

Ko Rāpare rua tekau ma rua o Mahuru : Thursday 19 November 2020

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Kia ora koutou

### Future Proofing Mathematics

This term I had a carpet person around at my house to measure it up. I expected a ruler and tape measure. He pulled out a laser and a phone. Our students at Levin North use maths to code and move robots. Graphing is done by computers (sheets-excel) in a matter of seconds, after the data is collected. Minecraft is used to teach area and cubic metres.

When I first started at Levin North we had a Computer Lab where students learnt computing, now this is integrated across all areas of learning. A couple of things that stand out to help improve the teaching and understanding of maths is;

- The integration of maths in all areas of life. <https://nzmaths.co.nz/maths-our-house>
- Learning the vocabulary of maths is also vital, introducing this at home and school is really important.

I found this .... in an article I was reading this week:

*"I believe that the importance of vocabulary in a math classroom is vital if a student is truly going to understand the concepts being taught. An athlete and a coach cannot be successful if the athlete has no idea what the coach is saying. If a soccer player is told to "make an early run so that you can receive the overlap and then get the cross off to the striker at the near post" and has no idea what that means, he/she will undoubtedly not get the job done."*

I actually found this to be the case coaching rugby to our team this year. The vocabulary at school starts simple, bigger, longer, heavier, smaller etc..

### Transitions

Every year we operate a number of transition programmes; pre-school to school, 2020 classes to 2021, Year 6 to Intermediate. Next week we start our 'within school' transitions and our students will be visiting their 2021 classes. This will take place over the next 3 weeks. This week also saw Levin Intermediate teachers visit our Year 6's and they were able to answer the many urgent questions on our students minds. If you have not yet enrolled for Intermediate, please do so as soon as possible. This helps them set up classes for 2021.



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## Important Dates:

School Photos:	Friday 20 November
Middle School Fun Day:	Thursday 26 November
<b>Teacher Only Day:</b>	<b>Friday 27 November</b>
Road Patrol Fun Day:	Friday 4 December
Year 6 Prizegiving - Leavers Assembly:	Thursday 10 December
Final School Assembly:	Friday 11 December
Last Day School:	Tuesday 15 December



Art Classes with Mrs Powell



### Scooters and helmets

Do you have any scooters/helmets to donate to our school ?

**If you have, please drop them off to Room 12**



### Student leaders

Student leaders ran another successful Sausage Sizzle and Spider lunch time fundraiser this week. They will be running two more fundraising events this year.

### Wednesday 25 November

Bake Sale to raise funds for local SPCA and Mental Health services.

Any food donations please can be dropped off at Room 4 on the morning of Wed 25 November, to be sold 50c per piece/cupcake/cookie at lunch time.

Any parent help would be greatly appreciated; please see Mr Malcolm in Room 2.

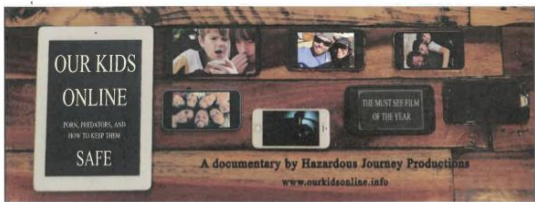
### Wednesday 2 December

Xmas themed Sausage Sizzle and Spiders. Sausages \$2 and Spiders \$1 (byo cup) but with a festive twist. Funds to go towards playground improvements.

**School Lunches: Last day for lunch orders is Friday 11 December**

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**Online Safety Evening:** Friday 20 November 2020, 6.00 - 7.30 pm, or Saturday 21 November 2020, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm at Te Takeretanga O Kura-Hau-Pō.



Horowhenua Kāhui Ako presents

## An Online Safety Information Evening

With Rob & Zareen Cope - Parents & Filmmakers

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2020 | 6PM - 7.30PM  
TE TAKERETANGA O KURA-HAU-PŌ, 10 BATH ST, LEVIN  
LIGHT NIBBLES WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO COMMENCING

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to pornography, predators & social media access.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

To find out more about Rob & Zareen's work visit [www.ourkidsonline.info](http://www.ourkidsonline.info)

The Summer Reading Programme for Children, is held from **7th December 2020** to **15th January 2021**.



- Rewards!
- Entertainers!
- Activities!
- A Finale!

And it's Free!!!

Bring your Library card or join the Library

Be quick places are limited!

Enrolments start 23rd November



Helping build a better community



### Electronic Portfolios/Reports - HERO

This year teachers have been steadily learning and designing templates for our new management system. The goal of this system is to keep parents readily updated with student's progress as it happens. The aim is to move over to electronic portfolios/reports, but for this to occur **we need parent emails** so that we can ensure parents can access the website. If you have not provided an updated email address, please let our office know or you can email [office@levinnorth.school.nz](mailto:office@levinnorth.school.nz).

## Teacher Only Day - Friday 27 November 2020

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