

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 1: 3 March 2017

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### 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**

Kia Ora Whanau

Finally the good weather has arrived and the pool is working overtime. A reminder that students should be bringing their togs when their class has scheduled PE as this is part of the Physical Education curriculum.

I have some concerns that some of our school community have not been receiving our monthly newsletter. This month's newsletter is being sent home in hard copy so we can ensure you all get it. We will be emailing the newsletters to those whose e-mail addresses we have and sending hard copies to just those families who do not have email. A reminder that school information can also be found on the Devon Intermediate face book group (please send a request to join the group) and also on the Devon Intermediate web site.

Congratulations to those students who have been selected as House Leaders:

- Adventure: Mishka Rosa & Jody Luke
- Discovery: Sienna Benefield & Dawson Fernandes
- Resolution: Maree Dove & Ollie Tarn
- Tokomaru: Aisha Campbell & Rome Gulliver-Mundt
- Endeavour: Stephanie Watson & Jordan Dove



Congratulations also to all those students who were involved in the standards swimming sports, the championship swimming sports and the MANA reward day. It has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved in the opportunities we are offering our students. The house pride and chants have been absolutely brilliant and we look forward to an amazing house competition this year.

I have some concerns that a few of our students are choosing to wear incorrect uniform items, especially incorrect shoes and socks. The school website has the information under "School Prospectus and Enrolment Information" if parents would like to check what our uniform requirements are.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher evening as well as the Parent Link meeting and Whanau Hui. We have another Parent Link meeting on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 and we welcome anyone who would like to join us.

We are still searching for coaches and managers for our winter sports teams and would appreciate you making contact with the school office if you can help in any way.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen  
**Principal**

#### **UNIFORM**

A reminder that you should ensure all school uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name. We are already seeing children losing items, and we are collecting school items in lost property which are un-named.

As part of the summer school uniform, all students are required to have a school navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hat. These hats are available from the school office for just \$10 each new. Hair is expected to be neat and tidy – **no way out styles or colours will be permitted.**

#### **A CALL OUT TO COACHES AND MANAGERS**

We are urgently seeking coaches and managers for the netball, hockey and basketball season. If you are able to support our students at Devon Intermediate by taking one of these roles, please contact the office and leave your details, including the position you are interested in.

#### **PARENT LINK**

Many thanks to all those parents that came along to our first Parent Link meeting for the year. It was great to see so many of you, and to hear your ideas and what you want to see from these meetings. Our next meeting is on Thursday 9 March, 5.30pm in the staffroom. We look forward to seeing you there. All welcome!

#### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit badges towards their Attitude for Excellence Award over the last month:

- Sports: Shaeden Wetere, Koro Teteira-Taylor, Latisha Phillips and Tyler Houpapa
- Arts: Malachai Rae and Jade James



#### **ICAS 2017 Entry Form**

We are pleased to be able to offer the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) to our students again this year. If you are interested in having your child sit one or more of these tests then please fill in the tear off slip and return it to school with payment no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, which is Week 8 this term. No late entries can be accepted. Mrs Young has access to test exemplars if you would like to see what types of questions there are.

The students can participate in as few or as many as they like and the tests will be administered during the school day. **Due to the students being entered and paid for in April we are unable to give any refunds if the students are absent on the test day,** although we will try our best to accommodate them the next day.

When entering please ensure you have indicated if your child is a Year 7 or a Year 8.

We look forward to some excellent results in these challenging tests.

Debra Young  
**Deputy Principal**  
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I give permission for my child to enter the competitions selected below and have included payment with this return slip.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: 7      8 (Circle one)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition	Test date	Cost	Tick tests to be entered
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 23 May 2017	\$9.50	
Science	Wednesday 31 May	\$9.50	
Writing	The week of Monday 12 June	\$20.50	
Spelling	Tuesday 13 June	\$11.50	
English	Wednesday 2 August	\$9.50	
Mathematics	Tuesday 15 August	\$9.50	
Total to Pay			

**All entries must be received at school no later than Friday 24 March**