



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1: 10 February 2016

Text 021 08299 278 or Ph 758 5266 for Absences

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

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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

There is a well-recognised link between attendance at school and student achievement. Every day that students are not at school, is a lost opportunity to learn.

Ministry of Education guidelines describe a justified absence as being illness, attending a tangi or funeral or representation at a provincial or national level in a sporting or cultural event. All other absences are considered to be unjustified, even if the absence is explained.

If your child is late to school they must report to the office for a late slip. Please ensure that they have a written note giving a reason for their lateness or please phone the school office.

PARENT LINK

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday 15 February at 7pm in the staffroom. We hope you can come along and join us for coffee and cake.

2016 FOREST LAKES CAMP

One of the highlights for our students and staff has always been our bi-annual camp at Forest Lakes, Otaki. An exciting week of outdoor activities and trips into Wellington for city based adventures is planned for Term 3. The full cost for transport, accommodation, meals and activities is approximately \$350. We encourage you to start an automatic payment as soon as possible to go towards camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and we strongly encourage them all to participate. Below are the school bank details which you can pay into along with a reference of a student's name or alternatively you can collect an Automatic Payment form from the school office. Devon Intermediate School, TSB Bank, 15-3949-0276621-80.

2016 HEAD STUDENTS

Congratulations to Sijenna Poole and Malakai Latavao who have been recognised by staff and their fellow students as being excellent role models and leaders. We are all looking forward to working with them during the first half of 2016.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE FACEBOOK PAGE

Devon Intermediate has a school Facebook page. To become a member of the closed Devon Intermediate Group, please request membership through Facebook.

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.



DROP OFF/PICK UP OF STUDENTS

We ask that parents do not come down the school drive in cars to drop off and pick up students please. At the end of the day, the driveway is often heavily congested with students leaving the school grounds.

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.

IMMUNISATIONS

If your child is in Year 7 or 8 they'll be offered important free immunisations at school. These will help protect them against a wide range of diseases and will also help protect your whanau and our community. Ask your child for the consent form they've been given for you to read, sign and return to school. For more information, talk to the Public Health Nurse, visit health.govt.nz/imms-older-children or call 0800 Immune.

AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES AT THE ART CLUB

This term we have after school art classes beginning the second week of term for children aged 5-14 years. If you'd like to receive more info send a request to Angela Sands at sandsfam@ihug.co.nz or 0211 021 861 or call 7533 747 a/h. Classes are held in the art room at Devon Intermediate. Follow The Art Club on Facebook.

SPCA NORTH TARANAKI VALENTINES OPEN DAY

The SPCA is holding their annual Open Day at the North Taranaki SPCA, 75 Colson Road, on Sunday 14th February between 10am and 2pm. Gold coin donation for entry. As always there will be loads of entertainment, petting zoo, bouncy castle, donkey rides, face painting, BBQ, lucky dips and more. Plenty of fun for the whole family!

HOCKEY NOTICE

Taranaki Hockey has a development program designed for young hockey enthusiasts called "HEAT" (Hockey Excellence at Taranaki). If there are any hockey players that are interested in attending this course they can go to the Taranaki Hockey website to register. <http://www.taranakihockey.org.nz/playhockey/heat/>

HEAT Junior - Open to all players between 7 and 12 years of age.

- Tuesdays 4.30pm – 6pm
- Program delivered from Tuesday 23rd February to 22nd April 2016

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL

Road Safety Tips

School gates are busy places.

- Drive slowly near the school. Children can be unpredictable so be prepared for the unexpected.
- Do not stop or park on yellow lines – they are there to protect your children.
- Take care to look for cyclists before opening your door.
- Always make sure your child exits onto the footpath.
- Never wave or call to your child from across the road.

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA
focus is:**

Right place, right time, right gear

- Be prepared with your stationery, PE Gear, togs, diary and hat every day
- Make your way to class on the move bell
- Remain outside school buildings before 8.15am

DATES TO NOTE

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