



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

TERM 1 : No 5 –3 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.

'WORLD FAMOUS IN NP' GOURMET GALA

A great team of enthusiastic parents has been working hard and is making great progress in bringing this fantastic community event to our school on **SUNDAY 21 MARCH**, from 11am - 2pm .



Right now we urgently seek donations of the following goods: **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.

Particularly useful items for raffle prizes include **CHOCOLATES, WINE, CONFECTIONERY, BOXED BISCUITS, or other suitable donations.**

If you are able to make any donations of suitable items, we would appreciate these being left at the office.

PARENT LINK

The Parent Link group is meeting tonight at 7pm in the staffroom to continue planning for our fabulous "World Famous in New Plymouth" Gourmet Gala. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. We would be grateful for all donations for the white elephant and book stalls so this is a great time to have a bit of a clean out of that back room!!



GIVE ME FIVE

Thank you to the 75 parents and caregivers who have returned their forms. We really appreciate the interest shown by so many of you and look forward to working with you on the various projects you have volunteered to help with. Congratulations to Room 14 who won the free mufti day for having the most returns. It is not too late to return your form if you haven't already.

Kick Start Breakfast is a New Zealand breakfast in schools programme created by Fonterra and Sanitarium to educate children on the importance of breakfast. We are lucky to be involved in this programme and last week were thrilled to host Beatrice Faumauina as Kick Start Breakfast Ambassador. Beatrice entertained the school assembly with stories of her sporting and Dancing with the Stars experiences. She also highlighted the importance of eating breakfast as a key factor in maintaining concentration and the ability to learn.



STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

These are being held Tuesday 16 March 3.30-5.30pm and 6.30-8pm; Thursday 18 March 1.30-5.30pm. We ask that parents make alternative arrangements for their children from 1pm on Thursday 18 March. Further details will be sent home on Friday.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE REPORT

The review team spent most of last week visiting classrooms, talking with the Board of Trustees, staff and students and reading through our documentation. They have delivered a verbal report to the Board of Trustees and will follow this up in approximately 4 weeks with a draft written report. The confirmed report will then be available.

APOLOGY

My apologies for an error in the newsletter last week re the NZ Junior Nationals Swimming.

It says Olivia Eaton was chosen, but in fact was Lily D, along with Rachael Mc and Caitlan O; sincere apologies go to Lily .

Olivia was selected for the Taranaki Under 14 Surf Life Saving team and attended the NZ Ocean Athletics Competition last week and won Gold in Beach Flags. Well done Olivia.

CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING SPORTS

It was great to see the students dressed up in their house colours for yesterday's sports. Congratulations to the following students who won their respective events:

	Y7	Y8
25m Freestyle		
Girls	Rachel M	Lily D
Boys	Jack D	Michael O'
25m Backstroke		
Girls	Rachel M	Olivia E
Boys	Jack D	Michael O'
50m Freestyle		
Girls	Rachel M	Lily D
Boys	Jack D	Takarangi T
50m Backstroke		
Girls	Rachel M	Lily D
Boys	Jack D	Ben D
50m Breaststroke		
Girls	Rachel M	Caitlin O
Boys	Jack D	Michael O'
Class Relay		
Girls	Rm 15	Rm 14
Boys	Rm 18	Rm 21
House relay		
	1 st Adventure, 2 nd Endeavour, 3 rd Resolution, 4 th Discovery	

NEWSLETTER RETURN

Congratulations to, Deiniol J Rm 15, 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tomorrow is Photo day and please be advised that there are no late orders.

NITS

Please check your children's hair as we have reports that there are nits about!

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby League Muster Night **11 March 2010** 6.00pm Registrations & Boots, Socks Garage Sale (If you have any old boots or training gear you would like to donate to the club for fundraising please bring them along).

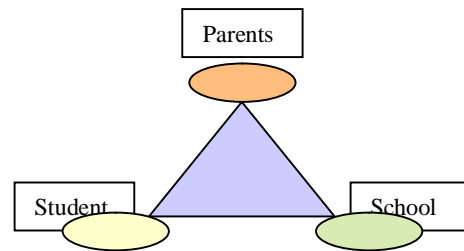
5.00 - 6.30pm Free Sausage Sizzle for Children. Drinks & Juices \$1.00 each.

IMMUNISATION FORMS

Year 8 girls please return your immunization forms to the office as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

4 Mar	School Photos
8 Mar	Taranaki Anniversary Day - No School
9 Mar	Taranaki Intermediate Swimming Championships in Hawera - 10.00am start
15 Mar	Parent Link Meeting 7pm
16-18 Mar	Student Learning Conferences
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. _____