



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Te Kura Takuwaenga o Ngamōtu
NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 : No 1 –4 February 2015
Text 021 08299 278 or Ph 758 5266 for Absences

Kia ora, Buenos dias, 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 12 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.

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.

TWILIGHT GALA

Our "World Famous in New Plymouth" Twilight Gala is on Thursday 26 March and we need your help to make it a success.



The focus is on providing a range of delicious food options so that families can

have dinner at school while enjoying a range of other stalls, activities, rides and games; as well as the very popular White Elephant, Dress for Less and second hand books.

Please support us by sending along gala items; icecream containers, coat hangers and plastic supermarket bags. All books, pre-loved clothing and White Elephant donations can be dropped off at school at any time.

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 need to report to the office for a late slip. Please ensure that they have a written note giving a reason for their lateness.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON



Our school has the chance to win \$5000.00 with Weetbix Tryathlon.

Drop your empty weet-bix boxes at the office or enter online at www.weet-bix.co.nz before March 1. If we have the most votes we can win \$5,000. Get friends/family to give you any empty boxes to give us the biggest chance of winning.

CANTEEN

We are very lucky to have the support of Izzy's Pie Shop who will be providing a range of healthy school lunch options.



Orders will be taken from our canteen before school Monday-Thursday. These will be delivered back to school ready for collection at lunchtime.

PARENT LINK

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday 16 February at 7pm in the staffroom. Come along and join us for coffee and cake.



SCHOOL FEES 2015

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. 153949027662180 or by Automatic Payment. Please ensure that your payment description includes **students name and what payment is for.**

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA focus is:

Right place, Right time, Right gear

- Wear the correct Devon uniform with pride
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Have all your stationery ready to learn
- Be organised for PE, swimming & sports

UKULELE CLASSES AT DEVON 2015

Hi - I'm Tony Hansen and I'm pleased to be offering ukulele classes at Devon in 2015 on Friday mornings 8am, starting Fri 13 February.



I teach to both adults (evenings), and children in schools. Devon has a great class-set of ukuleles that I've tuned up ready to go, including a number for left handers! I think you'll find the term fee reasonable. Interested children will bring home a flyer next week with a return slip (for booking in) - the school office will have extras if needed. I can be contacted on ph 022 1840720 and taranakitonyhansen@gmail.com

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thurs 12 Feb	Meet the Teacher Evening, 7pm
Mon 16 Feb	Parent Link Meeting, 7pm
Fri 27 Feb	Devon Swimming Champs
Mon 2 Mar	Parent Link Meeting, 7pm
Thurs 5 Mar	Intermediate Surfing Champs
Thurs 5 Mar	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
Tues 17 Mar	Student Learning Conferences 3.30-8pm
Thurs 19 Mar	Student Learning Conferences 1.30-5.30pm
Thurs 26 Mar	Twilight Gala 5-7pm
Mon 30 Mar	Science Roadshow @ Devon
Tues 31 Mar	Summer Sport Exchange
Wed 1 April	Kids Lit Quiz 10am-1pm
Wed 1 April	Weetbix Tryathlon

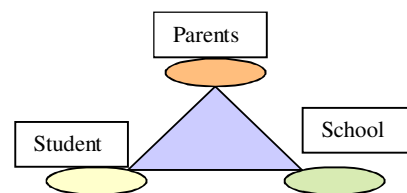
COMMUNITY NOTICES

INGLEWOOD AFC

Inglewood AFC is hosting the Ricki Herbert Football Academy Thursday 9 April-Saturday 11 April. 9am -3pm . Cost is \$99 Ages 8-15 Please register at www.rickiherbert.co.nz

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bell Block Marist Rugby League - Junior Muster Calling all children keen to play Rugby League to come and sign up Sunday 15th February 2015, 11.00am at Clubrooms Hickford Park New Players need to bring - A **parent** (this is a must) to sign the form, copy of Birth Certificate We will also take their Photo on the day for ID Card purposes



Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal