

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura Takawaenga 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

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

On behalf of the Board of Trustees it is my pleasure to announce to the school community, that Mrs Jenny Gellen has been appointed as our new school Principal. Jenny is currently working as Principal at Matamata Primary School and will join us in Term 4. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Jenny to our school.

The Board also wish to inform you that Mr Conrad Hailes has accepted a position as Deputy Principal at Bell Block Primary School. Conrad will take up this position in Term 4. I am sure you will join the board in wishing Conrad all the success in this new journey. Mr Matt Goodwin who is currently teaching in the class in a 0.4 position, will continue on as the full – time class teacher for Term 4.

Regards

Nicola Murdock
BOT Chairperson

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Board of Trustees has approved a Teachers Only Day for Monday 8 August. The staff will be completing their First Aid certificates. School will be closed for the day. We appreciate your support by making alternative arrangements for your children.

WHANAU HUI

Kia ora te whanau o Devon Intermediate. Nga mihi ki a koutou. We are having a whanau hui on Thursday 18 August at 5.30pm in the staffroom. As always we would dearly love your input. All welcome.

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Spotswood College are holding their Open Evening next Thursday 11 August from 6.30pm. All whanau are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to look at what is on offer for Year 8 students heading off to high school next year.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Zak McDonald and Tyrone Whitehead who have been selected for the U13 years Taranaki Sharks Rugby League Rep Team. Well done boys on your achievement! We enjoy hearing and sharing these good news stories, so please get in touch if your child has something they have achieved outside of school.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to all students who entered the Badminton tournament last Thursday.

The results are:

1st Jayden 2nd Faith 3rd Tiaki

The competition was fierce and a good time had by all. We will do it all again at the end of Term 3.

FOREST LAKES CAMP

Planning for the camps is nearing completion, which means over the next 2 weeks students will bring home further information in regards to gear required, health needs etc.

Just a reminder as to when the **full** payments are due for each of the camps:

Classes	Camp payment due by	Camp dates
9, 10, 11	Friday 19 August	5 – 9 September
4, 13, 15	Friday 26 August	12 – 16 September
5, 6, 7	Friday 2 September	19 – 23 September

CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS COUNTRY

The Championship Cross Country will be held on Friday 26th August, starting at 1:40. Whanau are most welcome to attend. Each House will have entrants in the following categories: Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Girls and Year 8 Boys. From the Championships we will be selecting the Team to represent Devon at the Taranaki Primary Schools' Cross Country in Hawera on Wednesday 21st September (Week 9). The categories for the Taranaki Champs are: 11yr old Girls, 11yr old Boys, 12yr old Girls, 12yr old Boys, 13yr old Girls and 13yr old Boys. If you are able to help on the course during the day please let the office staff know.

MOKOIA SPORTS EXCHANGE

Unfortunately with the changes to the Health & Safety Act, we will not be hosting our fellow students from Mokoia this year. The changes meant that we could no longer billet students, and the Mokoia staff and students would have to stay elsewhere meaning the cost would be too much.

PARENT LINK FUNDRAISING – ANDERSONS PIES

This term the Parent Link Fundraising team have organised for students to sell Andersons Pies. By now all students should have had a separate notice come home with an order form. If you require another order form please ask your child to come to the school office. We have been lucky enough to obtain two incentive prizes for students who sell the most \$ value in pies, so please get your children out there selling. All going well these prizes will be displayed in the school office area later this week. All orders must be in at the school office by Thursday 18 August, 8.45am. We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SPORTS TEAMS

Our Devon Intermediate out of hour's sports teams are coached by parents who volunteer their time to allow your child to play the sport they are passionate about. Often this will involve practices being during or after school or on weekends when parents are available at a time suited to them. We appreciate these parents taking time out of these busy schedules to accommodate the students. We would not be able to field teams without their support.

SPCA CUPCAKE DAY

SPCA Cupcake Day is on Monday 15 August. Students will be making and decorating them over the next couple of weeks and will also be selling them around town on the day. Please support the SPCA if you see them selling in town ☺

THE CAMERON CLOW TRUST

The Cameron Clow Trust helps young Taranaki sports people to reach their sporting ambitions by way of financial assistance. Year 7 – 13 students, residing in Taranaki are welcome to submit an application for funding to the Cameron Clow Trust during August 2016. Applications must be received on or before Monday 30th August. Funding criteria applies. Criteria details and application forms are available from: www.cameronclowtrust.co.nz

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

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

Follow instructions immediately

- Respond positively to instructions
- Ask politely if you don't understand an instruction
- Complete instructions diligently

DATES TO NOTE

Friday 5 August	Ross Brown Rugby @ Hawera
Monday 8 August	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 10 August	Taranaki 7's Rugby & Yarrows
Thursday 11 August	Spotswood College open evening, 6.30pm in the Spotswood College School hall
Thursday 18 August	Anderson Pie orders close
Thursday 18 August	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
Friday 19 August	LEAD conference @ City West Church
Monday 22 August	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Tuesday 23 August	Winter Sports @ Highlands
Wednesday 24 August	MANA Reward Day
Friday 26 August	Championship Cross Country
Tuesday 30 August	Year 7 Vision Screening, 9.30am
Friday 2 September	Standards Cross Country
Monday 5 – 9 September	AIMS Games
Monday 5 – 9 September	Forest Lakes Camp – Rooms 9, 10 & 11
Monday 12 – 16 September	Forest Lakes Camp – Rooms 4, 13 & 15
Tuesday 13 September	Year 8 Immunisations
Monday 19 – 23 September	Forest Lakes Camp – Rooms 5, 6 & 7
Wednesday 21 September	Taranaki Cross Country @ Hawera
Friday 23 September	Last day of Term 3