

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

MINI GALA –THURSDAY 26 MARCH 4.30-7PM

You will have received notification that our Twilight Gala has been postponed indefinitely due to the forecast bad weather. However, we are going ahead with a smaller version in the hall. There will still be an amazing array of fabulous raffles, our Dress for Less White Elephant stall and a cake stall along with a sausage sizzle and drinks for sale!

Yesterday a plate was sent home with your child. We would really appreciate it being returned on Thursday with some yummy home baked goods on it for our cake stall. Thank you in anticipation!

We would love it if you could round up your friends and family and come along on Thursday night! See you there.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Maria Phillips-Nassif who was the second student ever to receive her Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets. This is an amazing achievement Maria and a testament to your high levels of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

BUILDING PROJECT

We have action! The contractors are on site and demolition of the burnt out library has begun! South Coast Construction are the successful tenderer and will be at school for the next 8 months working through a number of planned works, starting with the reinstatement of the library and administration area.

As well as the refurbishment of two classroom blocks and the outside toilets, building of a brand new Northern Health School, demolition of Rooms 1 & 2 which have been identified as leaky buildings and the old prefabs, there is some earthquake strengthening in the hall and an upgrade of our heating and security system to be completed.

As large parts of our school will be a construction site, we do ask that parents DO NOT COME DOWN THE SCHOOL DRIVE IN CARS TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP STUDENTS PLEASE. There will be heavy machinery operating within the grounds and we want to keep the area at the bottom of the drive as clear as possible.

The Bonithon Avenue carpark will also be CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. This will be used exclusively for access by the contractors.

We are hoping to keep disruption to a minimum but there will be times when classes will have to move out of their own classrooms to allow contractors to work on them. We will keep you informed as we know more.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is building up and there are named items in the bin. Please encourage your child/ren to come and check if they have any missing items, thank you.

MANA REWARD DAY

On Thursday the 2nd April, Devon is holding a Mana Reward Day – A PJ and Movies Day.

Your child will bring home an eligibility notice on Monday the 30th of March, week 9, if they are eligible. On the reward day, eligible children can wear mufti for the whole day, free of charge. Eligible students will be allowed to get into PJs at morning tea. Enjoy the day!

RELIEF TEACHERS

From time to time, staff are involved in workshops and meetings where they are out of their classrooms and relievers are employed. The Board of Trustees recognises the importance of this professional learning to ensure our school continues to be staffed by effective professionals with knowledge of current teaching practice. This term our focus has been on e-learning and all staff have been involved in iPad training with a consultant. There are three more workshops planned for next term. Some staff have also been attending one day courses in areas of their own professional interest.

INGLEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL FUN RUN/WALK FUNDRAISER

Sunday 29th March, 10am starting at IPS, Kelly Street, Inglewood. 3, 6 or 10km.

All enquiries to vicki@inglewoodprimary.school.nz

KRAFTY CLUB

If your child has an artistic flair - "Krafty club" is the answer. We run craft and art classes during the school holidays and the term. Go to our Facebook page on "Crafty club New Plymouth" Or text/email Yifat 0277338643,

Email: kraftyclub@yahoo.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports April School Holiday Programme held at Francis Douglas Gym from Tues 7th April to Fri 17th April.

8.30am to 5.00pm, half days available. \$40.00 full day, \$20.00 half day. Trip days to Bowlarama, Easter Egg Hunts, Tough Guy/Girl Obstacle course, world cup cricket and much much more!

ALSO we welcome back our **Rugby Development Camp** on Wed 15th and Thurs 16th held at Tukapa RFC, Sanders Park. 9am to 3pm. \$40.00 a day or \$70.00 for both days. Learn new skills and improve techniques! Please contact

Bridget on 7582331/027620082 to enrol or email

kelvin@kellysports.co.nz

SUMMER SOUNDS IN THE PARK

Friday 27 & Saturday 28 March 2015, King Edward Park, Hawera. Starts 5.30pm.

Enjoy a relaxing evening listening to local acts before hearing your favourite hits from vintage eras with The Starlets. Bring your own picnic or grab a bite to eat from of the delicious food stalls.

PARADICE ICE SKATING

Paradice Ice Skating presents New Plymouth Ice Rink! Opening Thurs 2nd April (evening) and running until Sun 3rd May 10am-10pm. Located on Egmont Street.

Join us in the heart of the city and experience ice skating in New Plymouth like never before! Fully covered rink for all weather skating with programmes run over the holidays including foam cannon, DJs and much more. Like us on our Facebook page 'New Plymouth Ice Skating' for more information.

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**

Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

DATES TO NOTE

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| Thurs 26 March | White Elephant/Bake Sale, 4.30pm – 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 |