

Ko Rāpare, tekau ma rima o Whiringa-ā-Rangi : Thursday 15 November 2018

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Earlier this term Moira and I (Mr Perigo) attended a Principals Conference in Wellington. The theme was on creativity and leadership. We heard many speakers talking about education systems overseas and singing the virtues of New Zealand's system and our NZ Curriculum while highlighting the failures of others. The message I took from it was the need to have an education system that is balanced, where the Arts and Sports (soccer and other sports) are valued alongside reading, writing and maths. Unfortunately over the last decade this has not always been the goal of governments. The emphasis on Key Competencies was also promoted to support and educate students for the future.

Key competencies are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future.

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies [five key competencies](#):

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Using language, symbols, and texts
- Managing self
- Participating and contributing

The following is a video for all 'visual learners' explaining the key competencies.

The exponential growth of technology was exciting and also a little worrying. Collaboration, Communication, Citizenship, Character and Creativity were key aspects highlighted, as parents SUCCESS looks different to us and our children.

Weta Workshop - Creativity



WW1E

The community is welcome to view the exhibition in Room 4 which is open during school hours. The exhibition runs until 4 December. The knowledgeable tour guides of Room 3 are standing by.



Camp 2019 A huge thank you to parents, staff, teachers and Ms Cooper our amazing Camp Mother. Mr Davis summed up camp in a few words below:

It's the day after. Reflecting time. The camp - not quite a distant memory - but already a test of what happened each day, each session... and those long long nights where you realise the exuberance of youth comes without an off switch and you as an adult reflect on the days when you had sugar-highs that fed your excitement well into the witching hour.

Was it all worth it?.

To see a child literally scale heights they only dreamt of in really scary dreams. To see a lad go to bed - but not to sleep - with his belly full of good wholesome food. To sit back and watch one child console another as homesickness sneaks invisibly into their bunkroom devoid of parents but full of camaraderie. To administer a huge plaster to a small wound worn as a badge of honour from yet another challenge ticked off on a personal goal chart. To film a child lunge, cling, pull her way to the top of a confronting rockwall and come down with a humble bursting heart and a smile that stays through the day reminding us all that success is an emotion surpassed only by love.



To see our young wash dishes, vacuum and wipe windows with a song and dance that reminds us that even chores can be fun. To hear our local waiata sung in the vast expanse of a cavernous hall accompanied by our torch beams and the tired voices of budding sopranos.

"Haumi e hui e taiki e"

To overhear a small child say to her friend "I wish we could stay longer" And another much bigger child say to a helper "I wish school was like this"...mmmmmm... from the mouths of our babes.



To be in a group with a student who you haven't had many dealings with over the year and you find out they are incredibly funny, full of empathy, resilient and determined and you wonder... how did I miss that?

To be free of devices and be reminded in the best possible way that our environment holds as many adventures - if not more - than our virtual technologies. To experience swimming in the rain, bouncing on a tramp - no not me - kicking a ball, commanding a kayak in a swollen river, ducking a soft arrow from a classmate only to be struck in the heart by the one you didn't see coming.

So was it worth it?

*Time will say nothing but I told you so
Time only knows the price we have to pay;
If I could tell you I would let you know.*

There is no amount that we can put on all this. It is valuable beyond belief. It is a taonga.

It is priceless.

~ Mr Davis ~



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

Lingering...
In darkness...
Behind the curtains...
Been betrayed
Been hurt...
In your room
She'll lurk.
By Athnie Kempton, Year 4.

COOKIE TIME CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER 2018

Every tin contains: 1x \$5 Off Killinchy Gold Ice-Cream Voucher
+ 600g Original Chocolate Chip COOKIES!



From EVERY TIN sold
\$5 Goes straight to us!

Orders and money needs to be returned to the office
by Wednesday 28th November
to ensure delivery before school finishes
on Wednesday 12th December

The Horowhenua Taste Trail

Information:

Mary, Mary, quite contrary

How does your garden grow?

With asparagus and raddishes

And slippery eels all in a row.

On Saturday 24 November 2018, take part in an event that celebrates all that is grown and produced in this bite-sized district. The Horowhenua Taste Trail provides a unique opportunity to get behind the scenes, and sample delicious fresh produce, directly from the source.

It is a great day out for all ages to learn all about how food is grown and produced. On top of that, there are tractor rides, colouring in competitions, bouncy castles plus lots of yummy food.

Tickets for under 12s are FREE, so an affordable day out for your family! Head online and secure your spot today!

<http://www.tastetrail.co.nz>

SENSATIONAL SPORTS WORD

TOUCH RUGBY

The team continues to slowly develop their skill levels and they are building on working together for successful outcomes. A reminder to the children in the team to please turn up for practice at school, and turn up in plenty of time before the game to warm up and prepare to play. Keep working together as a team!

WATER POLO

Water Polo matches continue for the Y5-6 team on Fridays. There has been a mixed bag of results so far but I was very proud of the children who made it down to the pool for their game despite having had three full on days away at the Senior Camp. Keep up the great demonstration of commitment. Well done!

TEE-BALL AND SOFTBALL

Coaching continues on Monday mornings at school with Coach Damon and it is then when I am receiving some excellent feedback from him about Levin North teams at Playford Park during their Friday afternoon games. He shares with me how impressed he is at our positive attitudes, our great efforts and how we show resilience and determination from our Y1-4 children right up to our Y5-6 children. I am very proud of you!

CRICKET

Training sessions are up and running with Matt Good on a Tuesday afternoon, with good progress being made and skill levels improving. Keep up the hard work. A reminder about the Girls Only Cricket Day on Tuesday 4 December, Week 8.

TWILIGHT SOCCER

This season is going really well. We have 51 children representing our school in the competition... a fabulous number! Unfortunately it is on the same day as Touch Rugby, so the senior children have had to make a tricky decision. I am sure they are happy with the ones they have made, though I am positive most of them would play both codes if there were enough hours in the day. Great work so far teams!

LEVIN NORTH SCHOOL FUN RUN

Well done (in advance) to those children who had an amazing attitude, a fantastic sense of determination, and just good old fun in our Water Fun Run this afternoon.

It is now time to start calling all sponsors to give you your well deserved money, be it online or in person. Remember to visit your online website www.schoolfundraising.co.nz.

The cut off date for collecting money is Thursday 22 November so we can get prizes ordered and delivered before the end of the term.

And finally...

- The weather is getting much warmer. Your child needs to be wearing a hat if they are playing outside at school - or they will be spending time in shady areas.
- They also need to stay hydrated with plenty of water... not sugary fizzy drinks or juice!

'There is no I in TEAM'

Levin Intermediate Enrolment Forms

Please get these enrolment forms completed and returned to our school office asap - the Intermediate are waiting on these forms to be returned. We will take the forms to the Intermediate School for you.

Reminder

School finishes on Wednesday 12 December at 12.30 pm

and reopens

Monday 4 February 2019, although we will be

open for enrolments on Friday 1 February!!!