

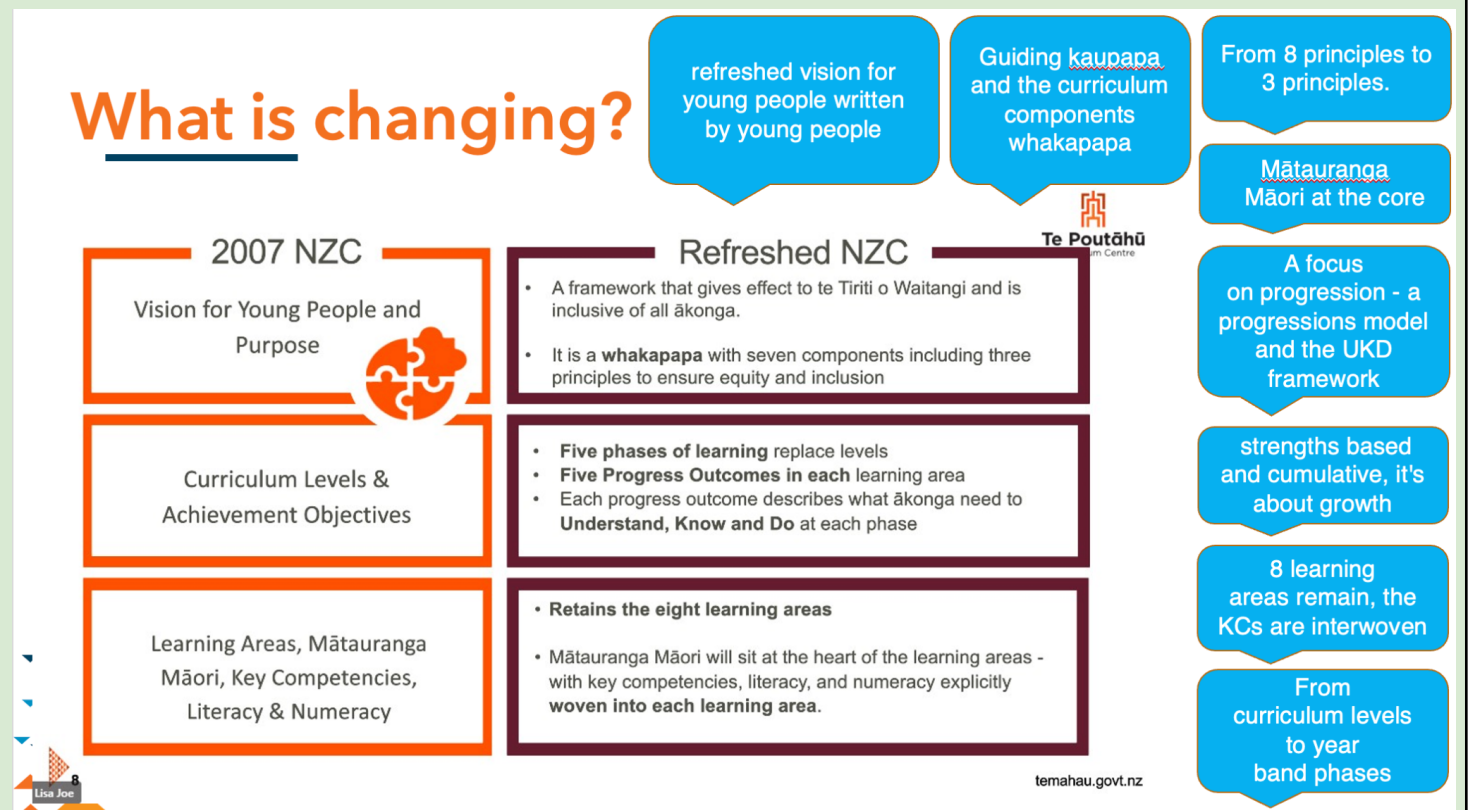
Ko Rāpare wha o Haratua : Thursday 4 May 2023

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**Haere mai, Welkom, Afio mai, Huānyíng, Yōkoso and Bienvenida to all families and whanau to Levin North School for 2023.**

Welcome to another exciting term at Levin North.

