would be great to have as many people attend as possible. More details next term.



Amazing optical illusion art
(thanks Heer);
and buddy fitness.

Haiku

The Fat Cat
I am very fat.

I eat too much food each day.
Let me outside please!

I sit on your shoes.
You put them on then
hairballs!
When did this happen?!?!

When you eat I eat.
I steal your fish every day.
I'll help you get fish.

Your name is Youan.
I always think it's Yurap.
You smell like syrup.

I will go outside.
You'll hold the door open
wide.
Sit staring at you.

You close it on me.
I want to go back inside!!
Let me inside PLEASE!!

I want my fish please.
You will not give me my fish.
Please give me my fish!!!!



Kapa Haka Festival: Te Ahurei Kapa Haka o Horowhenua

We are in our final week of preparing ourselves for the Te Ahurei Kapa Haka festival next Term. The details of the day are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 18 October 2017: Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Venue: Horowhenua College Hall

Our students will be leaving at 8.30 am from Room 3 and walking to Horowhenua College to attend the powhiri before the day begins. They will return after their performance which is after lunch. We have two Kapa Haka groups - we will confirm times in the first week back but our juniors are on at about 10.30 am'ish and our seniors are on after lunch; 1.30 pm'ish.

Our students are currently practicing 'hard out' and our final after school practice will be **TODAY 28 September, from 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm**. Come along and see what the children are working on. It is always good to have a small audience during practice.

If you are able to assist in any way during the day, please feel free to call in some time this week to see Manu in Room 3 or send him an email: manu@levinnorth.school.nz.

HELP – Desperately...

seeking someone to help our tamariki perform at Jandal Jam run by
Fale Pasifika Horowhenua on 1 November ...

I have said we will be there and no one as yet has come forward to help our
tamariki... Please if you can help... arghhhh!!!!!!

TO MAKE PAYMENTS DIRECTLY INTO OUR SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT

If you prefer to pay for *Music Lessons* or for *Sports* online, please use the details below.

Account Name: Levin North School Board of Trustees

Account Number: 03 0667 0269569 00

Please make sure your NAME and a reason for payment (eg MUSIC) are included under the Payee Code and Reference Fields.

Thank you.

SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD

Term 3, Week 10

FUTSAL SOCCER

For the third year running, one of the Soccer/Futsal teams at Levin North have come back from Palmerston North winning their year group competition. Well done to our Year 5 and 6 girls who won the Year 6 grade. Our boys were very committed, winning a number of games. A special thank you to Levin AFC who supplied their 10 seater van and the parents and staff who transported the remaining 20 students. It was great to see the students who have never played a team sport or even played soccer, succeed and work as a team.



"Thank you Levin AFC for giving the soccer teams a ride to the soccer tournament in Palmerston North. Thank you for helping us. I like that we won some games and I feel good about it."

By Jahntae

TACKLE RUGBY COMPETITION UPDATE

On Monday, our team played a very fast game against St Joseph's. Having not played together for a while due to weather, our team started slowly but really picked up in the second half. Player of the match was awarded to Bronson.

Yesterday we had a game against Koputaroa and the kids played really well in mucky yet fun conditions. It was an extremely even match with a last try putting Koputaroa in the lead. Player of the match was Jon-Paul.

Well done to all players in the team for a committed season.

SELF-DEFENCE CLASSES

During the school holidays GKR Karate is holding 2 free self defence classes in the Horowhenua College Gym. (Tuesday 3 October and Tuesday 10 October) 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. These classes are for ages 5 years and up to any age. If you are interested, then head along. It could be a fun family opportunity.

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!

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please return all uniforms washed, clean and dry. They will be needed for the new sports season. If you are unsure if you have any sports uniform, your teacher has a list of names and gear. There is a lot of uniforms that haven't been returned.

