

Ko Rāpare Kotahi o Pipiri : Thursday 1 June 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.

#### Talofa....

We would like to welcome Maui, Samuel, Tahani, Charles and Oliver who have all started at Levin North recently. With the increase in student numbers this year we will be opening another New Entrants class in Room 15. If your child is turning 5 this year please let Megan McKenzie our junior teacher know.

**Student Led Conferences.** Tuesday 13th June and Wednesday 14th June are our Student Led Conferences days. These conferences are to inform parents and celebrate students successes. Bookings can now be made online. We hope you can all come and share the amazing progress of your child/children.

BOOKING LINK: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/g9emg>



**Well Done** our amazing basketball players. For many students this may be the first time they have competed in an organised sport. The skills of working in a team is such an important skill which can be transferred to the classroom. Thank you Anna Cooper our fantastic Sports Coordinator.

**Crosscountry** I cannot remember the last fine day a crosscountry was held and Tuesday this week our Year 4 to 6 students competed at Poroutawhao. Well done to all the students that participated.

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## ■ Reading at Levin North

'Better Start Literacy Approach' This has made amazing progress in developing our readers. I have been particular impressed with the ability of students to literally pick up a book and read. Celeste Littek our amazing Learning Support Coordinator was instrumental in introducing this at Levin North and Megan McKenzie an awesome Team Leader has developed this approach even further. A recent TV programme by Paddy Gower helped explained this. If you have spare time and could give an hour in the morning our junior school would appreciate your support. 9:15 to 10:00.

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2023/05/paddy-gower-has-issues-new-zealand-schools-falling-behind-international-literacy-rates.html>

## Important Events

Tuesday 13 June & Wednesday 14 June - Student Led Conferences -Learning Conversations (Parent Interviews)

Monday 19 June - Showquest Performance - Broadway Regent, Palmerston North.

Friday 30 June - Term 2 finishes

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

Sausages \$2 each..



## Library Support -We need You

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

## ESOL

Thank you Lucy, our extraordinary Teacher Aide who supports our English as a Second Language (ESOL) speakers. Room 1 has been introducing Samoan language in the class this week and it has been interesting how this may increase the stress level of some students, with not able to understand. We can only imagine the extra stress our ESOL students must have with Kiwi's who talk extremely quickly.

Salome in her Pink Shirt day creation, created in ESOL class.



## Missing Sports Uniforms- Please return

If you have any of our sports uniform 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 Rugby Team

Each year we have a Year5/6 rugby team who participate in Inter-School competitions. If you are available to coach this team please see Mr Perigo in the office. Referees are already organised.



Wanted: BBQ cook to help with our school fundraising on Wednesday's. Please see Mr Malcolm in Room 5 if you can spare 1 or 2 hours. Thank you.

## Road Patrol

We have great road patrol students who give up their mornings and afternoons to help students and adults cross the road safely. Please be patient with our road patrollers. We would appreciate it if you can support our students by listening to instructions, especially waiting for "Cross Now".

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# Samoa Language Week 2023

## Celebrate: Sunday 28 May - Saturday 3 June

The theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2023 is 'Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga' which means 'Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity'.

This year's theme focuses on the importance of the Samoan language and identity. It impresses on us the need not only to understand the Samoan language, but to also use it as much as possible. When you are proud of your language and can speak it, you will also be more grounded in your identity as a Samoan.

Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga encourages Samoan language pride in four key areas:

### Be proud of your ancestral language

Our ancestral language included symbols, signs, environmental landmarks, events, gestures and other intangible language, serving as a reminder of life from past generations and carrying with it our histories and creation from the minds and mouths of Samoans. Be proud of your language that was created and grown by our ancestors.

### Be proud of your spiritual language

The Samoan language is a pillar in our churches and is nurtured in church programmes and activities such as Sunday School, Youth groups, choirs and church services. The church plays an important role in ensuring the Samoan language thrives, and that Samoan people are proud of their language.

### Be proud of your language in your families

Pride in the Samoan language begins in the home. The family is the first classroom for Samoans. We are first taught in our homes how to speak and show respect to elders and others. You learn how to invite people to eat, as well as know how to acknowledge gifts of food that people bring with them.

When someone is grounded in their languages, it becomes easier to learn other languages, and it contributes positively to wellbeing. If you are strong in your Samoan language, you never have to question who you are as a Samoan, because you understand what it means to be Samoan.

### Be proud of your written language

We are now seeing that our Samoan language is needing to adapt and change. Our written language is now becoming more valued in schools, workplaces, places of worship, and many other areas of our lives. Therefore, we must be able to read, understand, speak and write Samoan. Be proud of your written language especially with the positive changes we are seeing with the Samoan language.

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