

Ko Rāpare rua tekau ma ono Whiringa-ā-nuku: Thursday 2 November 2017

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Kia ora Koutou

The sun is finally out. Students are fully involved in training for our **Colour Fun Run** next Friday and will participate in a range of activities outdoors. We insist on our tamariki wearing hats (their own hat or a school hat) and putting sunblock on when they are outside. It is also a good time to ensure your child is hydrated with a bottle of water. Classes also have fruit breaks during the day. This helps our students function on hot days, helping classes to run smoothly.

Jandal Jam

What a massive performance by our Jandal Jam children and their leaders Megan McKenzie and Nadene. The enthusiasm and commitment by all was a credit to Levin North School. Did you know our largest Pacifica group at Levin North is from Kiribati? They were well presented at Jandal Jam. Thank you to our lovely mum's who supported this group.



Keeping Ourselves Safe: Meeting this Thursday 2 November - **POSTPONED**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Constable Fiona is unable to lead our meeting this evening. This will be rescheduled and we will advise of the new date and time as soon as this comes to hand. Apologies.

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Festival on the Field

Reminder this is on Friday 24 November. Kapa Haka, Jandal Jam, solo performances, school bands, dance groups and a whole lot of activities are planned along with a number of food stalls. Come along and watch our talented students. **More information to come ...**

Watties Cans

This week is the Watties 'Cans for Good' collection for Salvation Army foodbanks.

We will be having class competitions for:

1. Class with the most artistic 'Can Creation'. (Cans can be stacked no more than 3 high).
2. Class with the most cans.

Resources you may be interested in:-

<https://www.watties.co.nz/What-s-New/News-New-Products/Wattie-s-Cans-for-Good-2017/Wattie-s-Cans-for-Good-Resources>

Class 'Can Creations' will be completed by 12:00 noon next Wednesday 8 November for judging.

On Wednesday 8 November between 10:30 - 11:30 we will be doing a school can creation on the field (weather permitting) for those interested in participating.

Board of Trustees (BOT)

This week at the Board Meeting we discussed the need to encourage parents/caregivers to come along to the meetings. If you are interested in coming along to our next Board Meeting it is on the Monday 20 November 6:30 pm in the staffroom.

What is a Board of Trustees?

Every School in New Zealand has a Board of Trustees (BOT) that governs it.

The Board of Trustees is a Crown entity. A Crown entity is an organisation that is part of New Zealand's public sector. The board's job is to see that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically and as well as possible, in the best interests of its students.

The principal is the board's 'chief executive' and manages the school or kura in line with the Board's direction and policies.

Boards are made up of:

- trustees elected from the community
- the principal
- a staff-elected representative

What does the Board do?

The Board has the overall responsibility for the school or kura. [Section 75 of the Education Act](#) says that the board's most important responsibility is for student achievement. To achieve this, the Board is also legally responsible for the curriculum (what is taught), property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

This means that the Board is responsible for making sure that all students are getting a high quality education that will prepare them to survive and thrive in the world by the time they leave school.

The Board must be able to provide leadership for its local community and its principal and staff. At the same time, the Board is elected by the community to ensure that the community has a voice in how their school operates. An effective Board needs to be able to balance these two responsibilities.

The Board is also responsible for acting as a good employer to all the staff in the school.

What skills do Trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and kura, just as your mayor and councillors are in the wider community. A Board of Trustees needs the same skills that a city council or other local body needs to work effectively. All Trustees need to be able to:

- *work well in a team / understand and think about what they are being told / ask relevant and challenging questions / have good communication skills / passion / energy / people skills / honesty / Integrity*

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We need you

If you can help supervise Road Patrol either in the morning or after school, please see Mr Davis in Room 1.
If you are able to take playtime/lunchtime sports or art, please see Mr Perigo in the office.



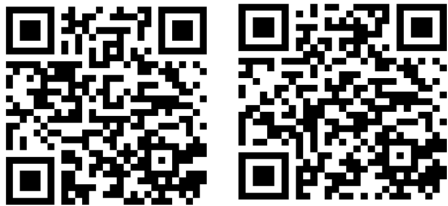
Maths at Home - How you can help

You probably know that the New Zealand Curriculum guides your child's teacher in planning the mathematics that your child learns in the classroom. So when you visit your child's classroom, you will see that there is much more to maths than just remembering times tables and doing sums. While these are still very important, your child also needs to be able to see patterns, to locate themselves and find their way, to know about the shapes that make up the spaces around them, to measure things, to tell the time and to understand graphs, facts and figures that are so much a part of our world now.

Above all, they need to be able to use the maths they know in every day situations. That's why your support is important and appreciated.

So please **don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher about how you can best help your child.**

Check out these links to help support your child at home.



<https://nzmaths.co.nz/introductory-video>
<https://nzmaths.co.nz/student-task-sheets>

Fun in Room 10



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Levin Intermediate

Our Year 6 students recently visited Levin Intermediate. If you require an application pack to enrol your child for Intermediate next year, you can collect one from our office.

Cooking Classes



Art at Intermediate



**Well done Room 7!!
Our 'Tidy School' Ambassadors For Term 3**

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