SPORTS FEES – PAY ONLINE

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END OF TERM 'THANK YOU'

As we come to the end of Term 3, I just wanted to extend my thanks and gratitude to all of you who have contributed in some way to our kid's sporting experiences. A special thanks to Mrs Free for organising all of the uniforms and to all of the staff and whānau who have coached, managed, been 'taxis' and stood on the sidelines with words of encouragement and praise. Our sports can only work with your support.

"Even athletes need a holiday."

~ Miss Cooper ~

Ngā mihi nui

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What happens when abuse has been reported?

A team is set up to handle the report. There will be a child protection social worker from Child Youth and Family who has the job of ensuring that the child or young person is safe. There will be a member of the Police Child Protection Team, who will investigate whether an offence has been committed and find out who is responsible. They will talk to the young person involved and decide whether a prosecution is desirable. They should also keep you informed about what is happening. You can ask for information.

Remember

Abuse is wrong and it must be stopped.

Abuse is never the victim's fault.

Victims can be anybody - males, females, babies, children, adults.

Offenders can be anyone, even people you know and love.

Nobody deserves to be abused.



The New Zealand Police Youth Education Service



Are Your Kids Safe?

A KOS pamphlet
for parents, caregivers
and whānau



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What is Child Abuse?

There are four types of child abuse:



Physical Abuse - non-accidental injuries from beatings, assaults and attacks, for example being thrown against a wall, burnt with a cigarette or beaten with a jug cord or belt.



Sexual Abuse - forced sexual contact or sexual contact inappropriate for the child's age. This is often by someone in authority or someone the child trusts.



Neglect - failing to give children or young people adequate food, shelter, clothing, love or medical care - that is the necessities of life.



Emotional Abuse - failing to provide a warm emotional upbringing. It could include rejecting or ignoring the child or young person, verbal abuse or constant putdowns, and/or a lack of affection.

Family Violence - this can involve all the above types of abuse, it damages children as victims and witnesses.

Who abuses children and young people?

- Abuse can happen anywhere - in rural and urban areas, any suburb, and at all status levels of society.
- Abusers can be men and women.
- The abuser is often someone who is known to the child, such as a member of the family or a family friend.
- The abuser could be any age, from an elderly person to someone the same age as the victim.

How are children and young people affected by abuse?

Children and young people who have been abused may:

- have ongoing health problems;
- be mentally or physically damaged;
- feel that they are worthless;
- be sad, anxious, depressed and angry, or feel isolated;
- have difficulty getting on with, or trusting other people;
- find it hard to concentrate and work at school;
- be depressed and suicidal.

How do you know if a child is being abused?

It is not easy to tell if a child is being abused, as the signs and symptoms could be caused by some other problem.

However, the abused child may:

- have a sudden change in behaviour or personality;
- have an unexplained sadness, crankiness or irritability;
- change the way they react to other people;
- lose interest in school work;
- give out hints about the abuse;
- have sexual knowledge or behaviour that is too grown up for them;
- be reluctant to undress;
- draw sexual pictures;
- have unexplained physical injuries.



Look for changes in your child's behaviour that cannot be explained.

What can a parent or caregiver do to keep their child safe?

- Have sensible family safety guidelines.
- Tell your child you love them and find ways to make them feel good about themselves.
- Respect your child's feelings.
- Make it easy for your child to talk to you and tell you about anything that is bothering them.
- Listen carefully to what your child is saying. They are unlikely to tell you directly that they are being abused so you may need to read between the lines.
- Keep the computer in a family room and have clear guidelines about its use.

What should you do if a child tells you about abuse, or if you suspect that a child is being abused?

- Show your love, concern and support.
- Keep any feelings you might have, such as anger, fear or disgust, to yourself.
- Keep calm.
- Listen carefully to what they are saying.
- Believe what they tell you.
- Don't interrogate your child about what has happened.
- Reassure them that it is not their fault.
- Tell them that you are pleased that they have told you and that you are very sorry about what has happened.
- Assure them you will do something to help.
- Seek help and advice.

Report the abuse to either your local Police or to the Child Youth and Family Service. You will find their phone numbers in your telephone book.

