

Ko Rapare te ra tuarima o Hakihea : Thursday 5 December 2019

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What an amazing production this week. The key message was if **we all work together** we can help tidy up our waterways. The message that our students are telling us, is now is the time for action. For weeks we lost Mr Davis in a cloud of production work. The work from Mr Davis and Mr Bennett has led to outstanding performances. Thank you to all our actors, teachers, fairies, backstage people, office staff, sausage sellers, families and our super awesome students.



Special thank you to Waiopahu College, Andrina and Caleb our sound and lighting experts. Every dollar raised will go towards 2020 school Camp.



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### **Technology**

**Technology** is awesome and can be used in amazing different ways. We have phones and emails and now **SMART WATCHES**. If your child needs to contact you, this needs to be done through the classroom teacher, not through their Smart Watches. Messages can be confused and this is starting to create problems.

### **Collaborative Teaching**

Schools have many styles of delivery to help reinforce learning. Next Year Mrs Shaw - Room 3, Mr Malcolm - Room 2 and Ms Cooper - Room 1, will be team teaching. This is not new and has worked many times at Levin North.

### **Team Teaching**

In Innovative Learning Environments (ILEs), teachers often work directly with another teacher (or teachers) to meet the learning needs of learners. Benefits of this approach include:

- the ability to group learners according to need, for example, by running needs-based workshops
- combining expertise, including cross-disciplinary knowledge
- opening up the teaching and learning environment so that teachers and learners learn from one another
- opportunities to experiment with alternative approaches to teaching and learning.

Within the four class spaces in the senior block, there will be quiet areas for students to work, independent self-managing areas, workshop areas and breakout spaces. Alongside this learning will be a new Computer Management System called - **Hero** - which will keep whanau updated in real time where their child is in their learning. This may include written work, videos and photographs.

### **So what is collaborative learning?**

Collaboration is the process of working together to achieve a common goal. In teaching, the common goal is always **improved learner outcomes**.

Teacher collaboration involves:

- debating, planning, and problem-solving together
- inquiring together, using evidence and research to guide decision-making
- capitalising on each other's strengths and working with each other's weaknesses
- actively contributing to a respectful and supportive learning environment.

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Active collaboration is particularly important for creating a growth-based learning environment and for increasing student learning progress. Research shows that teachers who work together and learn from each other are more successful in improving student outcomes than those who work alone.

## Year 6 leavers - 2019

To celebrate our Year 6's time at Levin North, the school will have a leavers assembly on **Monday 9 December at Horowhenua College Hall at 1:00 pm (this is a change)**. Our school will be walking to and from the College.

On the same night our Year 6's will have dinner at Cobb and Co. After the dinner the Year 6's will have a Disco in Room 3 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Students will be transported to the disco by our teachers from Cobb and Co.

## Helpers Morning Tea

Our Helpers Morning Tea will be held next week on **Wednesday 11 December at 10.30 am in the staffroom**. If you have helped our school in any way, please come and join us as this is our way of saying 'thank you' to you for your help and support of our school this year.

### School Dates to Remember:

Friday 6 December	Whole School Fun Day - Levin Adventure Park - Leaving 9:30 am returning 12:30 pm
Monday 9 December	Year 6 Assembly 1:00 pm at Horowhenua College
Monday 9 December	Year 6 Dinner and Disco
Tuesday 10 December	Music Concert 10 am - Hamish's students
Tuesday 11 December	Year 6 T-Shirt trip and lunch with Levin Schools Year 6s
Thursday 12 December	'Frozen' Movie at Focal Point Cinema
Friday 13 December	Last School Assembly 10:00 am
Monday 16 December	Christmas Choir 12:00 pm
Tuesday 17 December	Last day of school, finishing 12:30 pm
Monday 3 February 2020	Start of new school year

**Tuesday 17 December**

**Last day of school; finishing at 12:30 pm**

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