



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Te Kura Takuwaenga o Ngamōtu
NEWSLETTER

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

FAREWELL

At the end of this week we farewell Carol Carroll, our Executive Officer, who is retiring after 22 years at Devon. Carol was first appointed in 1993 as librarian and then, shortly after, became Executive Officer. She has been a well-respected Board of Trustees Secretary, as well as being a whiz with finances, property projects and managing assets. Carol has also been the school liaison for Novopay, and shown endless patience in dealing with the challenges this has presented! Thank you for your loyal service over these past 22 years Carol. We have all appreciated your immense knowledge of our school and of Ministry of Education systems and processes, and your willingness to be our “go to” person.

We wish Carol and her husband Dave all the very best for the next exciting phase in their lives, with time to enjoy their grandchildren and their many interests.



STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

These are being held on Tuesday 17 March 3.30-5.30pm and 6.30 to 8pm and on Thursday 19 March 1.30pm – 5.30pm. Further information and a booking form will be sent home shortly.

Please note that school will close at 1pm on Thursday 19 March.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers and staff as House Captains for the first half of 2015.

Endeavour	Ailis L	Caleb H
Adventure	Bale K	Jade P
Discovery	Harry B	Philippa B



WHANAU HUI

Kia ora te whanau o Devon Intermediate.

Nga mihi ki a Koutou.

We are having whanau hui on Thursday 5 March at 5.30pm, in the staffroom.



At this hui we will be sharing our plans for the year. As always we would dearly love your input. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. All welcome.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING SPORTS

Parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate are invited to attend our annual Championship Swimming Sports on Friday 27 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.



AMERICARNA MUFTI DAY



On Friday 27 February we are holding a mufti day to coincide with the Americarna cars driving past our school. Students are invited to wear "Americarna colours" for the day. There will be a prize for the student wearing best outfit from each House and also for the staff member wearing the most original outfit.

The cost of the mufti day will be a gold coin. All proceeds will go towards the Taranaki Retreat. This free facility is for families who are going through challenging times. It is a healing space for whanau who have suffered grief or loss.

TWILIGHT GALA

We are holding a Twilight Gala on Thursday 26 March 5pm -7pm.

The focus will be on providing a range of delicious food options so families can come and have dinner at the 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 also be dropped off at school at any time.



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.

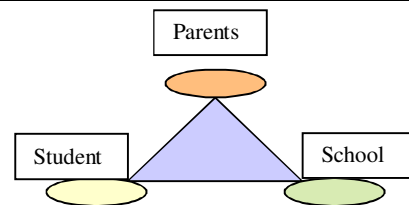
DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**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

TERM 1 CALENDAR

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



Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal