

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1: 9 March 2016

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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

SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Our swimming programme has all but finished for the year. Last Friday's Standards Swimming Sports were an opportunity for all students to participate at their own level of ability. A strong House spirit came through in the array of eye catching costumes and enthusiastic involvement in House chants.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes were distributed late last week for the School photos which are coming up on Wednesday 16 March. These need to be returned to school office no later than Tuesday 15 March please along with payment, thank you.

PARENT LINK

Our next Parent Link meeting will be held in the staffroom on Monday 21 March at 7pm. All welcome. Topics to be covered are: Understanding Assessments and the difference between Academies and Houses.

SUBWAY ORDERS

Subway Metro is offering the students of our school the opportunity to participate in a healthy option for school lunches. Each Wednesday Subway will be delivered for those students wishing to order. Subway order forms are available from student reception and must be returned with payment by Tuesday mornings please.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Each term we collate attendance figures to identify patterns and trends within the school. This information contributes to an overall picture of student achievement at Devon Intermediate. Parents/caregivers have a legal responsibility to send their children to school. A missed day at school is a lost opportunity for them to learn. Students who are absent for 3 or more days due to sickness are required to provide a medical certificate. In the case of extended absence (e.g. overseas travel) a letter must be written to the Principal requesting permission for leave. Students are required to be punctual and be at school by 8.40am.

BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS

From time to time some students let the school down through their behaviour on the way to or from school. Invariably people in our neighbourhood bring these matters to our attention. We as teachers and parents, share the responsibility for guiding students into being positive members of the community and behaving appropriately. Dangerous behaviour on the road, a student entering other people's properties and general silly behaviour all reflects negatively on Devon Intermediate. It would be appreciated if parents talked with their children to reinforce with them basic rules about pedestrian crossings and identifying the safest route to school for your own child.

WINTER NETBALL

Registration is due by Wednesday 16 March. There are available spaces in a Y7 team. Contact Ms Matangi this week if you are interested. Devon teams will be announced after that date.

NETBALL TARANAKI SATELLITE SKILLS

Prior to representative trials, Netball Taranaki Satellite Skills will be held for Y7 on 11 March and Y8 on 18 March. To attend these, you should register on the website www.netballtaranaki.org.nz/pages/reps

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.

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Come and join us for a fun and social Quiz Night to support Devon Intermediate's quest to raise funds to get our new Adventure Playground constructed.

Friday 13th May (Black Friday), 7pm at The New Plymouth Club.

Teams of up to six people or come on your own and be placed in a team! Just \$10 p.p.

Prizes up for grabs, meat raffles, and why not dress up just to make for a more fun evening 😊

For more information, please email Marissa: mhoyes@devonint.school.nz

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.

WEEKEND FREESTYLE ART CLASSES FOR 5 – 14 YEAR OLDS

A fun and creative class where you can create anything you like using any of the art room supplies! Classes are from 10am-12pm in the art room at Devon Intermediate. The first classes are on Saturday 12th or 19th March, 10am-12pm. Cost is \$20 each. Booking essential as class numbers are limited. Follow the Art Club on Facebook. To book please contact Angela Sands 0211 021 861 or 753 3747 a/h. Email sandsfam@ihug.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is running from Monday 18th of April till Friday 29th of April 8.30am till 5.00pm at Mangorei School Hall. Lots of fun activities including Ripper Rugby Skills, Soccer Skills with Team Taranaki Player Vinnie Sharp, trip day to Bowlarama and much much more! Visit our website www.kellysports.co.nz to book online. Please email Bridget for more information bridget@kellyclub.co.nz.

ST MARY'S DIOCESAN SCHOOL OPEN DAY

For anyone that may be looking to send their daughter to St Mary's School in Stratford next year, there is an Open Day on Tuesday 22 March, 10am – 3pm, all welcome.

PUKEITI PUFFER

Sunday 3 April 10.30am -2.00pm. 2290 Carrington Rd, New Plymouth. Enter into a beautiful off road running/walking event through Pukeiti. Registration from 9.30am on the day, at the Shoe Clinic or alternatively email Kelvin@athleticstaranaki.org.nz All proceeds go to the Cameron Clow Trust and TET Athletics Taranaki.

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 14 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day
Tuesday 15 March	Immunisations
Wednesday 16 March	School Photos
Monday 21 March	Parent Link Meeting, 7pm
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

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal