

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3: 4 August 2017

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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

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome to Term 3 and our production term. We are excited to let you all know that we will be holding our school production "Oz" in September with practices already under way. We will be holding a matinee performance on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September and evening performances on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate our student's hard work.

Of concern is the small number of students who have been bullying others. This behaviour is not acceptable at Devon Intermediate and if we know about it, we act immediately. Recently we have had parents approach us to let us know that their child has been being bullied and I thank you for this. If we are not informed we cannot address the behaviours with the bully. A reminder that bullying is defined as:

*"Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviour that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time"*

Students do need to tell an adult if this is happening so that we can act. Comments such as 'everyone is bullying me' or the school is 'doing nothing' are not correct as the actions we take are with the bully and his or her family and not made public.

To help our students form positive relationships, we have invited a group from the Parenting Place to join us next week. There is a cost to this, but as we believe it is important for all students to attend these presentations, the school is covering the cost.

The Friendship Factor, is delivered by the Attitude group and promotes the message to students that they need to build healthy and positive friendships to be successful in life. The presentation includes skills and strategies for building friendships, handling rejection, conflict and bullying. During the 50 minute session humour, storytelling and visuals will be utilised to engage our students with the content.

We enjoyed hosting Highlands Intermediate this week for our final winter sports exchange. While we had limited wins, I was extremely impressed with our teams' sportsmanship and welcoming behaviour. The students who were involved are a credit to the school and their families.

We are holding our Parent information evening for prospective parents on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The evening starts at 6.30pm with an informal meet and greet followed by presentations at 7pm. Please let friends and families of Year 6 students know this information.

We have been extremely fortunate to be gifted a classroom full of computers by Power Co. A huge thank you to Brigitte Colombo and Michael Tudor from Power Co for making this happen as it will benefit all of our students.

A big thank you also to Evans Bay Intermediate who have gifted us 50 desks as well as chairs and stools. An even bigger thankyou to Darren James who travelled to Wellington and back to pick them up for us in a truck.

Other events we have coming up this month include the Taranaki Maths Fair, Taranaki Science Fair, Tatarakihi Festival, Taranaki Chess Championships and our school cross country.

Our Quiz night fundraiser is being held at the start of September on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. Time to get your teams together and start practising.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

### PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCTION

Our school production is coming up later this term, and we urgently require Parent Helpers to make props, costumes and set. If you have some spare time, please see Mrs Allan in the Food Tech room.

### SPCA CUPCAKE DAY

SPCA Cupcake Day is coming up if you would like to donate any ingredients. Please send along to the Food Technology room where the children are already starting to put these together.

### SEASONAL FRUIT

If anyone has any excess seasonal fruit we would appreciate immensely for Food Technology.

### SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Spotswood College will be holding an Open Evening, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm in their school hall. This is a great opportunity to get along and spend some time at the school your child could possibly be going to next year.

### MATHS AND ENGLISH TUITION

Boost your child's confidence and education with NumberWorks'nWords specialist after-school tuition. We provide individualised instruction in maths and English for students who are struggling to keep up and those bursting to race ahead. Phone now for your free assessment and introductory lesson. Phone Nathaniel on 769 6465 or visit [www.numberworkswords.com](http://www.numberworkswords.com) for more information.

### TARANAKI TOY LIBRARY

MONSTER CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE! - SATURDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017

**WE ARE COLLECTING GOOD QUALITY 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND BOOKS NOW!**

Enhance a child's learning - Please donate your unwanted children's books so they can be enjoyed by others

Drop off to your school reception by 25<sup>th</sup> August, or deliver direct to the Taranaki Toy Library at 524 Devon Street E. Fitzroy (beside Knox Church)

Thank you for supporting your local community Toy Library.



Principal

## Devon Intermediate Quiz Night Fundraiser

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7pm



**Cost: \$10 per person, teams of 6**

All proceeds from team entrants go to Devon Intermediate to assist with purchasing a new school van

So come on round up a team and support our school

For more information or to register your team please email Marissa, [mhoyes@devonint.school.nz](mailto:mhoyes@devonint.school.nz)

### DATES TO NOTE

Monday 7 August	Spotswood College Assembly, BOT Meeting
Tuesday 8 August	Rocket Launch Day Science Fair
Friday 11 August	Chess Championship
Tuesday 15 August	ICAS Maths
Wednesday 16 August	Taranaki 7's Rugby
Tuesday 22 August	Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 23 August	MANA Reward Day
Thursday 24 August	Police PCT
Friday 25 August	Tatarakihi Festival
Friday 1 September	Cross Country Championships BOT Meeting
Monday 4 September	Project Maunga Day
Tuesday 5 September	Cross Country Standards
Friday 8 September	AIMS Games
11 - 15 September	Production Dress Rehearsal
Monday 18 September	Production - Matinee Performance
Tuesday 19 September	Production - Evening Performance
Wednesday 20 September	Production - Evening Performance
Thursday 21 September	Production - Evening Performance
Wednesday 27 September	Taranaki Cross Country
Thursday 28 September	MANA Reward Day
Friday 29 September	Last day of Term Three