

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

Term 3 comes to an end this Friday. We have found it a particularly challenging term with the high level of staff and student sickness, however we seem to be coming out the other side of it now.

Despite this, students have been involved in a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities. A huge thank you to the staff for their ongoing commitment to providing high quality and exciting opportunities for all students at Devon. A big thank you also to all those parents/caregivers who went along to the school camps, we would not be able to offer such excursions without your help.

Sadly we farewell Julie Wesley, Teacher Aide, who is set to retire after being here at Devon for 7 years. Julie has played a big part in the Teacher Aide team and will be sorely missed. We also farewell Conrad Hailes, Associate Principal, who is moving on to Bell Block School to take up a Deputy Principal position after being with us at Devon for the last 5 years. We wish you both all the best in your future endeavours.

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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who received their Bronze MANA badge at Monday's assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets: Gypsy Walker, Ben Adams, Jenny Moaatamilo (4), Riley Kalin, Eli Butler, Harrison Black, Zachary Jordan (9), Anthony Edwards (10), Mishka Rosa, Latisha Phillips, Chanthaila Somera, Taryn Johnson-Coffey (13), Claudia McKillop and Annie Larsen (15).

Also congratulations to TeAo McGuigan, Deeanna Cormack (10), and Daysharne Ross (13) who received their silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets. And finally a BIG congratulations to Eva Schuetze (13) for receiving her Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets.

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Lachlan Shotter (13) who received his Sports Merit badge and Annie Larsen (15) who received her Academic Merit badge at Monday's assembly. Another two year 7 students well on the way to receiving their overall Attitude for Excellence awards.

POSITIVE PUBERTY LESSONS

Next term classes will be starting a focus on Changes at Puberty. This will include finding out about the changes that happen to our bodies at and around this age, peer pressure, friendships and dealing with the stresses that these changes can cause. Please contact your child's class teacher directly if you **do not** want your child to be involved in these lessons.



Sport & Academic Classes at camp last week

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS

We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the back of the newsletters for a year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge. Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Dennis or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz. This a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

SUMMER UNIFORM

The beginning of Term 4 signals the change to summer uniform for all of our students. Our summer uniform is as follows:

- Navy drill shorts. Additional options for girls – blue and yellow tartan wool polyester skirt or culottes.
- Royal blue polo knit shirt with school logo and lemon pinstripe on collar and sleeve (short sleeved).
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo.
- Black Roman sandals.
- School navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hats – available from the school office.



Students may wear Roman sandals from now on if their winter shoes are broken or lost.

PIONEER VILLAGE – VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Join us at Pioneer Village for an information morning and cuppa on Tuesday 27th September at 10:30am. For more information please email

admin@pioneervillage.co.nz

ROKARE TENNIS CLUB – JUNIOR REGISTRATION

7 Walsh Road, New Plymouth, 3:30pm – 5:30pm on the following dates. September 20, 22, 27, 29 October 4 and 6. Come along and TRY TENNIS. Racquets provided if needed. Any enquiries please phone Kim 027 319 7602 or Steve 021 137 2033

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal

DATES TO NOTE

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
Monday 10 October to Wednesday 19 October	Life Education Programme
Tuesday 11 October	School assembly
Wednesday 19 October	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 October	MANA Reward Day
Monday 7 November	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Tuesday 22 November	Intermediate Athletics @ Hawera
Thursday 1 December	Orientation Day @ Devon, 11am – 2pm
Monday 5 December	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Thursday 8 December	Graduation Ball
Friday 9 December	Thank You Morning Tea
Tuesday 13 December	MANA Big Day Out
Tuesday 14 December	Prize-giving, 10am with students finishing for the year at 12pm