



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

**TERM 1 : No 1 –3 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.**

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2010 school year to all students, parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate School. I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year and have had some time to relax and enjoy time with your families. A very special welcome to our Year 7 students, new Year 8 enrolments and their families. We hope that your association with our school will be rewarding and enjoyable.

### **STAFFING**

It is a pleasure to welcome Ms Rachel Taylor, Ms Rebecca Dobson, Mrs Cushla Young, Mrs Karen Newbrook and Mrs Tracey Herewini-Davis to the Devon team. Welcome back to Mrs Carly Avery and Ms Kylie Hale, Shirley Bishop and Tracey More who are returning to Devon in new roles for 2010.

### **SCHOOL ORGANISATION**

**Principal:** Mrs Fiona Parkinson

**Associate Principal:** Mr Richard Thompson

**Associate Principal:** Mr Jason Avery

#### **Science/Technology Academy**

Room 4 - Pat Whyte Year 8

Room 5 - Cushla Young Year 7 Acad Leader

Room 6 - Tracey More/Shirley Bishop Year 8

#### **Creative Arts Academy**

Room 10- Rachel Taylor Year 8

Room 11 - Ailsa Bold Year 8 Acad Leader

Room 12- Glen Phillips Year 7

#### **Academic Academy**

Room 14- Alana Glentworth Year 7/8 Acad Leader

Room 15- Dian Brookes Year 7

Room 16- Angie Pearson - RTL

#### **Sports Academy**

Room 18- Carmen Matangi Year 7

Room 19- Kylie Hale Year 7

Room 21- Danielle Melody Year 8 Acad Leader

#### **Technology**

Rebecca Dobson - Food Technology

John Cooksley - Hard Materials - Metal/Electronics

Chris Pollard - Hard Materials - Wood/Plastics

Team Leader

Carly Avery - Music and Dance

#### **Special Needs**

Room 22- Christine O'Keeffe - Special Needs Co-ordinator

Room 16 - Angela Pearson - RTL

Part-time teacher-Tracey Herewini-Davis

### **Part-time Teachers**

Laura Webster-Kumeroa - Te Reo/Tikanga Maori

Karen Newbrook - Gifted and Talented Ed

### **Administration**

Executive Officer - Carol Carroll

School Secretary - Cathie Askew

Librarian - Nicky Howarth

### **Teacher Aides**

Louise Manton Bruce Beaumont

Julie Wesley Sharron Davidson

### **Property & Cleaning**

Caretaker/Property - Appointment pending

Groundsperson - John Stewart

Cleaner - Val Trigger

Cleaner - Lesley Loveridge

Contract Cleaners - Spotless

### **2010 HEAD STUDENTS**

It was a great pleasure to announce our head students for the first half of 2010 at yesterday's assembly. Congratulations to Olivia Eaton and Riccardo Lucibella who have been recognised by staff and their fellow students as being excellent role models and leaders. We are all looking forward to working with them.



### **CHANGES TO DAILY TIMETABLE**

To maximise key learning time lunchtime will now be from 1pm-2pm each day. School still starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm.

### **TECHNOLOGY FEES AND SCHOOL DONATION**

School fees are: \$60 Donation, \$90 Family

Food	Yr7	\$13	Yr8	\$16
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Wood	Yr 7	\$10	Yr8	\$15
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Metal	Yr 7	\$11	Yr 8	\$14
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### **YEAR 7 VISION TESTING**

This will be held on Thursday 11 February at school.

## SCHOOL DIARIES

All students have been issued with a Devon Intermediate Home and School Diary. The cost is \$5.00 and is payable to your child's teacher. The diary is an important communication tool between home and school and we encourage parents/caregivers to write notes in it. It is also a key organisational tool for students who will record their daily homework in it as well as their term goals.

## SUNSMART/SCHOOL HATS

This wonderful summer weather brings with it real risk of skin damage, particularly between 11am and 4pm when the ultraviolet radiation is most fierce.

All Devon students are required to wear our school bucket hat, available from the office for \$10 each.

From the beginning of next week, students without a regulation hat will be spending lunchtime inside.

Sunscreen has been purchased for each classroom and we recommend that students also apply it before coming to school in the morning.

## WATER BOTTLES

We encourage all students to come to school with a clear water bottle that can be re-filled during the day. This hot weather can cause dehydration very quickly.

## SWIMMING

Property staff have worked very hard to get our swimming pool ready for the start of the new term and it is looking very inviting! All students are expected to bring togs and towel each day as classes are timetabled for lessons. There are also opportunities for lunchtime swimming.

## NEWSLETTERS

These will come home every **WEDNESDAY**. Please look out for these as they contain a lot of valuable information about school events and other notices. Copies of the latest newsletter are available from the school office and there is also a file of the year's newsletter in our front foyer. It is also available on our website [www.devonint.school.nz](http://www.devonint.school.nz)

## HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Clear communication between home and school is vital to enable us to do the very best we can for your children. I encourage you to make early contact with your child's teacher and to attend our "Meet the Teacher" evening if at all possible. If you wish to see the teacher, please ring them at school or call in to make an appointment. Richard Thompson and I are also available to meet with you should the need arise.

## UNIFORM

A reminder that you should ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name. We suggest that the sun hats are marked using a Twink pen.

## MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

This is being held at 7pm on Thursday 11 February.

After introductions and some general information about our school, parents will be free to go to their child's classroom where the teacher will talk to you. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

## CANTEEN

Our school canteen will re-open later in February with a brand new look and a brand new menu. Watch this space.

## 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.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS SURFING COMPETITION

This competition will be held at Fitzroy Beach on Friday 19 February, starting 10am (report from 9.30). Entry \$5. Competitors should be competent surfers. We look forward to seeing a good representation from Devon.

## GOURMET GALA

Our major Parent Link fundraising event for 2010 is our "world famous in New Plymouth" GOURMET GALA being held on SUNDAY 21 MARCH 11am-2pm.

We have always received marvellous support for our gala and ask that all parents and caregivers help in some way. It's a lot of fun and does not need to be too time-consuming.

Our first Parent Link meeting of 2010 is Mon 8 Feb at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend.

## DRIVEWAY BARRIER ARM

In the interest of student safety and due to the volume of traffic entering the school grounds to drop off students, it has been decided to close the grounds to traffic 8.15-9am. We will consider an afternoon closure should this be necessary.

This will take effect from Monday 8 February.

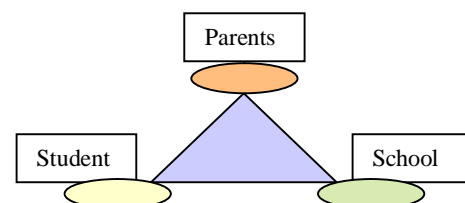
## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2010 Term Dates

Term 1	Tue 2 Feb	-	Thur 1 April
Term 2	Mon 19 April	-	Fri 2 July
Term 3	Mon 19 July	-	Fri 24th Sept
Term 4	Mon 11 Oct	-	Thur 16 Dec

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Taranaki Anniversary 8 March



**Together we can make a difference**

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal