



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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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

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING SPORTS

Parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate are invited to attend our annual Championship Swimming Sports on Friday 26 February, 1.15 – 2.45pm. Students will compete in a range of freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events along with House Relays. This is always a great spectator event.

ICAS ENTRIES 2016

Should you wish your child to participate in these tests, forms are now available from their teachers. Students will gain points toward their Academic merit for taking part in these tests. Completed forms along with payment are due at the school office by Friday 25th March.

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 you 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.

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Clear communication between home and school is vital to enable us to do the very best we can for your children. If you wish to see the class teacher, please ring the school 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.**

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.

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.

SCHOOL DIARIES

All students have been issued with a Devon Intermediate Home and School Diary. 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.

NETBALL TRIALS

Devon Intermediate Netball team trials will be held during weeks 4 – 6. Dates to be confirmed over the coming weeks.

PARENT LINK

Many thanks to those parents who came along on Monday evening to our Parent Link meeting. We endeavour to hold another meeting later in the term. These meetings are specifically to provide information to parents/caregivers on what is happening within the school.

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.

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.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Devon Intermediate has an attractive and functional uniform. We are proud of it and expect it to be worn correctly. The uniform is available from Campus Clothing, 94 Gill Street, New Plymouth or alternatively we do have a limited amount of second-hand uniform available from the school. Uniform passes are only issued if a student has a medical note signed by their doctor.

- Navy drill shorts. Additional options for girls – blue and yellow tartan wool polyester skirt or culottes.
- Royal blue polo knit shirt with school logo and lemon pinstripe on collar and sleeve (short sleeved).
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo.
- School navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hats – available from the school office.
- Black Roman sandals (these can be purchased from either the Warehouse or No. 1 Shoes).



RELAY FOR LIFE

A 24-hour team event celebrating life and the human spirit. From 11.45am Saturday 5th March till 12pm Sunday 6th March. **\$150 to register a team of up to 10 members, extra members \$15. The maximum team size is 20.** Contact meg Rodel, 06 757 3006, or email events@taranakiansociety.org.nz

TUKAPA RUGBY REGISTRATION DATES

Tukapa midget rugby registrations for new entrants to Year 8 children will be taken in the Tukapa clubrooms, Sanders Park, Gladstone Road, New Plymouth during the following times:

Wednesday 17 February	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 18 February	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday 19 February	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 24 February	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 25 February	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Friday 26 February	5.00pm to 7.00pm

For further information, please contact Lee Day on 753 7309 (home) or 021 118 7768 (mobile) or lee_dday@hotmail.com (e-mail)

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 22 February	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Friday 26 February	School Swimming Champs
Tuesday 1 March	MANA Reward Day
Thursday 3 March	Intermediate Surfing Competition
Friday 4 March	School Standards Swimming
Tuesday 8 March	School Triathlon
Wednesday 9 March	Intermediate Swimming at Highlands
Monday 14 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day
Tuesday 15 March	Immunisations
Wednesday 16 March	School Photos
Friday 25 March	Good Friday
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 March	Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 30 March	Weetbix Tryathlon
Friday 1 April	Intermediate Duathlon at Waitara
Tuesday 5 April	Intermediate Summer Sports Day
Friday 15 April	Last day of Term One