

Ko Rāpare rua tekau ma ono Whiringa-ā-nuku: Thursday 26 October 2017

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Taitoko Community of Learning

This term I officially started my role as the Leader of the Taitoko Community of Learning (CoL). I am still Principal here at North but spend the equivalent of two days a week on CoL work while Mr P keeps the 'home fires burning' so to speak. My role is for two years and it is a great opportunity for both he and I, as he is given more responsibility in the principal space and I am given the opportunity to develop a different set of leadership skills. Our teachers and children get the benefit of having people at the forefront of educational change.

The CoL initiative is part of the previous government's initiative called **Investing in Educational Success** and is a fundamental shift to the way education happens in our country. It is about getting schools to collaborate (which is a challenge as we are funded on a competitive model) to work more closely together to help Horowhenua children and their families in the education space. We have four main challenges that we will all be working on. These are:

Developing collective responsibility to ensure that all students realise their full potential with a focus on transitions - this means that we are looking at the points where learners move from early childhood education to primary school; primary school to intermediate (where relevant); and intermediate to secondary and all working together to make sure these are 'smooth'.

Developing educationally powerful relationships with families, whānau Māori and fanau Pasifika.

Leading the collaboration between schools and places of learning from early childhood to secondary level and beyond.

Develop our understanding of student well-being across the area and its link to achievement.

There will also be opportunities for teachers in our area to develop their leadership in other roles in the CoL with the ultimate outcome being that we see much more educational success for everyone.



Room 8 making their own blackboards (yes, those things that schools used to have with chalk)



Jandal Jam

Yes, we are going to Jandal Jam next week, Wednesday 1 November at Horowhenua College Hall – gold coin donation! This will be our first ever appearance at a pasifika event and we are looking forward to being even more involved with a bigger crew next year. Megan McKenzie is organising this, so if you would like to know more, pop in and see her.

Reading Together – is happening again this term. Free childcare is available. It seems everyone who has done the four sessions in this course has found it so valuable and from our perspective, we have seen **great results** with children's attitudes towards reading and their reading levels increasing. If you are interested or would like to know more, please see Emma Hansen in Room 12.



Rooms 15 and 17
off to Te Takere

And listening
intently now
we're there!



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Keeping Ourselves Safe - Parent and Whanau Evening

Next **Thursday evening at 6.30 pm** we will be holding a parent and whanau evening re the Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme that will be running in our school this term. **All welcome to the meeting in our staffroom.** See information below.

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.

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 suburbs, 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.

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.

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

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.

We received this 'deal' from Noel Leeming this week and thought that if you are thinking about purchasing a device for your child as they move to intermediate, it might be useful...

Festival on the Field

Our annual Festival on the Field is coming up... so put **Friday 24 November in your diaries.** For those of you who haven't been to one of these before, it is an early evening outdoor concert (by our children) with yummy dinner type foods available for purchase. More information over the next few weeks.

Yummy stickers...

Did you know that we collect those funny little stickers that are on apples from the supermarket? They are called 'Yummy stickers' and last term we earned \$279.00 for our humble collection. This money goes towards the purchase of sports gear for our children... so keep collecting. See Erin at school if you are unsure!

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COLOURS Fun Run

On **Friday 10 November** we will be having our annual **Fun Run**. This year it is a little different. We are filling it with **COLOUR**! There will be more details about this to follow but ways to support your child now is to help them to raise money for themselves. They each have a Fun Run booklet that has been given out. Inside there are details of how to create an online profile (they may need your help) and instructions on how to get sponsored. In the past, collecting money online has proved the most successful but any appropriate way that they can is helpful, as they can win prizes depending on their amount. It will be an amazing event and we look forward to your support. Get sponsoring!

SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD

Term 4, Week 2

TWILIGHT SOCCER

The season begins next week for Years 1-4 on Mondays after school and Years 5-6 on Wednesdays after school. A draw will be handed out today to your child, given to the school office and put on the school app. Each team will receive a team list with contact numbers should you need to contact your manager if you are unable to play. It should be a great season!

YEAR 5-6 WATERPOLO

Tomorrow is the first game for our school waterpolo teams down at the Levin Aquatic Centre. They are playing against each other so we are guaranteed a competitive game!

PAYING FOR SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS

Just as a reminder, there are different ways that you can pay for your child's school sports fees. Either by Eftpos at the office, by cash, or online (see below). Thank you to those who are really working hard to pay sports fees.

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

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. If they could be returned in a named plastic bag then that would really help the organisation for Mrs Free.

POSITIVE SUPPORT

When supporting our whānau at sports games, please keep negative thoughts out of their earshot. Every positive word counts!

"Start unknown, finish unforgettable."

~ Nike ~

Ngā mihi nui

Anna Cooper (Sports Co-ordinator) anna@levinnorth.school.nz

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Account Name: Levin North School Board of Trustees
Account Number: 03 0667 0269569 00

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10.30am Wednesday 1 November



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