On Monday 24 April, our teachers attended a Professional Development day which was focused on building an awareness and growing an understanding of Te Mātaiaho - Curriculum Revamp. This will be a two-year project with a beginning focus on reviewing what we do well. Below is a diagram outlining changes.



### Welcome ....

We would like to welcome Blake, Ahio, Liam, Noah, Makaia, Manea, Oliver, Tawhiti, Truleigh, Jasper, Ellasharn, Kaizar, Kyla-Jade, Leeim and Baylee who have all started at Levin North recently.

### Reading at Levin North

Our current review this year is on improving the teaching of reading at school. Junior teachers have been trained on the 'Better Start Literacy Approach' and our Middle team is currently undergoing this training.

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## EVIDENCE-BASED LITERACY TEACHING

The Better Start Literacy Approach is a structured approach to literacy instruction for Year 0 to Year 2 classrooms, to support children's early reading, writing and oral language success. It has been developed for our New Zealand educational and cultural context and controlled research trials have proven its effectiveness. It includes the systematic teaching of critical phonological awareness skills and letter sound knowledge skills through fun, games-based activities, activities making explicit links to the reading and spelling context, and structured small group reading sessions using the new Ready to Read - Phonics Plus early readers series. In addition, the approach includes explicit teaching in vocabulary skills and in building children's oral narrative and listening comprehension skills through quality children's story books. The Better Start Literacy Approach follows a structured phonics scope and sequence that is used in the class and small group reading teaching.

The following outcomes are what we are seeing in our kura.

1. Akongā seeing themselves as successful
2. Mana intact
3. Willingness to read and improve – goal setting
4. Drills are not ability based – workshops are open
5. Consistency across junior school and now middle school
6. Reading, writing and phonetics are aligned
7. Progress is shared, sustained and transferable

**Our Senior school is** - focusing on Reading Practice Intensive (RPI). This involves reviewing current teaching programmes with a focus on developing a profile of a good reader and developing strategies to improve reading throughout the school.

## Summary

### A 'Good' Reader's Profile



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## Important Events

Monday 15 May - Road Safety Week

Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 May - School Photos

Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 June - Learning Conversations (Parent Interviews)

Monday 19 June - Showquest Performance - The Regent on Broadway, Palmerston North

Friday 30 June - Term 2 finishes

Fundraising 'Hellers' BBQ - Wednesday 10 May.  
We have been given sausages by Hellers to help us fundraise.

We will be selling sausages for \$2 each.



### Library Support

If you have spare time and can support our library at lunchtime, 12 to 12:40pm, please see Kerri Vickers in Room 13.

## Missing Sports Uniforms

If you have shorts or tops that have not been returned please bring them to Room 1. We have a huge number of students who want to be involved in sports this term and require uniforms.

## School Photographs

We will have a new photographer for school photos this year - Clicks Photography. They will be coming on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May.

Tuesday 16 May is going to be group photos in the morning and sibling photos in the afternoon. Wednesday 17 May are going to be individual photos.

More detail will be sent out on HERO.

## Food scraps....

As part of our commitment to caring for our environment, we try to recycle 'stuff' as much as we can. Tamariki are generally asked to take any lunch rubbish home but we do still find ourselves with food scraps at the end of each day. We are looking for a home for these at the end of each week. There is not a huge amount (probably enough to fill a 5 litre bucket) but we can't keep it here as we will have rats and of course DON'T want to throw it in the general

## NZ Sign Language Week

Monday 8 May 2023 is the start of Sign Language week. New Zealand Sign Language is an official and unique language of New Zealand. It is the language of New Zealand's Deaf community.

Like other sign languages, NZSL uses the hands, the body, and facial expressions (including lip patterns) to express meaning. NZSL has its own grammatical structure and ways of expressing ideas. We have a number of staff confident in sign language and continue to introduce it into the class environment..

NZSL Taster Class – Kids



## Sumdog Champions



Well done to Room 5 who won the Manawatu-Wanganui Region Sumdog competition at the end of Term 1. An awesome effort also by Rooms 1, 3 and 12 who came in the top 10 classes in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region.

The overall winners are the classes which scored highest throughout the contest. The top three classes are:

Position	Class	School	Score
1st	Room 5	Levin North	469
2nd	Room 10 2023	Whanganui East School	328
3rd	Kopu Waru 2	Taitoko School	312

The top pupils are the ones which answered the most questions correctly throughout the contest. The top three pupils are:

Position	Class	School	Score
1st	Lorence W	Levin North	954
2nd	Olivia G	Levin North	937
3rd	Tareima B	Taitoko School	921

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rubbish bin. Does anyone in our school community have pigs/ chickens who would love a big feed each week????

### **School Attendance**

This continues to hit the headlines in the News regularly. We are very proud to report that our school community does not reflect these truancy issues. However we do see that the number of our students turning up after 9 am has increased. We recognise the busy nature and range of reasons why this is and are happy to work with our families in our community.

**Parent Conferences** -These interviews are coming in June. Please keep an eye out in the next newsletter to make a booking to see your child's/children's teacher.

**Wanted: BBQ cook to help with our school fundraising on Wednesday's. Please see Mr Malcolm in Room 5 if you can spare 2 - 3 hours. Thank you.**

## **ACROSS Triple P - "Fear-Less" Anxiety Programme - "Reducing your 6- to 12-year-olds anxiety"**

### **Who is it for and what is the cost?**

For parents and caregivers of children aged 6 to 12 years of age. If your child often feels worried, fearful, nervous, anxious, or scared, then this programme can help you to reduce your child's anxiety. FREE for all parents and caregivers who are in the MidCentral region (Palmerston North, Feilding, Tararua, and Horowhenua). More than one adult involved with a child can attend – they just need to be in the "parent" role or attending with someone who is in the "parent" role. **There is no cost as the Ministry of Health is funding this programme.**

### **How many sessions and what time are they?**

Parents/caregivers need to attend all 6 sessions, delivered over one school term. Sessions are interactive with everyone given opportunities to share and ask questions at each session. 2 programmes run each term, both starting on the same week (Usually start on week two or three of the term). One programme runs on Thursday afternoons (12.15pm – 2.30pm) and the other on Thursday evenings (7.00 – 9.30pm). Parents choose which one works best for them. Parents can swap between sessions if they need to e.g., if you have an evening function, you can attend the afternoon session.

### **Where is it held?**

All sessions are delivered on ZOOM where you are given an internet session link the day before each session. So, no need for babysitters or travel time/costs! All you need is a laptop/tablet/phone with internet for 2.5 hours for each session. Phones need to have a screen so you can see the videos. NOTE: A laptop/tablet is not needed between sessions, meaning you can organise to use someone else's device for the sessions. Some parents who haven't had devices or internet use, have gone to a business or friend they know, and that business/friend has supported them by allowing them to use their internet and a device for the sessions. If this is a problem, please talk to the presenter who is happy to problem solve this with you. We want this programme available to all parents.

### **Who is delivering the programme?**

Programme is being delivered by Prue Savill. Prue has been delivering Triple P "Positive Parenting Programmes" since 2017. Prior to this Triple P role, Prue worked for the Ministry of Education Learning support for 10 years, working directly with families and school teams to create individualised plans and programmes for children with additional needs. Prue loves to see all children succeed, and delights in seeing the adults around a child gain the knowledge and skills to be a child's long-term support. It's all about empowering those already in a child's world.

To register either click on the link to the registration form or Phone/Email ACROSS

- Fear-less 2023 Term 2 Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/r/YJgy96GesN>
- ACROSS Phone and Email: 06 356 7486 or [reception@across.org.nz](mailto:reception@across.org.nz)

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