



# 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

Thank you to all parents, caregivers and friends of the school who supported last weeks scaled down 'Mini Gala. Despite the appalling weather, we had a good turnout. Thank you to all families who contributed goods and to parents who helped on the night. A special thank you to our fantastic sponsors. Without your support our gala would not have been possible.

#### TEACHER ONLY DAY

This is advance notice that the Board of Trustees has approved a Teachers Only Day for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We ask that parents and caregivers make alternative arrangements for their child(ren) on that day.

#### ANZAC DAY PARADE

Last year more than 40 students represented Devon at the ANZAC Dawn Parade and it would be great to see a strong contingent again this year. Interested students are to meet in full, tidy school uniform at the New Plymouth Clock Tower at 5.45am on Saturday 25 April. They can be collected from here at the conclusion of the parade. Each student who attends gains a point towards their Service Merit Badge.

#### STAFFING

At the end of the term we farewell Sarah Cotching who has been working for one day a week in the Art Room as well as being a much appreciated relieving teacher. We wish Sarah all the very best in her new position at St John Bosco School.

#### WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 brings cooler and wetter weather and a change to our winter uniform. Our prospectus states: Flat black polishable school shoes, either lace-up, buckled or velcroed, (no colour brand markings, slip-ons or canvas shoes) and Devon uniform socks. We will also accept navy opaque tights and navy knee high socks. Please support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform shoes and socks.

#### UKULELE UPDATE

Classes are going really well, with 16 children who love *Lime in The Coconut* (it's a one chord-song!) I'm also introducing music theory and picking skills. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for getting children to school early. Classes continue in term 2, starting 8am Friday 24th April. New-comers welcome - contact [taranakitonyhansen@gmail.com](mailto:taranakitonyhansen@gmail.com) or phone 022 184 0720

#### MUSIC EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

For anyone requiring music equipment for children to practice at home, Marissa in the school office has a keyboard and guitar for sale. Please phone 021 224 5002 after hours.

#### BOWLS

Every Tuesday in May at Belt Road Bowls Hall Runs from 3.30—4.45pm GOLD COIN ENTRY Parental Supervision required! Contact Yvonne Bailey (06) 758 3842 for more information.

#### SUMMER SPORTS DAY

A great day was had by our students and staff at the Intermediate School's Summer Sports day held yesterday. Weren't we lucky with the weather?? Devon teams travelled to Hawera, Highlands and Manukorihi Intermediates for tennis, cricket, softball, volleyball, pater tennis, non-stop cricket and touch was hosted here at Devon.

Team	Result	Play of the Day
Y 7 Girls Touch	4th	Pare'z Hanscombe-Stokes
Y 8 Girls Touch	4th	Carlida Te Awhe
Y 7 Boys Touch	3rd	Peter Anderson
Y8 Boys Touch	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	
Y 7 Girls Softball	2nd	Eva Schuetze
Y 8 Girls Softball	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Bailey Abrams
Y 7 Boys Softball	1 <sup>st</sup> =	
Y 8 Boys Softball	4th	Mathyus Patangata
Cricket	2nd	Tiaki Waru
Girls Volleyball	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emily Law
Boys Volleyball	2nd	Ben Sherman
Y 7 Non-Stop Cricket		
Y 8 Non-Stop Cricket	4th	
Tennis	2nd	
Patter Tennis	2nd	

Congratulations to Devlin Wells Benton and Joanna Quirante from Devon Team A who were first overall from 24 teams in Patter Tennis, well done!

#### PARADICE ICE SKATING

Paradice Ice Skating presents New Plymouth Ice Rink! Opening Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April (evening) and running until Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### HOLIDAY HOOPS BASKETBALL PROGRAMME

13 – 14 April – TSB Hub, Hawera, 15 – 16 April – TSB Stadium, New Plymouth, 10am – 2.30pm each day. \$40 per camp or \$25 per day. The Mountainair's very own Daryn Shaw, Willie Banks and the team will be coaching at two holiday programmes for players aged from 9-17 years old. Plus be into win a family pass to one of the Mountainair's home games! Register online at [www.basketballtaranaki.co.nz](http://www.basketballtaranaki.co.nz)

School will close at 3.00pm Thursday afternoon. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy time with your families over the holiday break.

*Together we can make a difference*

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

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**This week's MANA focus is:**

**Right Place, Right Time, Right Gear**

- Stay away from all construction areas
- Go to class immediately on the move bell
- Wear the correct Devon uniform with pride

#### DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 2 April  
Monday 20 April  
Monday 27 April  
Friday 1 May

Last day of Term one  
First day of Term two  
Anzac Day Commemoration Holiday  
Teachers Only Day