



# **DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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Kia ora, Buenos dias, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, Konnichiwa, Guten tag, Ni hao, Privyet, Greetings to parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate.

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for 2009 and that in one week the students will be finishing for the year.

### **STAFF FAREWELLS**

At the end of this year we are farewelling Shirley Bishop, Jane Buis, Tennille Yandle, Lois Smallman and Prue Francis from our staff. We thank them all very much for their contribution to the Devon Intermediate team and wish them luck for the future.



### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the excellent leadership demonstrated by our Head Students this year; Gloriana W, Cole P, McKenzie H and Nicholas J. They have been fine ambassadors for our school.



We have many wonderful young people at Devon Intermediate who truly exemplify our school vision of "Sailing towards an Attitude for Excellence". This has been demonstrated by the unprecedented number of students receiving Merits and completing their Attitude for Excellence badges at recent assemblies. We have been very proud of the many and varied achievements of our students during the year; in academics, sport, the arts and in service to the community.

A big thank you to all staff for the significant contribution they make to students' learning and the many extra curricular opportunities they provide for the students at this school. The time, effort and energy they put into Devon Intermediate is truly appreciated and valued.

Finally, special thanks to you as parents, caregivers and friends of the school for your support of Devon Intermediate this year. Your support and feedback is always valued and appreciated. Together we really do make a difference!

### **ICAS MATHEMATICS PAPER**

The following students gained Credit Passes in the ICAS Mathematics paper and were awarded certificates at assembly on Monday. Special congratulations to Blake Malley and John Monk who both achieved Distinction Passes, placing them in the top 3% of students nation-wide. An outstanding result from all our students.

#### **CREDIT**

Chelsey B	Flavia
Abby D	Peter G
Nicki M	Hannah T
Cameron A	Joseph B
Corey Fo	Kaitlin J
Thomson M	Marley O'
Michael O'K	Lucy P
Ben S	

#### **DISTINCTION**

Blake Ma	John m
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### **OTAGO PROBLEM SOLVING AWARDS**

The following students achieved an Excellence Award in the Otago Problem Solving Awards for the top 10% of students across New Zealand:

Jayden A	Lily D
Blake Ma	Conor L
Matthew H	Megan S
Corey F	Hannah T
Kaitlin J	Lucy P
Michael O'	Simon A
Cameron A	Nicholas J
Nicki M	Peter G
Ashleigh Al	Mandi S
Mitchell F	Gloriana W

These students achieved Excellence Awards with Book tokens for the top 2% across New Zealand:

Olivia E	Abby D
Teague H	John M

Well done to you all!

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year Reports were sent home with students today.

This report is a summary of your child's achievement, attitude, effort and progress at school this year.

Emphasis is also placed on information about service to school and involvement in school activities.

When discussing this report with your child, please emphasise that the most important aspect reported on is the child's attitude and effort. A child with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn is most likely to achieve his/her full potential.

Parents who wish to discuss their child's report are most welcome to contact the office to make an appointment with the teacher.

## CANTEEN

We are very pleased to announce that our school canteen will re-open in 2010. It will have a brand new name and new menu of scrumptious goodies! Watch this space for more information.

## TECHNOLOGY FEES

Currently there is \$3508 of technology fees outstanding. This is a substantial amount of money and has a huge impact on our budget and the programmes we are able to offer. These fees cover materials students have ALREADY USED and we ask parents to pay them by the end of the year.

## END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

This celebration of student achievement and excellence is being held in our hall this Friday 11 December at 10.30am. We have a number of trophies and awards to present, and parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Parents of students receiving awards will be advised.



At this assembly we will recognize the achievements of Year 7 and 8 students across all fields of learning including Academic, Sports, Cultural, Citizenship and Technology.

We expect all students to fully participate in this assembly and to look their very best in full uniform and clean shoes. Your assistance in maintaining our uniform expectations is appreciated.

## PARENT LINK MEETING

All parents and caregivers are invited to our next meeting on Monday 14 December at 7pm in the staffroom.

## IMPORTANT DATES

School will close for students for the year next Tuesday 15 December at 12 noon. The 2010 year begins for students on Tuesday 2 February at 8.40am.

**As this will be the last newsletter for 2009, we would like to wish all students and their families as well as friends of Devon Intermediate, a very happy Christmas break and a happy holiday.**

## DENTAL FORMS

**Urgent** - Please hand your Dental Transfer Forms to your class teachers NOW! Any enquiries Phone 758 4352

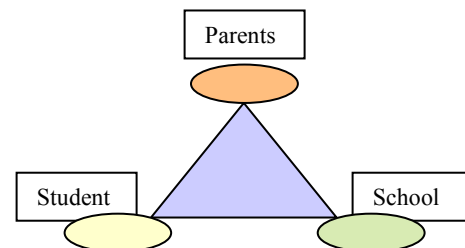


## COMING EVENTS

Wed 9 Dec	Reports to Parents
Wed 9 Dec	End of Year Social
Fri 11 Dec	Formal Prizegiving
Mon 14 Dec	Student Talent Quest
Mon 14 Dec	Parent Link Meeting
Tues 15 Dec	Students Final Day
Wed 16 Dec	Teacher Only Day
Tues 2 Feb	First Day Term 1
Thurs 18 Mar '10	Devon Gala

## CITY WEST CHURCH

How the Grinch Stole Christmas - FREE  
ADMISSION - 18, 19 and 20 December at 6.30pm.  
City West Church - 62c Poplar Grove, Westtown, Ph 751 3659



**Together we can make a difference**

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

