



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura Takuwaenga 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

STAFF WELCOME A very special welcome to Marissa Hoyes who is our new Administration Assistant. Marissa has come to us from a similar role at Westown Kindergarten. She and her husband Richard have a son, Reed, who is a past student of our school, and Jade, who is currently in Year 8.

Marissa will be working each day from 10am-3.30pm.

Cathie Askew has taken on the Executive Officer role following Carol Carroll's recent retirement. Cathie will be working each day from 8am-1pm.

MUFTI DAY A reminder that we are holding an Americarna mufti day this Friday. All funds raised will go towards the Taranaki Retreat. There will be prizes for the best dressed student in each house as well as best dressed staff member.

PARENT LINK Our next Parent Link meeting will be held in the staffroom next Monday night 2 March at 7pm.

All welcome.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Chairperson: Nicola Murdock

Trustees: Andrew Pepper, Tracey Cocker, Jason Avery, Staff Trustee, Fiona Parkinson, Principal, Cathie Askew, Minute Secretary.

Jeff Cocker and Jack Cassidy have joined the board this year as co-opted trustees.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Monday 30 March. These are open meetings and you are always welcome.

BIKE BUS We have been invited to join the BDO Bike Bus being held on Friday 6 March as a part of the New Zealand Cycle Festival. A number of schools are participating in this attempt at a Guinness World Record.

Participating Devon Intermediate students and supporters will cycle from school along the Coastal Walkway to Ellesmere Avenue, Bell Block where they will meet up with students from other schools at 12.30pm.

It would be great to have as many Devon students and supporters as possible to make this world record attempt successful.

Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter if you wish for your child to participate. More information will follow.

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BDO BIKE BUS

I/We give permission for my child to participate in the bike bus on Friday 6 March.

I am able to accompany the bike bus.

Child's name: _____ My name: _____

Room no: _____ Phone: _____

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES These are being held on Tuesday 17 March, 3.30-5.30pm and 6.30-8pm and on Thursday 19 March 1.30-5.30pm. Further information and a booking form will be sent home shortly. **Please note that school will close at 1pm on Thursday 19 March.**

WHANAU HUI Kia ora te whanau o Devon Intermediate. Nga mihi ki a koutou. We are having a 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.

DEVON SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS Parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate are invited to attend our annual Championship Swimming Sports on Friday 27 February 1.30pm – 3pm. Students will compete in a range of freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke events along with House Relays. This is always a great spectator event.

WEETBIX FUNDRAISER Our school has the chance to win \$5000.00 with Weetbix Tryathlon! Drop your empty Weetbix 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.

We are currently in 7th place so we need more boxes! This Friday is the last chance to get your boxes in..... we can do this!!

NEIL MACKAY – PARENT EVENING Taking the hell out of Homework

Come and hear an inspiring speaker who is a world renowned expert on supporting children with learning difficulties. Neil is an international consultant to the Dyslexia Foundation of New Zealand. He will be sharing tips on how to boost your child's confidence; banish the tears and end the battle over homework.

When: Thursday 30 April, 7- 9pm

Where: The Blenheim Room, Quality Hotel Plymouth International
Cost: \$40 per person, Tickets available from our school office.

SPCA OPEN DAY The SPCA is holding their annual Open Day at the North Taranaki SPCA, 75 Colson Road on Sunday 1st March between 10am - 3pm. They will have loads of entertainment, petting zoo, pet first aid demo, bouncy castle, Bump It balls, kids craft, face painting, Glee club performance and plenty of fun for the whole family!

Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

TWILIGHT GALA Our world famous in New Plymouth Twilight Gala is 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; ice-cream 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.

A detailed notice is included with this newsletter.

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA focus is:
Be positively involved**

- **Class Learning programmes**
- **Enrichments, Summer Sports, Swimming Sports, Class Tug of War**

DATES TO NOTE

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| Fri 27 February | Devon Swimming Champs, 1.30pm |
| Mon 2 March | Parent Link Meeting, 7pm |
| Thurs 5 March | Intermediate Surfing Champs |
| Thurs 5 March | Whanau Hui, 5.30pm |
| Tues 17 March | Student Learning Conferences, 3.30 – 8pm |
| Thurs 19 March | Student Learning Conferences, 1.30 – 5.30pm |
| Thurs 26 March | Twilight Gala 5 – 7pm |
| Mon 30 March | Science Roadshow @ Devon |
| Mon 30 March | BOT Meeting, 5.30pm |
| Tues 31 March | Summer Sports Exchange |
| Wed 1 April | Kids Lit Quiz 10am – 1pm |
| Wed 1 April | Weetbix Tryathlon |
| Friday 1 May | Teachers Only Day |