

Te Kura o Taitoko ki Te Tokerau

Ko Rāpare, rua tekau ma toruo Huitanguru : Thursday 23 February 2023

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Tena koutou Katoa

A huge welcome to our 23 new students and families who started this term.

To those that have changed their phone numbers and/or addresses, it is important we have a current phone number, address and email. We also need a second primary contact just in case of any medical issues.

Teachers regularly post events that have occurred over the term on HERO and it would be awesome for you to see what your child has been involved in. See below for instructions to load HERO on your phone. We also have a Facebook page and a website where information is regularly uploaded. Newsletters are posted every two weeks.

Welcome back to all staff. We have Mrs Mary Francis teaching in Room 14. A special thank you to all our wonderful teacher aides who have returned. We currently have 9 teacher aides allocated to a number of classes in the school.

We also have a new caretaker Nick Webb - "Miesha's Dad".

Union Meeting - Tuesday 28 February

Next week teachers across Levin will be attending NZEI Union meetings and Levin North School will be closed from 12:00 pm. We will have a skeleton staff left at school for those caregivers who need support.

Fruit Trees



Te Takere Visits - Room 12



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HERO App

If you haven't downloaded our school App, please see the information below. Most notices and day-to-day events are posted on HERO and academic progress is regularly updated during the term.

If

1

Scan the code -->
or search for 'Hero' in your
app store and download.
or visit
<https://go.linc-ed.com>



2

Select "New user"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password. Please note: each contact must have their own email address.

3

Enter your email address and click the "Request Password Link"

4

Check your email!
If one doesn't arrive, ensure your school has your correct details on file.

5

Follow the secure link and enter a password.



I WONDER HOW MY CHILD
IS DOING AT SCHOOL?



HERO



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HERO TODAY

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Whanau Night: This has now been postponed to Thursday 2 March.

We Need You!

Are you interested in helping support our tamariki prepare for Showquest this year? Any help is welcomed and appreciated! Can you dance, sew, help with music selection, write scripts or just be willing to support in any way?



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Our Showquest performance is on Monday 19th June. If you are interested in finding out more, please come and see Emma Hansen in Room 12 or come to our first meeting on Monday 6th March at 3.30 pm in the staffroom.

Online Learning - Anytime - anywhere...

At Levin North we have a number of websites regularly used by most classes. These can be used outside of school hours. Please see your child's teacher for passwords and logins.

 <p>Mathematics</p>	
 <p>Reading</p>	
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 <p>Language/Reading</p>	

IMPORTANT 2023 DATES

Tuesday 28 February 2023: School finishes at 12 pm - Half Day NZEI Union Meeting
 Thursday 2 March 2023: Whanau night

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We are back at school and the sports vibe is on! The school pool has been busy, the new PE Shed is working well and there are community sports happening all over town.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Sports information comes out on our school HERO app and Levin North School Facebook page. PLEASE make sure you have these apps so that you can stay up to date with what is going on.

TERM 1 SCHOOL SPORTS

- **School swimming:** Daily. Kids need their togs or a note to their teachers if they can't swim please. Would you be encouraging them not to read, write or do maths? Swimming is part of our Health and PE curriculum, and with so many drownings this past summer, we want to upskill our kids in the water.
- **Twilight Hockey:** Kids are registered and are in teams. More information will come out about the games which start on Thursday 2 March via HERO and our Facebook page.
- **Smash Cricket Festival:** Wednesday 8 March, 9am - 3pm (whānau help will be needed)
- **Interschool Swimming Sports:** Wednesday 29 March, 10am - 12pm (whānau help will be needed)

REASONS FOR PLAYING A SPORT

Creating a positive relationship with Health and PE does wonders for our social, emotional and physical wellbeing. We get to learn our bodies strengths and weaknesses, how they change, experience new things and push ourselves out of our comfort zones.

However, this relationship can also be a hard one. For sometimes, we fail. We lose and we cry. We place blame on others, we become frustrated and we want to give up.

BUT...taking a breath, resetting, remembering what we are doing, why we are doing it, how far we have come and what we can accomplish for ourselves or others can be all we need to get back up and carry on. This is RESILIENCE. And this is one of the **best** qualities you can have.

Check out this website for reasons to learn the importance of play.

<https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/the-importance-of-play/>

SCHOOL SPORTS

There are some barriers to signing your kids up for a sports team.

1. **ORGANISATION:** LOTS of kids want to play. Support this by making sure you register them on time using the forms that come out on HERO and the LEVIN NORTH SCHOOL FACEBOOK page. If they are not registered by the due dates, they can't play. The Sports Associations rely on schools to get their teams sorted in time so they can create draws
2. **COMMITMENT:** If you are signing your kids up to a sport this year, have a good chat with them before you do. We do expect them to last the season if they are part of a team. There is a requirement that they are allowed to train and that someone is present at games for safety and support. Our school doesn't operate a 'drop and go' system.
3. **FINANCES:** Sport can be expensive, especially when you have other financial commitments. We don't want this to be the reason why kids aren't signed up. We appreciate sport payment on time yet if this could be a problem, come and see us.
4. **TRANSPORT:** Our community needs to work together on this. Let's offer rides, let's take turns at transporting kids and let's get them to the games.
5. **CONFIDENCE:** Many kids are nervous and afraid when it comes to playing a sport. It is all about taking a safe risk, being resilient and having fun. Plenty of positive reinforcement, praise, affirmation and love goes a long way when a child is trying their best or learning something new. We help them at school too. Let's keep them coming back for more!
6. **COACHES/MANAGERS/SUPERVISORS:** You are the backbone of being able to offer sports to kids. Without you, I can't enter teams and they can't play. You are not expected to be a professional as any help is highly appreciated. I know that it means taking time out of your work schedule or home commitments, but to provide kids with physical activity options is an amazing and positive gift.

NEW PE SHED

It's been moved and it's great!

To get things out, the kids hand over their PE tags. To get their tags back, they return the equipment they used.

No gear = no tag back = no more gear out until gear returned

If the equipment is broken or completely lost, I will make contact with the whānau and we will discuss options for replacement.

The kids are being responsible, trustworthy and very respectful so far.

And finally... IT'S A KIDS GAME

When our kids represent our school in a sport, we want them to demonstrate fair play, good sportsmanship, best commitment and being a team player.

Please remember that our school sports do not operate a 'drop and go'.

And please remember, it's a kids game. If we want the kids to demonstrate fair play and respect, then we have to model it...no matter how tricky it may be.