

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

DEVON INTERMEDIATE FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have a school Facebook page. To become a member of the closed Devon Intermediate Group, please request membership through Facebook.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

We have just received notification that South Coast Construction will be beginning work on our building project on Monday 23 March. It is expected that the work will be completed by Christmas.

The project includes the restoration of the area damaged by the 2013 library fire, a new Northern Health School building, refurbishment of 3 classroom blocks and the outside toilets, removal of the old prefabs and demolition of the dental clinic and Rooms 1 and 2 which have been identified as "leaky". There is also a small amount of earthquake strengthening to be done in the hall.

We are really looking forward to the "new look" Devon Intermediate.

AMERICARNA MUFTI DAY

\$213.00 was raised for the Taranaki Retreat from our recent mufti day. Thank you to all students and whanau who supported this very worthy cause.

STANDARDS SWIMMING SPORTS

Parents, caregivers and friends of the school are most welcome to come along to our Standards Swimming Sports being held this Friday 13 March from 1pm. Students are encouraged to wear House colours and must have a sunhat, drink bottle and sunscreen as well as togs and towels.

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

It is not too late to book a conference with your child's teacher. Please phone the office to make an appointment. These conferences are a key component of our Reporting to Parents programme and we expect all parents to attend with their children.

NETBALL TRIALS

Year 7 Netball trials are being held after school Wednesday 18 March from 3.15-4.30pm and Year 8 Netball trials are now being held on Monday 16 March from 3.15-4.30pm. Students are required to have the appropriate PE gear and netball shoes for these trials please.

ICAS ENTRIES 2015

Should you wish your child to participate in these tests, forms are now available from their teacher. 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 27 March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY 16 MARCH

Envelopes were distributed for school photos last week. Should you have not received one or require a sibling photo, you can collect one from the school office. These need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday 13 March please.

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

This is advance notice that the Board of Trustees has approved a Teachers Only Day for Friday 1st May. We ask that parents and caregivers make alternative arrangements for their child(ren) on that day. The staff will be working with Neil Mackay, consultant to the Dyslexia Foundation, for the day.

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.

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.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Registration for the Weetbix Tryathlon closes this Friday, 13 March. No late registrations will be accepted so please get them in by the end of the week, thank you.

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 Wednesday 18 March, 10am – 3pm, all welcome.

PUKEITI PUFFER

Sunday 22 March 2015, 10.30am – 2pm, 2290 Carrington Road, New Plymouth. Registrations from 9.30am on the day or alternatively email

Kelvin@athleticstaranaki.co.nz

Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

TWILIGHT GALA!!

With the Gala fast approaching, the Parent Link group is looking for the following items:

- A quad bike for trailer rides on the day,
- Anyone that can cook ethnic food e.g. Fijian, Samoan, Indian
- Businesses that can donate raffle prizes or vouchers
- Items for the White Elephant stall

If you can help out please contact

Conrad Hailes chailes@devonint.school.nz or

Nicola Murdock nicola.murdock001@msd.govt.nz or

leave your details at the office and we will contact you.

All gala donations can be taken to Room 11 from 8:15 each school day.

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA
focus is:
Treat others as you wish to be
treated**

- Use appropriate language
- Speak the truth with kindness
- Respect all adults at school and in the community

DATES TO NOTE

Tues 17 March
Thurs 19 March
Thurs 26 March
Mon 30 March
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Tues 31 March
Wed 1 April
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Friday 1 May

Student Learning Conferences, 3.30pm – 8pm
Student Learning Conferences, 1.30 – 5.30pm
Twilight Gala 4.30pm – 7pm
Science Roadshow @ Devon
BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Summer Sports Exchange
Kids Lit Quiz 10am – 1pm
Weetbix Tryathlon
Teachers Only Day