

Ko Rāpare, tua whitu o Hui-tanguru : Thursday 7 February 2019

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Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, welcom, afio mai, ようこそ(Yōkoso), 欢迎 (Huānyíng)

Welcome to (and back to) **Te Kura o Taitoko Tokerau** (Levin North School). We have had a HUGE number of new families join us (more than 20 new children) and we would love to welcome you, in our Levin North way, next Monday at 10.00 am. Our **powhiri/welcome** will be held in the hall and **everyone in the family is welcome** to attend.

If you are a **new parent** come to our school office at about **9.50 am** as your children will go over to the hall with a teacher.

After the welcome we have a shared morning tea (our shout!!!!) and as usual this will be in our staffroom.

More people to welcome...

Stephen Berry is starting his New Zealand teaching career with us and is in Room 13. He has been teaching in other countries around the world and has some pretty funny stories to tell us about teaching in Georgia!!!

Lois Fraser will be working in Room 8 with **Megan McKenzie** who, as well as teaching in the classroom, is **training in Reading Recovery**.

And a few changes in role...



Rod Davis (Mr D) is our **Learning Support Coordinator and Acting Assistant Principal**. His role is in supporting Mr P and me and looking after our little people with extra special needs. He also looks after the support staff who work with our little people.

David Malcolm is teaching in Room 14 with his own class. Rather than being here there and everywhere, he will stay with this group of learners needless to say he is VERY happy!

Shelley Easton will be a new smiling but familiar face in our school office in the mornings. She is taking over some of the work that Nadene did as Nadene has moved out of the area (we wish her well!).

Lastly **I am still me** but after 20 something years have decided to move to my married name and drop the Howard bit. I will now be known as **Mrs Campbell** (Mrs C so that I am not confused with the other Mrs Campbell in our school!).



Waitangi Day

Yesterday was **Waitangi Day** and if anyone has missed this (in the lack of history teaching in the New Zealand education system), it celebrates the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840, which of course makes this year the 179th signing! The Treaty of Waitangi is still considered to be New Zealand's founding document and the signing date marks an important moment in the nation's history. The day was first celebrated in 1934 and has been a public holiday since 1974.



The **Waitangi Treaty** was signed by 500 Maori Chiefs and the several leaders, who were representing the British Crown, in two different versions. One of these was in English and the other in the Maori language and this has caused many issues over the years as it is claimed that the two documents did not mean the same thing to those who signed them. There is considerable debate about how this difference in translation happened and it is great as a 'kiwi' to see that the issues are slowly being worked through.

It was also fantastic to see that people from all walks of life took part in celebrations around the country.

Something new to North School... Early Bird Breakfast Club

Next week we will be starting **our breakfast club** for those tamariki who may not have food in their tums before they start their school day. The club will be **open from 8 - 8.30 am Monday to Friday** and breakfast will be served in Room 16. **No questions will be asked about who turns up** and we thank those who have enabled us to offer this in 2019.



"Do you know what breakfast cereal is made of? It's made of all those little curly wooden shavings you find in pencil sharpeners!" **Roald Dahl**

Cans for paint....

We are collecting cans at school over the month of February and we will be swapping these for the small test pots of paint which we will use to beautify our school. Any can will do - just drop them at the school office and either Kerri Vickers or Megan McKenzie will arrange for them to be collected.

Levin North School
4 year old Reception class

Reception class is intended as a transition between pre-school and primary school.

Children should feel safe in their new environment

Alleviates uncertainties

Play and creative activities are essential elements of reception activities

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

This is a free class for any 4 year old children

Prepares a child with familiarity

Transition should not be a lonely process

Children are less anxious with a friend

Friendships create positive relationships

Reception class stimulates each learner's development and learning

This is a free class for any 4 year old children

When: Monday afternoons 1:30 - 2:45

Where: Levin North School, Rm 7

Who: Mrs O'Donnell, New Entrant teacher

Contact: Levin North School 06 868 4488
office@levinnorth.school.nz

Money, money ,money....

This year we were hoping that new government policy would kick in and we would not have to 'ask for donations' however it hasn't yet happened. We try to keep the amount as minimal as possible and know that everyone asks for money at the start of the school year so whenever you can the donation of **\$60 per year or \$15 per term for 1 child; \$80 per year or \$20 per term for 2 children** will be gratefully received! We can also set up weekly payments to cover all sorts of school things if that works better for you. Please see Andrea at the office if you would like to know more!



Music for 2019

Music lessons are being offered again this year by Hamish Graham. Hamish

is an experienced musician (Hob Nail Boots, Hard Core Troubadors, The Shot band) and music teacher and as well as offering drums, guitar and keyboards will be developing a school ukulele group. Lessons will cost \$10.00 per week per child (per instrument) and if you are interested we would ask that you complete the form below.

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Permissions: PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMPLETE THE ATTACHED PERMISSION RE CLASS TRIPS AND MEDIA and return to the office as soon as possible.

CLASS TRIPS - PERMISSION

When a child enrolls at our school, our procedures state that we are required to obtain parent permission to take students on trips in and around Levin (ie our local area). As part of our communication about school events, we will always let parents know about such trips but it does streamline the process to have this 'blanket' permission. Separate permission will be sought for any trips outside the immediate Levin area. Please sign and return the form below and we will keep this on our files.

I give / do not give (please circle) my child permission to go on trips in the immediate Levin Area.

Name of student: _____ Room Number: _____

Name of Parent/Caregiver: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/2019

MEDIA PUBLICITY - PERMISSION

From time to time local media representatives approach us for photographs and good news stories. This permission will allow your child's image to be used.

I give / do not give (please circle) permission for my child's image to be used in local media.

Name of student: _____ Room Number: _____

Name of Parent/Caregiver: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/2019

PAPER COPY OF NEWSLETTER

Our family would like a paper copy of the newsletter. *(Please note, the newsletter can also be accessed on our school website and through our school app - see the office for details).*

Youngest Child's name: _____ Room No: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

MUSIC AT NORTH

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

Child's name: _____ Room No: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Please note lessons are \$10 per week - per instrument.

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