

Ko Rāpare, te rā tuaono o Pipioi: Thursday 6 June 2019

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Welcome, Māiō e lelei

Winter came on time and along with it the rain. Unfortunately with the rain comes some poor decision making when driving; double parking makes it extremely difficult for our students to cross the road safely and very hard for our road patrollers to see clearly. Keep our students safe and please do not abuse our staff or parent helpers if you are asked to move. When walking, please remember to use the crossing with your child and wait for the call "cross now".

On a more positive note, thank you for your support last Wednesday (Strike day). I understand the inconvenience that this can cause and appreciate that other arrangements need to be made. From my point of view, I understand many people work long hours and in challenging professions. We just feel now we are at the point that major concerns need to be addressed as we want the very best teachers in our classrooms. Teaching needs to be seen as a great choice of profession and it's important that teachers have the necessary support in every school and in every classroom.

Authentic learning context in Mathematics

Mathematics is all around us. It often starts at the beginning of the day when we get up and check the weather, to us checking the time when our favourite TV programme is on. Making maths real is important for students to understand the purpose of maths, and recently our staff met to discuss how we can continue to improve student learning. Our senior students have begun fundraising for camp in early 2020, the lessons learnt from visiting four local shops and attempting to maximise profits were huge. Making mistakes and recognising how to improve systems are other areas important to students learning.

Math activities that students love

to do:

- Darts
- Cooking
- Board games
- Songs
- Supermarket shopping
- Art-creating shapes
- Watching sports on TV
- Seeing/finding shapes in our environment



Maths at your house - games: One of the most successful ways of engaging children in mathematical thinking is to play a game with them. The playing is the fun part and the game is the place where the learning or the practicing takes place. The wonderful thing about games is that it is also a fun time spent together. Playing games provides positive experiences and helps to boost confidence when children experience success.

Usually when we think of "maths games" we think of card or dice games designed to practice basic facts but there are many other types of games that build confidence and understanding in lots of areas of mathematics. The quick practice type of basic fact games are available through

<http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/number-knowledge-activities> and <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/resources-students>. A search online for "maths games" can provide you with lots of interactive games or printouts of simple board games using dice and counters.

Lunchtimes at Levin North School

Thank you to all the teachers who have volunteered to take classes at lunchtime. We now have language classes, coding and robotics, minecraft, soccer, rugby and enviro-group. If you are able to help at lunchtime we would love your support.

Board of Trustees Elections

Friday 7 June, at noon, is the final date to make your vote. Please remember to return only one voting paper in the envelope provided. Thank you to our seven candidates seeking election. It is fantastic we have so many candidates wanting to support our school.



Scholastic Book Club

If you wish to place a book club order, please return your form and payment to the office on or before Wednesday 12 June 2019. Thank you.

Fundfinders

Are you interested in supporting our school raise funds for our students? Our students have started fundraising - can you help? Jennifer O'Donnell our newly appointed staff rep would love to hear from you. You can find Jennifer in Room 7. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 11 June at 3:15 pm in our school library.

Zoo Trip Reminder

All permission slips are required before students can attend, these are due by this Monday 10 June so that adult ratios can be determined. Students cannot attend without permission.

Kahurangi Trip: 12 June: Rooms 1, 3, 8, 10, 11 and 13 **Children need to be at school by 8:15 am**
Manawanui Trip: 13 June : Rooms 6, 7, 12, 14 and 15 **Children need to be at school by 8:15 am**
Children will return to school by 4:00 pm



Did you know we have been associated with KidsCan for a number of years. KidsCan supply the school free of charge a range of products. If you need a jacket, socks or shoes contact shelley@levinnorth.school.nz or talk to her at the office between 9.00 and 9.45 am. We also have free Nit shampoo and combs.

School App

Did you know we have a school app? We currently have 120 parents using this App. The App is used to remind parents of upcoming events and sharing application forms. The new School Stream update has been released on the Apple and Google Play Store. **Here are the instructions for the Apple App Store (<https://goo.gl/mvC9as>) and the Google Play Store (<https://goo.gl/XCgkL1>).**

To get the most out of the app features, we do recommend registering an account so you can easily manage the content the school sends through. To register an account, go to the side menu via the top-left corner and click on "Log-in". This is a quick and easy process that will require your first and last name, and a mobile number, email, or Facebook account authorisation. Once you have registered your account, you will be able to access all of the new app features which will be highlighted in the welcome video which is displayed within the app.

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