

Ko Rāpare, tua rua o : Thursday 2 May 2019

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Our two Kaikaranga Jasmine and Heather, very nervous about our powhiri for our newbies and their whanau. These two had the honour of making the 'ceremonial call' to our manuhiri (visitors). It is part of our way of welcoming people to our school. This welcome happened on Tuesday this week and we had a huge crowd (for us!) of



new families to our school. It was great to see Punahau Early Learning Centre bring their tamariki to us to entrust them in to our care. As a nana myself it was lovely to see the family wrap around!

It was also great to see other families just come along to be part of a Levin North Kura welcome experience and perhaps learn about the kaupapa of a powhiri (at our school). Learning about Te Ao Maori (the maori world) is part of our New Zealand curriculum and the essence of living in Aotearoa and just some of the learning our tamariki have in this area.

To everyone else... **welcome back to school.** We have an action packed term ahead with a curriculum focus in **science (electricity)** for all learners, ongoing work for our **Term 3 production** and **reports** at the end of the term. We also have a **free trip to the zoo** (scored by one of our teachers Emma Hansen - Way to go Emma!!!) and **Board of Trustees elections.**

Zoo

Yes, we're going to the Zoo!! We have managed to secure funding through Wellington Zoo to take the whole school to the zoo by bus for free!

This will be happening in week 7 of this term and more details will follow in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please see Miss Hansen in Room 12.



Our Library

Over the holidays our wonderful librarian, Sharon Free, completed a stock take and surprise surprise, there she found that there are a significant number of books missing!!! Perhaps many of you don't realise, but we have to purchase these books ourselves out of our operating funds, so when we lose even one book, it reflects a loss of \$20.00. At this stage, without going through teacher shelves, we have a HEAP more than that missing, so PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE have a look around your home. It would take **many many sausage sizzles** to replace these books! We all forget things, but it would be great to get them back so that others can enjoy them.

Thanks Mr D for the photo from Foxton Beach - just thought it was a nice image to include!!!



Music Money

There are a number of families who are not up to date with music payments. Please see Andrea to either pay the outstanding amount or make an arrangement for these to be paid by automatic payment each week (details below). If they aren't paid, we will have no choice but to discontinue the lessons for your child.

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.

Advanced Warning... **Teacher Only Day** Digital Technologies in the National Curriculum



Busy Learning in Room 8

On Friday 31 May we will be having a Teacher Only Day. This means that there will be no school for children, but teachers will be spending the day learning. Our focus will be on developing a coordinated approach to implementing the new aspects of the Technology Curriculum known as Digital Technologies. These must be in place in schools in 2020 and while we have some great aspects of practice, we also have some adjustments to make!

"The digital curriculum is about teaching children how to design their own digital solutions and become creators of, not just users of, digital technologies, to prepare them for the modern workforce."

[Chris Hipkins, 2018](#)

Responsive Writing - Round 2

We are about to start the second round of Responsive Writing - Rebel Writers - and would like members of our school community to support this programme. It involves responding to writers from Year 4 and Year 5 (boys) - and takes up approximately 15 minutes, once a week. If you are keen to be an adult respondent, please contact the school and we will provide more details.

BOT Elections

Our Board has appointed Kathryn Perigo as the returning officer for the upcoming BOT elections. The key dates for those interested and all of you in terms of voting are:

Election Date: 7 June

Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019.

More information re the election and finding out about who is standing for our Board will be included in the newsletters over the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in standing and want to know more, come in and see either myself or Hoani Perigo - we would love to talk with you!

Have your say with the council about any transport challenges (or successes!)

Our local Council are working on a strategy looking at **all modes of travel and transport**; trains, buses, active transport, parking and roading networks. They have a survey circulating at the moment to capture people's experiences (the good and bad) of our transport network.

The consultation period for this phase of the Horowhenua Integrated Transport Strategy (information gathering, identifying key themes and directions) is open until **10 MAY 2019**.

Please follow the link below to **have your say on transportation** in Horowhenua.

<https://www.horowhenua.govt.nz/Council/Have-Your-Say/Horowhenua-Integrated-Transport-Strategy>

SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD

Term 2, Week 1, 2019

What a busy first term we have had. Some of the children have really put themselves out there and contributed to playing sports for the school. A HUGE thank you for that. And an equally HUGE thank you to the whānau who have supported their kids to get to practises and games. It can't be done without you.

Ngā mihi nui

Anna Cooper (Sports Coordinator)

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YEAR 4-6 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Last Friday of the term, I took 25 children down to Waiopahu College to compete against other children in Levin in Athletics. It was a tough day, and a first for some. What was awesome to see was our kids befriending children from other schools. Not only that, they were supportive of each other and there were some stand out performances.

A particular well done goes to Thomas, Fergus, Maia, Jasmin and Braden in the field events, and all of the kids for their relay successes. Levin North placed in every relay event from Year 4 through to Year 6!

It was a pleasure to take the children all to Interschools and I look forward to what the future holds for our younger competitors. Thank you to all the adults who helped, whether it was transporting and putting up gazebos, supporting the kids or running an event. You were GREAT!

TWILIGHT HOCKEY, AFC SOCCER and TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

Well done to the children who were part of these teams for the season. You committed to your chosen activity and the feedback was that you had fun. Another thank you to all the families who supported, and to the organisers and coaches!

WINTER SPORTS

Children at school have signed up for: Winter Hockey (Years 0-6), Basketball (Year 3-6), Waterpolo (Year 5-6), Future Ferns Netball (Year 1-4) and Netball (Year 5-6). More details about Rugby and Rippa Rugby will follow next week.

I can happily report that the netball squad has been chosen and they have already had their Grading Day during the holidays.

Training will be starting this Friday afterschool from 3.15 - 4.15 with Areana Norris and friend, on the netball courts, and will continue during the season. Please ensure your netball star has appropriate shoes that day, a water bottle and any medication they may need e.g. asthma inhalers.

Good luck for this week's game.

And finally...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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ENROLLING YOUR CHILDREN IN SPORT

When letters about registering to play sports come out, **please check the due back and payment date carefully**. If you want your child to play a school sport then it is important to get them signed up in time. Fees for sport can either be paid by Eftpos at the office, by cash, or online.

SCHOOL APP

Please download the free school app. This is an easy and quick way for messages to get to you regarding activities. Contact the office if you want to know more!

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

