



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

TERM 1 : No 2

Text 021 08299 278 or Ph 758 5266 for Absences

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 has been a pleasure to make daily visits to classrooms and see focused teaching and learning programmes in action. The time and effort put in by staff before the year began has ensured that students have settled quickly and are working very well. It is great to see effective use of the Devon Intermediate school diary. This is a very important tool as students take increasing responsibility for their learning.

CELLPHONES

Students are not permitted to have cellphones in class for security reasons. Should a student need to bring their phone to school it is to be taken to the school office where it is stored in a locked cupboard. Students in possession of phones during the school day will have them confiscated. **For Student absences you can text the school cellphone - 021 08299 278 or ring 758 5266 and leave a message**



REMINDER

Money for the school diary is payable to the office asap. Also the ream of A4 copy paper is to be handed to the library with the student's name and room number on.

Setting SAIL towards an Attitude for Excellence

Our focus this term is on

SUCCESS

Celebrate it!

Successful students at Devon:

Enjoy activities

Know what they have achieved and where to go next

Set SMART goals

JAPANESE INTERN

A very special welcome to Sakiko Sano from Nihon University, Japan, who is at Devon until the end of the term. Sakiko will spend time in classes teaching aspects of her language and culture.

This is an exciting opportunity for our students to learn firsthand about another culture.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE "WORLD FAMOUS IN NEW PLYMOUTH" GALA

SUNDAY 25 MARCH 11am-2pm

Over coming weeks, class teachers will be talking to students about how they can become involved and contacting you about ways you may be able to provide support.

A flyer with more details will be sent home early next week.

Our next Parent Link meeting is on **Monday 13 February** at 7pm in the staffroom.

All parents and caregivers are Invited to attend



SWIMMING

On average (last 5 years) 105 New Zealanders per annum have died by drowning. There have been 15 people drowned in New Zealand as at 3 February 2012. At Devon, we are making a real effort to provide our students with the opportunity to become confident, competent swimmers by employing an experienced swimming tutor to work with all classes.



We ask that all parents support their child(ren) by ensuring they have suitable swimwear each day and pay their \$7 contribution to the cost of the tutor. Students who are unable to swim for medical reasons, need to provide a note.

CLASSROOM PARENT REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

A Parent Link newsletter was sent home with all students at the end of last week. Please send the enclosed return slip to your child's teacher, whether or not you are available to help.



KAPA HAKA AND PASIFIKA

Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups will be starting next Wednesday 15 February. All interested in being involved are to write their name on the list held by the class teacher. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to join these groups.

NEWSLETTER TEAR-OFF SLIP

Our school newsletter is a very important communication tool and we are aware for a number of reasons, that some of our families do not always receive it.

In an effort to encourage students to bring home their newsletter we are offering canteen vouchers as an incentive.

On the bottom of this newsletter, there is a tear-off slip. After parents have read the newsletter we ask that they sign the slip and have their child return it to the box in the student foyer.

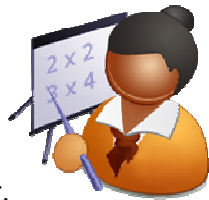
On Thursday afternoon, one name will be drawn from the box and that child will receive a \$5 canteen voucher.

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

We are holding a Teacher's Only Day on **Monday 26 March**. The staff will be focusing on programmes and assessment in Writing.

We appreciate your support by making alternative arrangements for the supervision of your children on that day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



DEVON FAMILY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND FUN NIGHT

All Devon families are warmly invited to a sausage sizzle and fun night being held on Wednesday 15 February 5.30 - 7.30pm. Bring along a picnic dinner and join in a range of organised games and activities. The school pool will be open and a sausage and bread provided free to everyone attending.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



TERM 3 CAMP FUNDRAISING

A list of anticipated costs for the year has been posted to all families. We are aware that the expected cost of our term 3 camps is a large amount of money and will create pressure on some families' finances. We will be making every effort to offset this cost through fundraising and recommend that automatic payments be set up if you wish.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPCA

The SPCA (75 Colson Rd NP) is having an Open Day this Sunday 12th Feb 10am - 4pm lots of fun activities, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting etc and of course lots of animals for adoption. Contact: jackie.npsPCA@xtra.co.nz

ART CLASSES

After School or Saturday Art & Craft Classes for Kids at The Art Club

Come along and explore a variety of media & art processes, be inspired and have fun!

- 5-8 years TUES 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- 9-13 years THURS 3.30pm - 5.00pm
- Mixed age group of 5-13 year olds for SATURDAYS 10.30am-12.00pm

If you want to make a booking for your child or would like more info contact Angela Sands, The Art Club, 7533 747 or 0211 021 861. Classes are held in the studio at The Real Tart Gallery

CONNECTING WITH YOUR CHILD, NP

This course has been developed to:

Assist parents in new ways to understand and accept their children. Help parents be aware of child development. Provide parents with a set of helpful parenting behaviours. Parents supported to consider their own personal development and how it influences their parenting. Help parents to understand how children learn. Teach specific tools to manage behaviour problems in children

Help parents to encourage positive behaviour

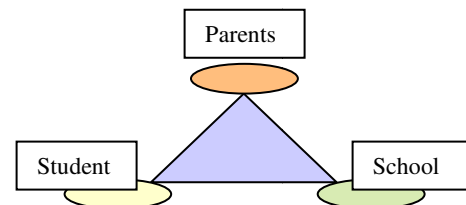
Venue: Family Works, 51 Buller Street, N Plymouth

Day: Wednesday, **Dates:** 15th February 2012

Time: 9.15 am-12am, **Registration:** Ph 06 758 5037

Cost: \$10 per person. This covers 6 sessions and payment is required to secure a place.

Facilitator: Jane Ryan and Janette Theobald



Together we can make a difference

Fiona Parkinson

Principal

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TERM 1 WEEK 2 NEWSLETTER

I have read this newsletter.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Room no. _____