

Ko Rāpare te ra tua whitu o -Hakihea Thursday 7 December 2017

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This is the last newsletter for the 2017 school year and on behalf of our children, teachers and support staff, I would like to extend **our heartfelt gratitude to EVERYONE who has supported us.**

We have had so many events this year and these have continued to help our school be the place it is.

From a teaching and learning perspective our ERO review was confirmation of the great job our staff are doing for learners. They commented on the '**accelerated progress**' that our children make as they move through the school, our '**highly inclusive**' culture and our commitment to providing a learning environment that is as personalised as possible.

We have seen the development this year of our **junior kapa haka** and they performed with pride alongside our senior kapa haka at several events. The most memorable for me was the **Matariki Celebration** at Te Takere - what a great turn out of whanau and community when we joined hands with Levin East.



Another performance that was a first, was appearing at **Junior Jandal Jam**.

Our ropu filled the stage (and some) and I was immensely proud of their efforts (we are still looking for a tutor by the way!)

Our choir is amazing, and our music concert was amazing!!!! WOW – Go North!

Our 'kids' have also been part of (and doing their best in) every sporting event on offer and a HUGE thank you must go to the parents and whanau who have stepped up to coach – we couldn't do it without you!

Fundfinders have done their usual 'sterling job' and watch this space next year as they attend to the hall for a makeover!

Our theme for next year is around the key competency (NZ Curriculum)...

Let's get out there. This relates to participating and contributing with an extra focus on science which we think hasn't had the focus that it should have over the past few years! **Look out Levin 2018 here we come ☺**

Reading over summer...

Horowhenua libraries are running a summer reading programme '**Wild about Reading**' which is FREE.

The programme which will run from 11 December to 19 January will include all sorts of activities to help children to keep reading over summer. **Places are limited and enrolments have started, so get in quick!!**

Thursday 14 December 12.30 pm: School finishes for the year.



Nikki's Music Concert

We were so proud of our budding musicians when they played in the end of year concert! Children who have been learning guitar, drums, keyboards or singing with Nikki performed on Tuesday afternoon. Special guests were Nikki and Dean who performed one of Dean's songs (yes Dean our Caretaker and everything else person!)





There is not enough of the “Me & Dad” or “Me & Mum” these days. Kids need Heroes, ask them who’s the best at everything, it will be Mum or Dad.

Thank you to Wendy McComb who recently donated a set of ‘Me and Dad’ books to our library.
THANKS WENDY!



Library Books and Readers!

This is our usual request... can you PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE search your homes high and low for ANY books belonging to our school. Each year we ask this and it is amazing that HEAPS come in. We don't mind how many you've stored up – just that you bring them back otherwise it costs us \$\$\$\$ to replace them. Just drop any you find at our school office.

PS The same goes for sports uniforms – they need to come back to us so that we can see what we need to replace.

Horowhenua Christmas Choir Festival

What a great way to end the year... We had several schools join together for the first ever Christmas choir concert - it was such a fun filled child oriented evening. Well done Emma Hansen (the choir leader who organised the event for all of the schools) and all of our children. Thanks too to everyone else in the community who took part!



Next week

Next week is the **last week of the school year and it is FRANTICALLY BUSY**. We do our best to keep you all informed but not everyone is perfect all of the time! (We are all a little bit like ducks – all looks calm on the surface but we are madly paddling underneath!) **ALL of the events are on Facebook** or in this newsletter – the unfortunate thing is that not everyone reads it! So...

Events until the end of term

- Friday 8 December:** Last normal school assembly - Levin North School Hall 10.00 am
- Wednesday 13 December:** Prize Giving Assembly - Horowhenua College Hall 1.00 pm
Year 6 Dinner and DISCO
(a letter is going home with each Year 6 student today with all the details!)
- Thursday 14 December** School finishes at 12.30 pm – **please collect your children!**

Monday 29 January: School starts for the 2018 year
Powhiri at 11.30 am for new families - meet at the school office

Powhiri 2018

Our **school powhiri** for new families, staff and students will be at **11.30 am on Monday 29 January**. We have changed the time to make sure families can get to other powhiri in the area such as those at the Intermediate and Colleges. It takes about half an hour and is followed by a cuppa and kai. Please come and support our school kaupapa (way of doing things).

Levin North School is a positive, caring community, which promotes lifelong learning, celebrates individuality and encourages participation and success for all.

Message from Betty Montford Kindergarten

Betty Montford Kindergarten a great place to be, with 100% qualified teachers, who offer everyday learning experiences to support and extend your child's learning. Our Facebook post regularly show some of these great learning experiences. Places are available, come in and visit us. Call 063688405 or email bettymontford@wmkindergartens.org.nz.

Music Lessons 2018

Music Lessons will continue next year, starting in Term 1. If you wish your child to continue or start music lessons next year, please complete the slip below and return to the office. (Each lesson costs \$10, so if a term is 10 weeks, the full cost of music tuition for that term would be \$100.)

Music at North - 2018

My child would like to learn: drums guitar keyboards vocal (Please circle)

Child's name: _____ Room No: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

