

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

POWHIRI – WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whanau,

Devon Intermediate would like to extend a warm invitation to attend our school Powhiri to welcome our new Principal Mrs Jenny Gellen.

This will be held on the first day back at school for Term 4, **10th October at 9:15am** in the school hall. It would be great to have as many of you as possible here on the day in support of this very special time.

Ngā mihi nūnui ki a koutou te whānau o te Kura Takawaenga o Ngamōtu.

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION NZEI/PPTA TEACHER AND SUPPORT STAFF PAID UNION MEETING MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2016

Please note that the school will be closed for instruction from 9.00am to 11.00am on Monday 12 September so that staff can attend an NZEI/PPTA meeting at the TSB Stadium.

CLASSES START 11.30AM

Normal classes will start for students at 11.30am. The school will be open for students to arrive from 11am.

The Board of Trustees apologises for any inconvenience this causes parents and caregivers but consider it important that staff do have the opportunity to attend this meeting.

Please note that those students from Room 4, 13 and 15 heading off to camp on Monday 12 September, will do so as per normal with students from those classes still needing to be at school by 8am.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MANA AWARDS

Congratulations to Bonnie Cook (5) who received her Silver MANA badge at Monday's assembly for gaining 100 MANA tickets. Also congratulations to Skye Collier (5), Bridgette Wilson, and Teal Rogers (6), Reece Manuera (11), Jessica Proctor, Harmony Te Waaka, Mariah Hunter, Justin Goundar, Ollie Tarn and Eli Penno (15) who received their Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets.

HAVE A GO AT SAILING

We are very pleased to offer students to 'Have a Go' at Sailing. We have been allocated one day, Monday 31st October. The day will be held at Ngamotu Beach from 9am – 2.30pm and the instructor will be provided by Yachting NZ. The cost is \$28 for the whole day course, and places will be limited. Students will need not only parent permission but also approval from their class teacher to attend. Further information can be collected from the school office.

'CITY' TOUCH RUGBY

Touch rugby will be starting next term and is held here at Devon Intermediate on a Monday afternoon/evening. If your child is interested in taking part, permission slips can be picked up from the school office. We always have strong representation from our school and look forward to another exciting season.

METHANEX MATHS FAIR

The Methanex Maths Fair was held at the end of August. Devon Intermediate won the following prizes:

Zarnia Best, First Place, 2D Hand Drawn Art Work
Kaydee Rewi-Wetini, Merit, 2D Hand Drawn Art Work
Ramani Veepuri, Merit, 2D Hand Drawn Art Work
Room 13, Second Place, Class Project

Congratulations to all those students who took part.

NZ AIMS GAMES

The following students have headed away to AIMS games this week with Jason Avery to compete in the Rugby 7's division: Tyrone Whitehead, D'onteigh Bunyan, Joel Faga, Koro Teteira-Taylor, Jahkahn Hulena, Tiaki Waru, Ferris Ferris, Hoani Barnes, Peter Anderson, Zak McDonald, Billy J Paora and Kiyaan Manukonga. The boys will no doubt represent our school with pride and mana.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

The new school playground is now completed and students have been making the most of the fine weather when they can. Many thanks to the TSB Community Trust, Southern Trust, Pelorus Trust and NZ Community Trust who helped with funding for the playground. The Parent Link fundraising group, were able to raise the shortfall of approximately \$20,000.00 by hosting various fundraising events. We really do appreciate the time and effort put in by this small group of parents who took the time out of their busy lives to bring this playground to life again.



CASH FOR COMMUNITIES

Over the next few weeks PGG Wrightson's will be talking to farmers about this year's Cash for Communities programme. Any farmer, who purchases Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser on their PGG Wrightson account between 1 September and 30 November 2016, can earn cash for our school! All you need to do is nominate Devon Intermediate at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz and you can start earning donations for us – it's that easy.

LEARN TO SAIL WITH THE NEW PLYMOUTH YACHT CLUB

Our popular Learn to Sail courses are designed to introduce children aged 9 to 14 years and their parents to the sport of sailing. The three day courses run in October and December each year. Boats and buoyancy vests are provided and include member benefits for the season. Contact npvc@xtra.co.nz for more information and registration forms.

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports September Holiday Programme is running for 1 Week only - Monday the 26th September till Friday 30th September. Held at Mangorei School Hall from 8.30 till 5.00pm. Half and full day options available. Please visit our website www.kellysports.co.nz to view our activities and book or phone Bridget 0276200082.

DATES TO NOTE

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
Monday 10 October	First day of Term 4, Powhiri for Jenny Gellen at 9.15am in the school hall

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal