

Ko Rāpare tua toru o Here-turi-kōkā
: Thursday 3 August 2023

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Aquatics Education

Thanks to all the parents who (rain, hail or shine) have walked with our Year 3 and 4 students (some Year 5s) to the Levin Aquatic Centre.

Last term we took all of our Year 5/6 students to swimming lessons and this term we are taking the 'middles'.

This is actually part of our New Zealand Curriculum - i.e. what we are supposed to teach as part of the learning each and every child should do!

Aquatics education is very broad and encompasses learning to swim but also learning to be safe in the water and given that Aotearoa is surrounded by water, (with lots in between), our school supports this totally.

We do some of this in our own school pool but also pay for the use of our local facility and the expertise of those who do this all the time. There is nothing quite like being in a really warm pool with specifically qualified instructors to make a difference to the capability of the kids.

Here are a couple learning to float on their backs - very exciting!



A big grumble

This week some of you will have noticed **the police in and around our school at the end of the day**. This is a last resort - our kids tried to make people aware (see below) and our teachers try to stop some of the behaviour but just get grumbled at. So we are trying the police and will continue for as long as we need to, to try to change some habits.



We have contacted them as we are **EXTREMELY** concerned for the safety of our kids at this time.

Despite us asking and asking... some parents/whanau members insist on parking over driveways or on yellow lines.

If that isn't enough, they then cross Weraroa Road **wherever they feel like it** and **EVEN** worse, yell at kids to ask them to cross where there is NO crossing.

We have had one child hit by a car and more near misses than we can count and nothing we say or do seems to make a difference!

PLEASE USE THE CROSSING AND HELP US TO KEEP YOUR KIDS ALIVE - this is THAT bad!

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A questionnaire about Reading: [whānau questionnaire](#)

On Wednesday you will all have received an email from your child's teacher asking you to complete the above form.

The email had a quick reading form attached taking less than 5 minutes to do. It is part of us working to improve the teaching of reading in our school. It is part of the mahi we are doing with Manaiakalani. It will give us REALLY helpful information to continue to get better.

Also every quiz submitted goes into the draw for one of 3 New World pressie cards.

Quizzes MUST be completed by Friday 12 August, 4.00pm

Keep completing the quizzes and giving us your feedback... the three prezzies MUST go to someone.



2023 Whānau Questionnaire

The Manaiakalani Network

moira@levinnorth.school.nz [Switch accounts](#)

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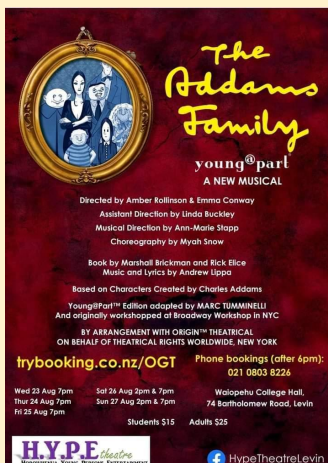
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North Kids: Introducing Harry...

Last week I featured Joshua and this week it is Harry.. I found out that not only is he a great person but that he is also pretty skilled at Taekwon-do and acting and singing!

"When I was auditioning for my show, I was bit scared of auditioning for main role because it was my first time. After a while it wasn't that bad because I



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knew most of the people that were auditioning. For the audition, I had to sing a little song and read out some scripts. A few days later I got told that I got a lead roll. Footwork condo we had to take a flight up to Auckland. When we got there, the first thing we did was sign in to the Taekwon-do competition. The next day was my actual competition. First thing I did was sparring. The person I was up against was good but I got him in the head a few times. Eventually he won and I got a silver medal. Next up I had patterns. The patterns I did were could, Won-Hyo and Do-San. I lost and I got a Bronze medal. After the competition I went to the Auckland aquarium and I also went to the Sky Tower."

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A visit from a very young fluffy friend called Milo....

Many of the kids around our school met Whaea Sarah's newest member of the family. She brought Milo to school and it would be fair to say that he was an immediate hit!

Contact details

Last but not least... Can you please make sure that the contact details we have for you and your children are UP TO DATE - this includes Emergency Contacts. We have had some instances this term when a child has been sick or injured and we have not been able to contact the designated person!

You can email these to Andrea in the office or come in... (office@levinnorth.school.nz)

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