

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngamōtu

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

Kia Ora Whanau

Term one is flying by and we finish the term this Thursday, 13th April at 3 pm for Easter and the school holidays. A reminder that **WE DO NOT** start school until Tuesday 2nd May after the holidays as we have a Teacher Only Day for our Writing Professional Development on the first day of term. The Office also will not be open on May 1st as the office staff will be working off site.

Of major concern recently has been the behaviour of some of our students when travelling to and from school. We have had reports of students running out in front of cars, running across the roads without looking and generally not keeping themselves safe. I would appreciate whanau talking to their children about such behaviour as we don't want any of our children hurt on their way to school or home again.

My thanks to parents for their support this term. It was great to see so many of you at the various events and occasions we have had during term one. Next term we have our student conferences on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd May starting at 1.30. School will close for instruction at the start of lunch, 12.45 on these two days to allow the conferences to take place.

Our summer sports exchange is on this Tuesday. We have teams competing in Cricket and Volleyball at Hawera Intermediate, Softball at Manukorihi Intermediate, Patter Tennis, Tennis and Non-stop Cricket at Highlands Intermediate and the Touch Rugby will be held here at Devon Intermediate. Games start about 10am and finish about 2pm.

Our first school wide fundraiser will also be at the start of next term and we will be holding an Andersons Pie run with proceeds going towards a new school van. Details will be sent out at the start of the term.

Congratulations to Hoani Barnes who has been named as the Captain of the Taranaki under 13 Invitational Rugby team and also to Koro Teteira-Taylor who has been named as a player in the team. The boys will play a Manly (Sydney) under 13 rugby team at Yarrows Stadium on Thursday 13th April.

See you all next term.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Stephanie Watson who is our first Year 8 student of 2017 to receive her overall Attitude for Excellence Award. This is a great achievement Stephanie and a testament to your high levels of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.



KIDS LIT QUIZ

We had 2 teams that took part in the Kids Lit Quiz last Friday over at St Joseph's school. Both teams did very well coming in 6th equal, behind Wanganui Intermediate who took out 1st place and for the first time, Francis Douglas came on board and took out 2nd place with Oakura School taking out 3rd.

URGENT: NETBALL MANAGERS AND UMPIRES REQUIRED

We urgently require Netball managers and umpires for our Devon Netball teams. We need at least one Manager and two umpires for each team. Netball Taranaki run courses on how to become an umpire and it is a great skill to have under your belt if your child is looking to play Netball long term. If you are interested in helping out please get in touch with Mrs Young through the school office. Many thanks to those parents who have come on board to coach.



DUATHLON

On Friday 7 April a small team of Devon students competed in the interschool duathlon held at Waitara. The event was extremely challenging with a 1.5km run followed by a 6km bike and then a final 3km run to finish. The students all represented our school with pride and showed determination to finish the event.

Year 7 Boys	Year 7 Girls	Year 8 Girls
Joseph Cocker 3 rd	Caitlin Neilsen 7 th	Harmony Te Waaka 4 th
Harry Mbou 5 th		Annie Larsen 5 th
William Roberts 8 th		Kiralee Willan 6 th
Harry Davies 10 th		
Isaiah Rupapera-Forbes 13 th		
Lukas Wall 14 th		
Caleb Adlam 15 th		

WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 (starting 2 May) will bring cooler and wetter weather and a change to our winter uniform. Our prospectus states: Flat, black polishable school shoes, either lace-up, buckled or velcroed (no colour brand markings, slip-ons or canvas shoes) and Devon uniform socks. We will accept blue opaque tights and navy knee high socks. Please support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform shoes and socks.

To clarify the winter uniform socks allowed at Devon – Navy blue socks or the Devon uniform socks (with the blue stripes at the top (available from Campus Clothing in Gill Street)), are both acceptable. Girls may wear navy blue tights. Below the ankle socks, are not acceptable.



SUMMER SPORTS EXCHANGE

We have our Summers Sports Exchange on tomorrow Tuesday 11 April. We have teams taking part in Cricket, Volleyball, Softball, Patter Tennis, Tennis, Non-stop Cricket and Touch Rugby. Please see below further information in relation to individual sports:

Cricket and Volleyball – All students travelling to Hawera for these sports must meet at the flagpole at 8.30am

Softball, Patter Tennis, Tennis & Non-stop Cricket – All students travelling to Manukorihi and Highlands are to meet in the Hall at 9am. Buses depart at 9.15am from St Aubyn Street.

Touch Rugby – Held at Devon Intermediate. All students to meet in the Hall at 9am.

All whanau are most welcome to come along to support our students. We will be holding a sausage sizzle with drinks and chocolates also available to purchase so please remember to bring your pocket money on what promises to be a fantastic day of sport.

Jenny Gellen

Principal

DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 11 April	Summer Sports Exchange
Wednesday 12 April	MANA Reward Day
Thursday 13 April	Last day of term
Monday 1 May	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 2 May	First day of Term Two
Wednesday 10 May	Taranaki Hardcore League @ Devon
Tues 16 – Thurs 18 May	NYLD Conference in Wellington
Monday 22 May	Student Learning Conferences 1.30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 23 May	Student Learning Conferences 1.30pm – 6pm
Wed 24 – Fri 26 May	Aspire Camp @ Blue Mountain Adventure Camp
Tuesday 30 May	Winter Sports Exchange @ Manukorihi
Wednesday 7 June	MANA Reward Day
Wednesday 14 June	Spotswood Taster Day
Wednesday 21 June	Spotswood Taster Day
Tuesday 27 June	Winter Sports Exchange @ Devon
Wednesday 28 June	Rippa Rugby
Wednesday 28 June	Spotswood Taster Day
Wednesday 5 July	Spotswood Taster day
Thursday 6 July	MANA Reward Day
Friday 7 July	Last day of Term Two