



## **DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL** **NEWSLETTER**

**TERM 1 : No 3 –17 February 2010**

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

### **GIVE ME FIVE PROGRAMME**

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have returned their Give Me Five registration forms. We are seeking 100% return!

The class with the most returns by the end of next week will receive a free mufti day to be taken at their teacher's discretion.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Olivia E was recently selected for the Taranaki Under 14 Surf Life Saving team. Olivia won 3 gold's and 1 silver at the Inter-Districts Competitions in Omaha. This is a fantastic achievement for an 11 year old! Good luck Olivia.



It is not just our students who excel at sport. Congratulations Danielle Melody who was a part of the winning Taranaki team in last weekend's New Zealand Surf League competition.

### **EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT**

The Education Review Office will be visiting Devon to conduct a scheduled external review of our school during the week beginning 22 February. We will publish more information as it becomes available.

### **INTERMEDIATE SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Good luck to the seven youngsters taking part in Friday's surfing competition at Fitzroy. The team comprises *Jordan Trow, Isaac Kettle, Zentayne Leathers, Riccardo Lucibella, Ben Davis, Sherwood Matheson* and *Joseph Franklin*. Approximately 40 students from Taranaki are taking part, with the competition starting at 10am. Parents are welcome, as always, to come along and watch the action.

### **DEVON ALUMNI NEWS**

The Devon community would like to congratulate alumni students Rebecca Eaton, Isabel Aitchison and Serena Chen who all received Scholarships in their High School exams. Isabel received hers in Geography, Serena (a Year 12 student) in Photography and Rebecca in Classical Studies, History and Economics (she was one of only 13 students in New Zealand to gain an Outstanding). These girls are an excellent example of Devon Intermediate's ability to prepare our students for successful futures and we wish them every success.

### **PARENT LINK**

Thank you to all parents who attended last week's meeting. We had an amazing turnout! The next meeting is on Monday 22 February at 7pm in the staffroom.



Many hands make light work!

### **STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES**

Due to the NZEI Union meeting, Student Learning Conferences have been re-scheduled to the following week - Tuesday 16 March 3.30-5.30pm; 6.30-8.00pm and Thursday 18 March 1.30-5.30pm.

More information will be sent out early in March.

### **NZEI UNION MEETING**

This is being held on Thursday 11 March at 1.30pm. Although the school is open for instruction, we ask parents and caregivers to make alternative arrangements for their children if at all possible.

There will be staff available to supervise students if necessary.

Further details will be published in future newsletters.

## 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.

## 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 future newsletters, there will be 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.

## DEVON DENTAL CLINIC

All year 7 and 8 students will be seen at the Dental clinic when they are due for their annual check up during school hours. An x-ray may be taken if deemed necessary by the Dental Therapist.



If you wish to discuss this or any other matter with us please phone 758 4352.

## GATE

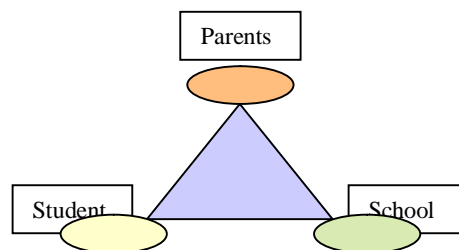
Closure from 8:15 - 9am, Mon - Fri

## WEETBIX TRIATHLON

Weetbix Triathlon 31 March 2010. Enter as an individual or a team and get your medal. Enter online at [weetbix.co.nz](http://weetbix.co.nz)

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

19 Feb	Intermediate Surfing Comp
22Feb	Parent Link Meeting 7pm
24 Feb	Standards Swimming sports (postponement day)
1 Mar	BOT Meeting
4 Mar	School Photos
8 Mar	Taranaki Anniversary Day - No School
9-10 Mar	Student Learning Conferences
9 Mar	Taranaki Intermediate Swimming Championships in Hawera
11 Mar	NZEI Paid Union Meeting
15 Mar	Parent Link Meeting 7pm
21 Mar	Gourmet Gala 11am - 3pm
23 Mar	Intermediate Schools Summer Sports Day
26 Mar	Mufti Day
31 Mar	Weetbix Triathlon
1 Apr	LAST DAY OF TERM



## Together we can make a difference

Fiona Parkinson

Principal

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## TERM 1. WEEK 3 NEWSLETTER

I have read this newsletter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Room no. \_\_\_\_\_