

Ko Rāpare rua tekau ma tahi o Hōngongoi
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Haere mai, Maligayang pagdating, Welkom, Afio mai, Huānyíng, Yōkoso and Bienvenida to all the new little people and their families who have arrived this term.

We hope that you and your little people will be very happy at our kura!

Mānawatia a Matariki - Happy Māori New Year and Welcome to Term 3!

The story of OUR BIG AS tree.

Once upon a time at Levin North School there was a BIG AS tree and it was growing really happily for many many years.... until one day our caretaker Mr Murray noticed that it was dying on one side.

He was a very clever caretaker and knew a lot about trees. He worked out that the children playing over the tree roots had damaged the roots and the tree was no longer able to get enough food to grow properly.

He mixed a special mixture, spread it over the roots and covered it all with yucky old carpet.

It took TWO YEARS for his fixing 'trick' to work and our big tree looked healthy again. BUT we now had to decide what to do so that the kids could sit under the tree and play around the tree but make sure it could still live.

So... we decided to build a deck BUT it was going to cost HEAPS until our local Mitre 10 people said "We can help".

They gave us a REALLY REALLY REALLY good deal for ALL the materials and our new caretaker Nick (who is also very very clever) organised a team of helpers to build this beautiful deck to protect the roots and make space for kids.

WE LOVE it and want to say a BIG AS thank you to Mitre 10, Nick (our caretaker) Tony (dad of the school), Dean (teacher aide and dad of the school) and the 'builder' Jason Curel (homebuild@xtra.co.nz who once attended Levin North).

They all donated their time and expertise and the result is amazing.



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Our creators..



The creation...



Kapa Haka at Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō
Friday 21st July at 5.15 pm (ish).

This Friday our senior Kapa Haka roopu are performing at Te Takeretanga o Kura **hau-pō** as part of the Matariki celebrations. They are very excited and it would be awesome to see some of our whanau there to support them as this will be their very first public performance.



Our teachers and tamariki started learning more about



Matariki late last term and in classrooms lots of different things have happened.



I thought I would share some photos from our little people's classroom - Room 8.

They learned the names of the stars (and what they represented) and

created their own Maratiki corner - and their own stars!

Did you know...

This section of the newsletter (this term) is **celebrating** some of the amazing things that some of our kids do OUTSIDE of school.



This week I had a chat with **Joshua from Room 3** and found out that he absolutely LOVES inline roller hockey AND he is very good. He told me all about the tournaments he has been to and he only started late last year. I got a demonstration (in shoes of course) about how your feet have to go backwards (and in circles) and of course how you shoot for goals (crossbars?) I also saw photos of him playing all kitted out - it looks very hard to even move, let alone play. I went to watch him practise on Wednesday at centre skate - it looks like SO MUCH FUN and he is very good. His brother William also plays! He says he loves it because it is 'fun'.

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This Friday 'Centre Skate' are having a demonstration at inline hockey and it is free to have a go. They also offer gear and four free sessions to see if people like it... so if you think this is something your kids might like, head along - they are looking for new players.

Their training is every Wednesday from 5-7 pm for our juniors followed by our seniors at the Levin Events Centre. They would love to have any tamariki and even their parents/caregivers come down to give it a go.

Inline Hockey is a year round sport. They start training in February and finish at the end of November. Their League tournament is from June to the end of August but there are other tournaments during the year too. Online hockey is also very social and you get to meet many other children around New Zealand who love inline hockey too.

Thanks so much Joshua for sharing this with me....

If you have something amazing about you that you would like to let others know about come and see me 🙌

Mrs C

New kaiako at North....

A HUGE welcome to our new members of staff. As many of you will have heard in the media there is a chronic teacher shortage. All schools in our area are affected so I was very worried about how we were going to find any teacher at all for our NE class let alone the ones that we have 'secured' who are amazing!. We have been VERY lucky to find Whaea Jodie (Jodie Shuker) who is our new teacher in Room 15 for 5 year olds. Jodie, an experienced teacher (who was a parent at our school many years ago) is helping us out four days a week while continuing to study.

Anna-Thea Littek who is also studying (to be a teacher) will teach the class on Fridays. Anna-Thea worked with us last year as she is also a qualified teacher of English as a second language.

Hamish Stewart will be our Acting Deputy Principal for the time being....Hamish was the very experienced Principal at Foxton Beach School until the end of Term 1 this year. He is heading down south to Blenheim at some stage but is helping us out in the interim until all his plans fall into place and we have had time to fill the vacancy that Hoani leaves.

See how lucky we are!

Sad (but exciting) news....

Our wonderful MR P is leaving us after many many years of teaching and leading at Levin North.

He is going back to his first love (other than his family of course) which is classroom teaching.

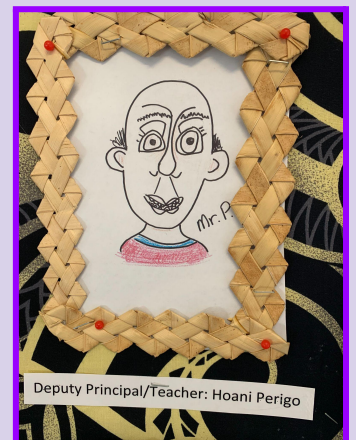
He is taking a teaching position at Ohau School

in Year 7 and 8 and will leave a HUGE hole at our school. His knowledge, skills, relentless focus on putting kids first and bad sense of humour 😊 will be sorely missed by us all in different ways.

BUT we wish him all the best in doing what he loves! He is not one for big public fuss so we are having a 'Hang with Hoani' day on August 3rd where all of our kids will say goodbye in their classrooms in various ways.

Parents and whanau are welcome to join us at the Oxford on Friday 28 July from 5.30 pm for informal lemonades and 'fishing tales'.

Love the image - drawn by kids of course!
Ps.... Mr P loves purple (NOT).



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