



# 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

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Amber Curtis who gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Optimist class in the recent New Plymouth Yacht Club Intermediate School Championship. Well done Amber.

### STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

It is not too late to make an appointment for tomorrow, Thursday 19 March 1.30-5.30pm. Please note that school will close at 1pm.

### CANTEEN

With the school closing early tomorrow, the canteen will not be open to take orders but will resume as normal on Friday.

### TWILIGHT GALA

Thursday 26 March. 4.30-7pm.

A detailed newsletter was either given to you at your child's Student Learning Conference, or was sent home with your child.

Please support us to purchase a new adventure playground which will not only benefit the students of Devon Intermediate but will be a fabulous community facility.

### SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Taranaki Intermediate Surfing Championships were held last week. Congratulations to: Esther Cocker of Room 16, Year 7 though to second heat, Waiora Mataa of Room 9, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Year 8 girls and Darcy Collins of Room 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 8 girls.

### 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.

This year our class swimming programmes have had a strong emphasis on students developing the necessary aquatic skills to be safe around water. Teachers were given Kiwi Swimsafe instruction last year, with a refresher in before school started for the year.

All students who swam in every class swimming session became members of the 100% Super Swimmers Club. These students will be given the opportunity to spend a free afternoon at the Aquatic Centre when it re-opens next term.

### LOST PROPERTY

We are getting an increasing amount of lost property handed in and have noticed that the majority is not named. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named including their sandals.

### MANA REWARD DAY

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April is the next exciting MANA Reward Day. This is going to be a pyjama and movie day. Students who are eligible for this day will be allowed to come to school in mufti and bring their pyjamas to get changed into for the movie. Students will have needed to meet the MANA expectations 80% of the time to be eligible for this exciting day.

### 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.

### ATTENTION ALL RETIREES

Our librarian is currently looking for a retired member of our community who can volunteer one day per fortnight to cover new books. Training will be provided.

### ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS

Mrs Howarth, our librarian, is going to hold a photo competition. Please bring in a photo of **'unusual places to read a book'**. The photos will be on display and we will select the Top 10 photos. We will then ask an important community member (who does not work at Devon) to select, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. This could be a really fun activity that you and your friends could get involved in. You have two weeks to get 'snapping'.

### SIGN UP FOR MUSIC LESSONS!

Mike Gordon from Musiqhub is now offering lessons at our school. The lessons cost \$160.00 per term (\$16.00 per lesson) classes have a maximum of four students per class and lessons will be held in school hours. The following subjects are offered.... VOCALS KEYBOARDS GUITAR. Unlock your child's potential and watch their confidence grow whilst they have great fun. For more information please call Mike on 0279321947 or visit [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz). You can also email mike at [mike.gordon@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:mike.gordon@musiqhub.co.nz) Enrolments close Friday 27th March.

### AT RELAY FOR LIFE - BOUNCE INFLATABLE THEME PARK CHARITY EVENT

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the TSB Stadium  
SESSION TIMES: 12.30-2pm; 2-3.30pm; 3.30-5pm; 5- 6.30pm; 6.30-8pm.  
PRICES: \$10 for 7 and over; \$5 for 6 and under  
1 DAY ONLY. All proceeds go towards the Cancer Society. Please remember to bring your socks!!

### NETBALL TARANAKI TERM 1 2015 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 9am to 3pm daily at eh Waiwhakaiho Park Netball Courts, New Plymouth. Spaces are limited so get in quick! Registrations close Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. For more information please visit the website below: <http://www.netballtaranaki.org.nz/collections/2015-holiday-programme>

Together we can make a difference

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

### SCHOOL FEES

- Technology \$75
- Diary \$9
- Life Education \$3
- School Donation \$60 (\$90 per family)

**In regards to Technology Fees, we are offering a discount of \$15 if these are paid before 31 March**

Payments can be made at the school office (cash, cheque or EFTPOS). Alternatively payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 15-3949-0276621-80 or by Automatic Payment. **Please ensure that your payment description includes students name and what payment is for.**

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA focus is:  
Use your initiative before you are asked**

- Help relieving teachers
- Help out at the GALA
- Contribute to learning conversations

### DATES TO NOTE

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