



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

TERM 1 : No 9 – 31 March 2010

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

It is hard to believe that the first term is all but over! It has been a busy, exciting time at Devon Intermediate with students and staff being involved in a wide range of activities.

Highlights of the term have been:

- Continued focused literacy and numeracy learning during our Prime Learning Time
- Presentation of Attitude for Excellence Award to Lucy Prestidge
- High levels of student involvement in our many and varied cultural and enrichment programmes - Kapa Haka, Choir, Te Reo extension, Pasifika, Rock Band, after school Drama Group, Lingo Club.
- The excellent participation, high level of sporting skill and fairplay demonstrated by our students during the Intermediate Summer Sports Exchange and organised lunchtime sports programme
- The high standard of behaviour and attitude demonstrated by most of our students
- The excellent turnout of families at our recent Whanau gathering
- The wonderful success of our recent Gourmet Gala
- The contribution to the richness of our school community by two Japanese interns, Yoshly and Mai
- The presentation of student leadership badges to very deserving Head students and Academy Leaders
- The contribution of our most impressive Student Executive

As Principal it is always very rewarding to see the personal growth and development of our students as the year progresses. We have many wonderful young people at Devon Intermediate who truly exemplify "Success: Thinking it! Feeling it! Loving it!"

A big thank you to all staff for the valuable contribution they make to students' learning and the many extra curricula opportunities they provide for the students at this school.

Finally, special thanks to you as parents, caregivers and friends of the school for your support of class, school, cultural and sporting events this term. Your support and feedback is always valued and appreciated.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated this term that they are well on the pathway to successful learning.

Sports Academy -

Rm 18 Jack D, Briana S; Rm 19 Liam B, Bailee C; Rm 21 Rebekah B

Academic Academy-

Rm 14 Matthew H, Jade S; Rm 15 Isaac K, Rachel M

Science and Technology Academy -

Rm 4 Aaron B, Zac C; Rm 5 Robert F, Tayla H; Rm 6 Chase T

Creative Academy -

Rm 10 Akaysha W, Rm 11 Joseph F, Jazmine T; Rm 12 Shiann J, Te Whatumanawa N

STAFFING

At the end of the week we farewell Carly Avery who is taking maternity leave for the rest of the year. We wish Carly and Jason all the best as they prepare for another addition to their family.

Catherine Steenson will be relieving in the Music Specialist position for the remainder of the year.

SILENT AUCTION

The successful bidders for the silent auction were Rebecca Bruce for the trailer of firewood and Sharron Davidson for the 4 bags of kindling.

PARENT LINK

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 May at 7pm.

KIA ORA TE WHANAU

Many thanks to all the whanau who came to our first gathering of the year. The next whanau hui will be towards the end of Term 2. We are looking forward to sharing information on how we are progressing as a school and with all the great ideas you shared with us. We will also have a performance to share your children's talents. Look forward to seeing you all next time.

Whaea Laura

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that all staff will be involved in a professional development workshop on Thursday 22 April. We appreciate your support by making alternative arrangements for children on this day.

WINTER UNIFORM

All students are expected to wear winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2.

Winter

- Navy drill shorts. Additional options for girls - blue and yellow tartan wool polyester skirt or culottes.
- Official Devon tracksuit pants - rugby knit or Taslon (optional).
- Official Devon jacket (optional).
- Official Devon sleeveless polar fleece (optional).
- Royal blue polo knit shirt with school logo and lemon pinstripe on collar and sleeve (short or long sleeved).
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo.
- **Flat black polishable leather shoes only, either lace-up or buckled, (no colour brand markings).**
- Navy ankle socks worn at least three finger widths above the ankle, under-the-knee socks, or for girls - navy cotton tights (no opaques).

Physical Education Uniform

- Royal blue T-shirt with school logo.
- Navy rugby knit shorts with school logo.

Jackets

Official Devon school jackets can be worn to and from school, in the playground, but not in class. Alternative rain jackets can be worn to and from school but should be a neutral colour - blue or black.

Please Note:

1. We strongly recommend dark navy thermal V-neck, short-sleeve tops to be worn under polo shirts for extra warmth. It is not acceptable to wear t-shirts or halter-neck tops. These items will have to be removed.
2. Shoes are not to be worn in the summer terms, sandals not to be worn in the winter terms.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has the correct uniform at all times.

B.O.T. ELECTIONS

All current parents and caregivers of students at Devon have been invited to stand (or nominate someone) for three vacancies on our Board of Trustees.

Nominations close on Friday 23 April. The list of candidates will be available for inspection at the school with the poll closing on Friday 7 May. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



SUMMER SPORTS EXCHANGE RESULTS

Touch				
Yr 7 Girls	2 nd	Yr 7 Boys	2 nd	
Yr 8 Girls	3 rd	Yr 8 Boys	3 rd	
Softball				
Yr 7 Girls	3 rd =	Yr 7 Boys	2 nd =	
Yr 8 Girls	2 nd	Yr 8 Boys	1 st	
Cricket			2 nd	
Non-stop Cricket			3 rd	
Tennis			3 rd	
Volleyball	Yr7 2 nd	Yr 8	2 nd	

BASKETBALL - 2010

We are extremely fortunate to have the support of great parents to coach our teams this year. They are:

Girls [combined Y7/8 team] Glynda Malley and Vicki Mitchell

Year 8 Boys coached by Leanne Matuku, Year 7 Boys coached by Annette Kettle.

As explained on your child's Registration Form a deposit of \$20 was paid on registering, the balance of \$30 being payable before the end of Week One, Term 2. Thanks to those who have already paid the full amount of \$50.

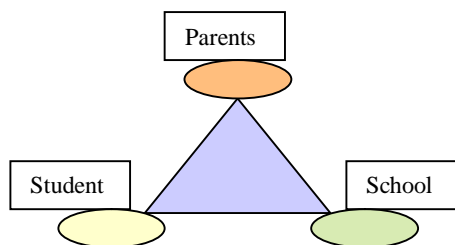
Details of the draw at the beginning of Term 2.

SUMMER KAYAKING

Final session for this term will be held today, at Ngamotu, 3:30-5pm. Students make their own arrangements from school and home afterwards.

TERM 2 BEGINS on Monday 19 April with assembly at 8.40am.

School will close tomorrow afternoon at 3.15pm. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy time with your families over the Easter break.



Together we can make a difference

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

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I have read this newsletter.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Room no. _____