



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.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Thursday 11 February at 7pm in our school hall. We warmly invite all parents and caregivers to this important event. It will be an ideal opportunity to meet the staff and find out about what we are about at Devon Intermediate!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

From time to time staff are involved in workshops and meetings where they are out of their classrooms and relievers are employed. The Board of Trustees recognises the importance of this professional learning to ensure our school continues to be staffed by effective professionals with knowledge of current teaching practice. This year the focus is on mathematics and science. Teachers are also released from class from time to time to complete individual diagnostic testing.

JAPANESE INTERNS

A very special welcome to Yoshiko Fujita and Mai Aoki from Nihon University Japan, who are with us until the end of term. These trainee teachers will spend time in classes teaching their language and aspects of their culture. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to learn first hand about another culture!



HATS

All students are expected to wear our school bucket hat as part of their uniform. This is an important part of our Sunsmart policy and we ask for your support in ensuring your child has their named hat at school each day.



WHY LEARN TO SWIM

All New Zealanders need to learn to swim.

Learning to swim

- generates confidence in and around the water
- develops fundamental physical skills of balance and coordination, kinaesthetic awareness and control
- develops a sense of fun and feeling good from physical activity
- enables physical activity in the water for life
- provides the opportunity to take up other aquatic activity
- allows participation in a very low impact sport and activity
- allows access to the sport of competitive swimming which encourages success through personal bests other than comparison with others

In New Zealand the ability to swim adds a level of comfort in every day life, walking, cycling family trips to the beach as we can never be more than 20 km from water.

Is a potential life saver. Without a level of comfort and basic ability in the water, drowning is an ever present possibility

From www.swimmingnz.org.nz

Please support the school and your children by ensuring that they bring their swimming togs and towel each day.

Swimming is a compulsory part of our Health and Physical Education Programme

CANTEEN

Introducing.... Hi everyone, my name is Jackie Steele and I am going to be your school canteen manager. I have been running Spotswood Primary School canteen for the past 4 years and am looking forward to being here at Devon. I have a range of items for your lunches such as, Pies, Pizzas, Burgers, Sandwiches, filled rolls, drinks and lots more (check out menu attached) The canteen will be open from Monday 15 February. Orders will be taken from 8.15-8.45 at the canteen. I look forward to meeting you all.

Jackie Steele

DEVON ALUMNI NEWS

The Devon community would like to congratulate alumni students Brock Sibbick and Kate Burry who have been announced as the Head Boy at New Plymouth Boys High School and Head Girl of Sacred Heart College respectively. Both Brock and Kate were Head Students at Devon Intermediate in 2005 and are an excellent example of Devon Intermediate's ability to prepare our students for successful futures. We wish Brock and Kate every success in their major leadership roles this year.

If you have any interesting news about the progress of Devon alumni please contact Associate Principal, Jason Avery on 758 5266.

GOURMET GALA

A great team of enthusiastic parents met on Monday round the planning of this year's exciting *GOURMET GALA*, being held at your school on *SUNDAY 21 MARCH*.



Class teachers will be talking to about how you can be involved, over the coming weeks.

Immediately, we would be thankful to start receiving such things as *BOOKS, QUALITY SECONDHAND CLOTHING* and *DONATIONS OF ALL KINDS* to the *WHITE ELEPHANT STALL*.

We would welcome any sponsorship or prizes for the Gala ; please contact the school.

HELP OUR SCHOOL RAISE FUNDS

This month, we have an exciting opportunity to raise funds for our school. SuperLife KiwiSaver, New Zealand's specialist KiwiSaver provider, is donating **\$10 to our school for every student who joins SuperLife KiwiSaver by 28 February 2010.**

We have enclosed with this newsletter the special form. In addition to the donation to the school, your child will get into the draw for an iPod touch and get the \$1,000 kick-start which the Government gives anyone who joins KiwiSaver for the first time.

The form must have your child's IRD number. If you have forgotten your child's IRD number, just call the IRD and they can give it to you over the phone. If your child does not have an IRD number yet, ask for an IRD application form from the school's office.

Don't delay, you only have until the 28th February to return the form so that we can be eligible for the \$10 donation per returned form. Thank you!

WEETBIX TRIATHLON

Weetbix Triathlon 31 March 2010. Enter as an individual or a team and get your medal. Enter online at weetbix.co.nz

SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Caitlan Ogier, Lily Dingle and Rachel McKillop, who are members of the Icebergs Swim Squad, have successfully qualified to swim at the Swimming New Zealand Junior National Championships in Wellington on 20 and 21 of February for their club New Plymouth Aquatics Swimming Club

PIANO LESSONS

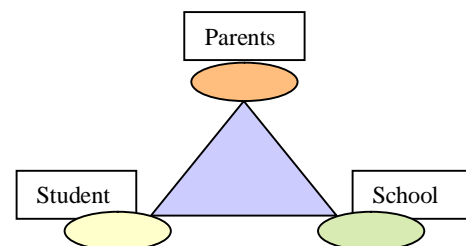
Piano, keyboard and Organ lessons for all ages available from Marge Chitty Ph 758 8768.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

Second-hand uniform for sale: 1 x Taslon pants (size 12), Devon Jacket (size 12), polo shirt, shorts (size 14) - cost \$45 complete Phone 769 5661

TAKE A KID FISHING - NP SPORTFISHING AND UNDERWATER CLUB

Competition Date: 13 February. Entry \$5. For 3-15yrs. Time: 8.00-2pm. Open to members and non-members. Contact Bev Gardiner 751 1863 or 0275336964



Together we can make a difference

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

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SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS

I would like my child to have Speech and Drama lessons.

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Caregiver: _____