



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

**TERM 1 : No 7 – 17 March 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.**

### **STUDENT EXECUTIVE**

The School Executive is an important group in our school which meet regularly to work together and present constructive ideas / suggestions from students from across the school.

I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm, ideas and thoughts of these young people and am looking forward to seeing the results of their work. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected onto our Student Executive for the first half of 2010:

Room 4 Zac C  
Room 5 Tayla H  
Room 6 Cloe W Chase T  
Room 10 Blair C  
Room 11 Jasmine N  
Room 12 TeAra H  
Room 14 Lily D Matthew H  
Room 15 Rachael M  
Room 18 Jack D  
Room 19 Briana L  
Room 21 Savanagh C Bailey H

At a recent Assembly each Student Executive representative was presented with their badge.

### **NEWSLETTER RETURN**

Congratulations to Nikita R Rm 10, who was the lucky recipient of this week's \$5 canteen voucher. All slips returned to the box in the student foyer on Thursday go in the draw.

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

This is advance notice of a Teachers Only Day being held on Thursday 22 April (in week 1 of Term 2). Teachers will be attending a one day workshop focusing on the teaching of reading comprehension skills.

*We appreciate your support by keeping children home on this day.*

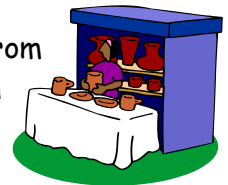
### **STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES**

It is not too late to make an appointment for this week's conferences. Please phone the school office for a slot.

**NB School will close at 1pm on Thursday 18 March.** Please contact the office if you have any further queries.

### **'WORLD FAMOUS IN NP' GOURMET GALA - MUFTI DAY**

We are now only days away from our fabulous "world famous in New Plymouth" Gourmet Gala.



A separate newsletter was sent home on Monday containing details of what is happening this week and what we need to make this our most successful gala ever!

To take advantage of the early bird discount, helicopter rides need to be pre-booked and paid for by Thursday. Booking forms were sent home on Monday. Please call at the office should you require more.

Students who have shown an interest in the cake decorating competition have been given information. There are fabulous prizes up for grabs for the winners. The cakes will be judged and then auctioned at 1pm.

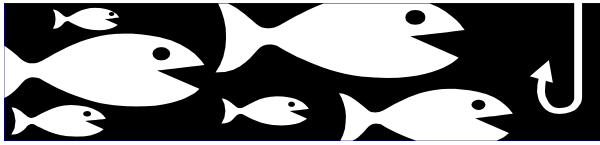
A number of our students will be performing during the gala with the choir, kapa haka and Pasifika groups as well as individual students providing entertainment.

The swimming pool will be open during the gala with a swim costing a gold coin.

We would be grateful for any clean ice cream containers please.

All students will bring a plate home tomorrow to be filled with home baking for our gala cake stall. They can be returned to the hall on Saturday afternoon 1-3pm or to Room 13 on Sunday morning 9-11am.

*Please be aware that there will be no eftpos facility during the gala.*



### TAKE A KID FISHING

At Lee Breakwater - Thursday 25 March 3.30-6pm.  
Registration and bait at Taranaki Sport and Fishing Club. All Welcome. Prizes, Free Food

### NETBALL

Trials will be held next week. Fees of \$65 are due with registration - closes Friday 26 March. All offers of assistance during season appreciated.  
NOTE: Fees to be paid before you can be placed in a team.

### SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAMME

A recent survey indicated that over this season only 75% of Devon students participated in their class swimming programme. This is of concern particularly in terms of New Zealand's drowning statistics and the cost of maintaining our swimming pool. We will be gathering parent and caregiver views about the value of school swimming at the Student Learning Conferences.

### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



#### 50m Free Yr 7 Girls

Lily D - 1<sup>st</sup>, Olivia E - 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### 50m Breast Yr 7 Girls

Caitlan O - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### 50m Back Yr 7 Girls

Rachel M - 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### 50m Back Yr 8 Girls

Lily D - 1<sup>st</sup>

#### 100m Free Yr 7 Girls

Lily D - 1<sup>st</sup>, Olivia E - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Relay Yr 7 Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Relay Yr 8 Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Relay Yr 8 Boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### CONGRATULATIONS

Our very own teacher Mrs Danielle Melody participated in the recent Surf Life Saving Nationals and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Beach Sprints - fantastic achievement!

### SPOTSWOOD PTA

Spotswood College PTA AGM---- tonight in the staffroom. 7 30 pm  
Any queries ph Cathy Ardern 7527519

### KIWI

### KIDS

### LEARN

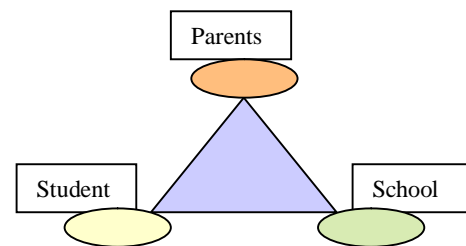
A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. Kiwi Kids Learn is a fantastic resource and full of useful information to use with school age or preschool children. Kiwi Kids Learn also includes two sections specifically for kids. There is a dedicated 8-page lift-out for the kids with activities and games. There is also a section within the magazine for students to 'showcase' their work to the rest of New Zealand. To find out more or to order a copy go to [www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com](http://www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com)

### WANTED

Outdoor and indoor cages for guinea pigs. Please call Kerry 751 4479 or text 021 063 1162.

### IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

18 Mar	Student Learning Conferences
21 Mar	Gourmet Gala 11am - 2pm
23 Mar	Intermediate Schools Summer Sports Day
25 Mar	Take a Kid Fishing
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. \_\_\_\_\_