



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

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

ROAD SAFETY

The school continues to work hard to ensure the safety of students making their daily journey between home and the school. Students cycling to school must wear an approved safety helmet and use cycle lanes where they are available. Parents are expected to have identified with their child the safest route to use. Similarly, parents and students are expected to have discussed safety when walking to school. Pedestrian crossings should always be used, where available. Students leaving the school to walk home in the Marfell, Lynmouth Heights, Westown communities are all expected to use the pedestrian crossing on the Devon Street / Lorna Street corner. We ask all parents to discuss these issues with their children.

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

It is not too late to make an appointment for Thursday's conferences. Please contact the office for a time. We consider these to be a very important way for parents to engage with their child's learning and an opportunity for the student to talk about next learning steps. We strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to attend.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS TEST

This week we present certificates to 38 students who participated in this test. It is great to see students challenging themselves by entering these competitions. Well done to you all. Special congratulations to Elijah Blue S for achieving a pass with Distinction with a score of 94. A fantastic effort.



The Life Education mobile classrooms will be at school during the last 3 weeks of the term. The cost is \$3 per child for materials, payable to their classroom teacher.

PARENT LINK

In conjunction with the Life Education Programme, the Parent Link group is fortunate to be hosting Detective Senior Sergeant *Grant Coward* at their next meeting on Monday 13 September.

HIGHLANDS SPORTS EXCHANGE

This week's sports exchange with Highlands Intermediate was held yesterday in perfect conditions. The students from both schools displayed a high level of sporting skill, fair play and support for each other. It was great to see a number of parents on the sidelines cheering on the teams. Thank you to Jason Avery for the overall organization of the day and parent and staff coaches for preparing teams for their games.

RESULTS:

Basketball -	Girls	31/10	Highlands
	Boys Yr7	58/7	Highlands
	Boys Yr8	43/31	Highlands
Rugby -	1 st XV	17/31	Highlands
	2 nd XV	92/0	Highlands
Badminton		7/8	Highlands
Netball	8C	19/15	Devon
	8B	5/7	Highlands
	8C	20/27	Highlands
	7C	45/1	Highlands
	7B	20/41	Highlands
	7A	14/13	Devon
Soccer	2 nd XI	4/9	Highlands
	1 st XI	0/6	Highlands
	Girls	1/3	Devon
Hockey		1/6	Highlands
Chess		33/31	Highlands
Bowls		9/13	Highlands
		8/11	Highlands
Badminton		7/8	Highlands

NETBALL

In the recent Netball Championship games Devon Yr7A came 3rd. Well done girls.

NEWSLETTER WINNER Week 5



Newsletter winner - Canteen voucher Michael O , Rm 14 - Please collect your voucher from the office).



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rosie C , Room 14 on being presented with her Attitude for Excellence badge at assembly on Monday. This is the culmination of consistent effort over the last 18 months. Well done Rosie.

TATAKAKIHI PRIMARY SCHOOLS CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2010



Kapa Haka and Pasifika photos are available to order at a cost of \$15 for 5x7 print. There is a choice of 2 photos per group. Please place order with the money by Friday 27 August.

Devon Kapa Haka won 2nd equal placing for Te Reo which is fantastic. The next performances will be at the Puanga Festival on October 29. More information to follow.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Only two days left - 9am - 3pm on 26 and 9am - 2pm on 27 August. We encourage children and parents to visit the great selection of books that will be on sale. The school will benefit from the sales by receiving free books for the library

Spotswood International

Have you considered hosting an International Student?

At Spotswood College we run a well recognized International Programme which currently hosts 36 students, all of whom are home stayed in the New Plymouth city area.

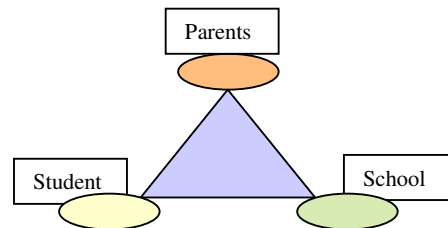
Sharing your home and family with a teenager from another culture can be a rewarding and positive experience. At present we have students from Germany, Italy, Brazil, Japan, China, Hong Kong and Korea.

If you would like to find out more about our programme, please feel free to contact us. We would love to hear from you.

Gloria Holland - Director
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UPCOMING EVENTS

23-27 Aug	Scholastic Book Fair
Thur 26 Aug	Student Learning Conferences
Mon 6 Sept	Spotswood College Interviews - In Devon Library
Thur 16 Sept	Music Festival



Together we can make a difference

Fiona Parkinson
 Principal

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SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Spotswood College enrolment interviews will be held at Devon on Monday 6 September, between 9am and 12:30. If your Year 8 child is not enrolled you should make an appointment to do this on 6 September. Appointment times can be booked on the form available from Year 8 teachers or the school office.

TERM 3. WEEK 6 NEWSLETTER

I have read this newsletter.

Name: _____

Signed: _____