

Ko Rāpare tua rima o Hōngongoi : Thursday 5 July 2018

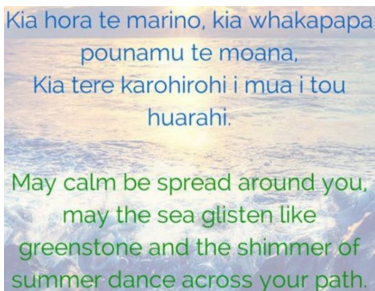
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*Here we are on the last newsletter for Term 2 and it has been a big week (when isn't it a big week!).*

Ka kite ano **Ms McCallum**...

This week we 'farewelled' one of our teachers. **Ms McCallum**, who started at North school about five years ago, has resigned her position. She is one of the **most amazing** (and probably one of the **craziest - nice crazy**) teachers I have ever met.



Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa  
pounamu te moana,  
Kia tere karohirohi i mua i tou  
huarahi.  
May calm be spread around you,  
may the sea glisten like  
greenstone and the shimmer of  
summer dance across your path.

We had a final farewell for her on Wednesday at a special assembly. We all laughed and cried our way through her short (long speech) and were treated to a sing song (by our wonderful support staff), poems, touching speeches and a rendition of 'We will miss you' (to the tune of 'we will rock you') and according to Mr D we are being sought after for our talent! She will be long **remembered by** everyone who came in contact with her, **for her hats, crazy assembly/show items and zest for fun in learning.**

We wish her well for the next phase of her life and we know she will be back with us as a day reliever.

### Welcome Mrs Johnson

*A BIG North welcome to **Mrs Johnson** who will be teaching in Room 13 for the remainder of the year. Mrs Johnson has spent time in our school over the past couple of years as a reliever and teacher of our four year old class so she is no stranger to us! We look forward to her joining us and bringing her experience and skills all in a full time capacity!*



### Restorative Practice - What is it?

Over the last two terms our staff (teachers and support staff) have combined with Levin School staff to learn more about a **Restorative Practice** approach to managing behaviour in schools.

*'A **restorative school** is one which takes a **restorative** approach to resolving conflict and preventing harm. ... **Restorative** approaches refer to a range of methods and strategies which can be used both to prevent relationship-damaging incidents from happening and to resolve them if they do happen.'*

This approach is part of a VERY big drive by the Ministry of Education and is a huge part of the approach of schools who espouse a PB4L approach (positive behaviour for learning), however it can be misinterpreted by those looking in! The approach is a bit like looking at an iceberg as most of the work that happens to develop methods and strategies and the follow up when things happen (as they do) goes unseen!

*We have come to think that restoration is not only about resolving conflict; it is about maintaining the basic values of a diverse and civil society, including generosity, care, and respect for difference.*

*Drewery and Kecskeméti, 2010.*

As part of this approach, in Term 3, just as we have expectations of behaviour within our school, we are going to have a focus on using language in the school environment that is appropriate for school. We recognise that in the wider world language use has changed (we just need to walk down the street, watch TV, listen in shops) but we are developing a fun series of lessons (**swear ye NOT - THANKS MR D**) to see if we can all work towards Levin North School being a **swear free zone!** (watch out for the signage!). We thought we would try this for a term and see if we (together) can make a difference! We will share more at the beginning of Term 3 when the teachers have had a chance to hear more!

## Sir Peter Blake Young Leaders Award Evening

On Tuesday evening the Westpac Bank and the Sir Peter Blake Trust held an evening in Horowhenua to celebrate young



leaders in our area. Each school was invited to nominate a young person that they thought had real leadership potential. It was a fantastic evening with a hugely positive buzz and each award winner was presented with a 'gold' leadership medal and a framed certificate. We nominated the amazing Lily whose accomplishments across a range of areas to date are staggering - here she is in the photo by herself and then fourth from the left in the group photo.

### Learning Conversations are coming...

Our mid year reports will be coming home in the first week of next term and in the second week we are having our **learning conversation evenings**. As per last year, these will be held over three evenings **3-6.00 pm on Tuesday 31 July and Thursday 2 August and 3-8.00 pm on Wednesday 1 August**. We have scheduled these late in the day to make sure those families who have both parents working have time to come along and celebrate your children's learning **with your children**.

**Login to: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the Event Code: **upczg****

If you need help booking your interview time, please come in to the office or give us a phone call and we can make the interview time for you.

### Music Lesson Payments

If you have music lesson payments outstanding, please ensure these are paid in full before the start of Term 3 otherwise your child will not be able to continue lessons in Term 3.

If you wish to make payments directly into our bank account, the details are as follows:

**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 so we can identify who the payment is from. Thank you.

### What to do in the Holidays????

**Finding your way - Maths is fun 2018: Holiday Programme at Te Takeretanga - Kura-hau-pō**

Registrations are open now for this holiday programme at Te Takere by emailing [deborahm@tetakere.org.nz](mailto:deborahm@tetakere.org.nz) or phoning Deborah MacDonald on 06 368 1953. This programme **is for children from 5- 13 years of age and is at NO COST to families**. It involves interactive maths activities and games and should be heaps of fun!

**Lastly - have a great holiday everyone....**  
**School finishes this Friday 6 July at 3.00 pm**  
**Starting again on Monday 23 July!**

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