

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 1: 1 February 2016

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### Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngamōtu

**Kia ora, Buenos días, 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 2016 school year to all students, parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate School. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and have had some time to relax and enjoy time with your families. A special welcome to our Year 7 students, new Year 8s and their families. We hope that your association with our school will be rewarding and enjoyable.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

A warm welcome to our new and also returning students and their families to Devon Intermediate for 2016. The BOT wishes to inform our community that our Principal, Mrs Fiona Parkinson is on leave for Term One. Mr Jason Avery has stepped up into the role as Acting Principal for this period and he will be supported by Mr Conrad Hales, Associate Principal. We look forward to Mrs Parkinson returning in Term Two. We have had a pleasing roll increase to start 2016 and we look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year.

#### STAFFING 2016

##### Senior Leadership

Acting Principal	Jason Avery	
Associate Principal	Conrad Hailes	
Rm4	Brook Murfitt	CA/S
Rm5	Alana Glentworth	CA
Rm6	Sacha Buckley	CA
Rm 7	Glen Phillips	CA (AL)
Rm 9	Rachel Taylor	ST (AL)
Rm 10	Dian Brookes	ST
Rm 11	Geri Forde	ST
Rm13	Carmen Matangi	S
Rm15	Conrad Hailes/Danielle Hill	A

##### KEY:

CA	Creative Arts Academy
ST	Science and Technology Academy
S	Sport Academy
A	Academic Academy
AL	Academy Leader
TL	Team Leader

##### Technology/Arts

Ailsa Allan	Food Technology	(TL)
John Cooksley	Metal/Electronics	
Chris Pollard	Wood/Plastics	

##### Learning Support

Rm22	Tracey More - Special Needs Co-ordinator
RTL	Angela Pearson
Part-time Teachers	Jo Wilkinson, Cassie Batten, Danielle Hill

##### Administration

Executive Officer	Cathie Askew
Office Administrator	Marissa Hoyes
Librarian	Nicky Howarth

#### MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to our Meet the Teacher evening in our hall on **Thursday 11 February at 7pm**. The evening will begin with some brief introductions in the hall and then parents will move to their child's classroom where their teacher will outline some of their expectations and give an overview of the year. Following this there will be an opportunity for you to visit the Technology/Arts rooms. The evening will conclude by 8.15pm.

#### UNIFORM

A reminder that you should ensure all school uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name. We suggest that the sun hats are marked using a Twink pen. Black Roman sandals are our compulsory summer sandal. Please support us and your child by ensuring he/she is in the correct footwear. As part of the summer school uniform, all students are required to have a school navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hat. These hats are available from the school office for just \$10 each new, or second-hand \$5 each. Hair is expected to be neat and tidy – **no way out styles or colours will be permitted.**

#### SCHOOL FEES 2016

All Tech	\$75 (only \$60 if paid before 31 March)
Diary	\$ 9
Life Education	\$ 3
School Donation	\$60 (\$90 for family)

Payments to be made to the school office (cash cheque or EFTPOS). It would be helpful if you could have correct change when paying at the office. Alternatively payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 153949 0276621 80 or by Automatic Payment. Please ensure that your payment description includes **students name and what payment is for**. Automatic Payments set up before the 31<sup>st</sup> March are also eligible for the \$15 discount on Technology fees.

#### SCHOOL DIARIES

All students have been issued with a Devon Intermediate Home and School Diary today. The cost is \$9 which is payable to the school office. This 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 in which students will record their homework and other reminders.

#### NEWSLETTERS

These will come home every WEDNESDAY from week 2. 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. Due to the changes in the structure of the Senior Leadership Team if you require a meeting with the Acting Principal or Associate Principal please phone in advance.

#### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is a valuable communication method. As well as the school newsletter, it also contains other important information about school and class events and activities. Class teachers will be regularly updating their class pages. We consider our website to be an important component of home and school communication and encourage you to visit it regularly.

#### PARENT LINK

Our Parent Link group has a key role within our school. Over the past few years they have done a fantastic job with fundraising and provide a valuable link between home and school. 2016 promises to be another exciting year for this group. Meetings are short and sharp, concluding by 8pm. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday 15 February at 7pm in the staffroom. Come along and join us for coffee and cake.

#### SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Swimming is a compulsory component of the Physical Education curriculum and the focus of our Term 1 programme. It is important that students are prepared for swimming each day by having the appropriate swimwear. They need to bring named togs and towel. Goggles and/or rash shirts are optional. For safety reasons, students will not be permitted to enter the pool in shorts, tee shirts or other clothing.

**Together we can make a difference**

Jason Avery  
Acting Principal

#### DATES TO NOTE

Mon 8 February	Waitangi Day observation holiday
Thurs 11 February	Meet the Teacher Evening, 7pm
Mon 15 February	Parent Link Meeting, 7pm
Mon 22 February	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Fri 26 February	School Swimming Champs
Thurs 3 March	Intermediate Surfing Competition
Fri 4 March	School Standards Swimming
Tues 8 March	School Triathlon
Wed 9 March	Intermediate Swimming at Highlands
Mon 14 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day
Wed 16 March	School Photos
Fri 25 March	Good Friday
Mon 28 March	Easter Monday
Tues 29 March	Easter Tuesday
Wed 30 March	Weetbix Tryathlon
Fri 1 April	Intermediate Duathlon at Waitara
Tuesday 5 April	Intermediate Summer Sports Day