

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4: 26 October 2016

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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

What an amazing two weeks I have had. It has been lovely meeting the students and getting to know the staff and how Devon runs. Following an analysis of what is working well and what we could be doing better, it has been decided that we will not be having the school divided into academies from next year and we will be running straight year 7 and straight year 8 classes. This will allow for extension and support within the year level teams as well as staff utilising their teaching strengths for the benefit of the students learning. I want to assure parents that students will still be offered the same level of opportunities as they have previously had but from next year this will be schoolwide.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

PANUI KAPAHAKA/PASIFIKA

The Taranaki Puanga Festival is just around the corner. Both our Kapahaka and Pasifika groups will be performing and it would be great to see as many of our whanau on the day to support us.

When: Friday 28th October

Where: Waitara Memorial Hall

Time: Kapahaka – 10.30am; Pasifika – 12pm

Permission slips were sent home last week and must be returned by the latest tomorrow.

2017 HEAD STUDENT APPLICATIONS

These students interested in becoming a Head Student for 2017, please collect an application form from the school office. These are due in by Friday 4th November.

SCHOOL FEES

As we are nearing the end of the school year, it is time to ensure that Technology, Life Education, Diary and any outstanding fees are paid in full. If you have an automatic payment set up, please check that the payments will cover the outstanding amount owed by the end of term. Without parent support in meeting the cost of materials for our technology programmes they cannot be sustained. If you are unsure how much is owing on your account, please phone Marissa in the office 758 5266.

STANDARDS ATHLETICS

The Standards Athletics will be held tomorrow, Thursday 27 October starting at 1:00pm and finishing at 2.50pm. All whanau are most welcome to come along and support students, we look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL HATS

As part of the summer school uniform, all students are required to have a school navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hat. These hats are available from the school office for just \$10 each.

WANTED: LEMONS!!!

Mrs Allan is in need of lemons if anyone has any going spare. Please drop them into Food tech before class. Many thanks in advance.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

All orders for the Scholastic Book Club are due in at the school office by this Friday 28 October. This is a great opportunity to purchase very reasonably priced books as Christmas presents.

FUNDRAISER FOR FOOTBALL NETS

Just a reminder to bring your pocket money on Friday 28 October to purchase brownies and drinks! Lunchtime outside the Technology block, to support one of our students for his honours project!



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are always looking for donations of clean, tidy second hand uniforms. We would be grateful for any donation of uniform from Year 8 students who will not need them for next year. This includes shorts, skirts, culottes, jerseys, jackets, PE gear, socks and shoes! All donations can be handed in to the school office between 8am and 3.30pm each day. Thank you in anticipation.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION DAY – THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER

The Orientation Day for Year 6 students coming into Devon Intermediate next year will be held on Thursday 1 December, between 11am and 2pm. All whanau are most welcome to attend.

NPGHS ORIENTATION DAY – FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

New Plymouth Girls High School will be hosting an orientation day for those girls heading there next year. It will be parent's responsibility to collect their daughter from Devon Intermediate and take her to Girl's High to meet in their school hall. In the past some parents have been able to offer transport for small groups of students who have no way of getting there.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE 2016 YEAR 8 GRADUATION BALL – Thursday 8 December – 7pm – 9pm

Devon Intermediate is holding our Graduation Ball in the school hall on Thursday 8 December from 7pm. The event will be a formal evening, with a variety of structured and social dances, finger food and drink being served by waiters and will be concluded by the presentation of Graduation Certificates. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Seasons for Growth is an educational grief and loss peer support program for 6- 18 year olds and families.

Would you like to be a Seasons for Growth volunteer group facilitator?

You need:

- to enjoy and care about children and young people
- to be a team player
- police vetting and 2 day training on 19-20 November 2016 or March 2017
- 2-3 hours a week for each 9 week program you facilitate
- to be committed to child safety

Please contact your local Coordinator: Judy Wood – 027 703 3769 E: newplymouth@seasons.org.nz

Jenny Gellen
PRINCIPAL

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 27 October	Standards Athletics
Friday 28 October	Puanga Festival
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
Wednesday 14 December	Prize-giving, 10am with students finishing for the year at 12pm