

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4: 9 November 2016

Text 021 08299 278 or Ph. 758 5266 for Absences

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

It is with pleasure that I announce that we have appointed Mrs Debra Young as the new Devon Intermediate Deputy Principal. The calibre of candidates for the position was amazing which is very encouraging for Devon Intermediate. Mrs Young will start with us at the beginning of next year. I would just like to ask our school community for some assistance. It is worrying to see some of students running dangerously across Devon Street on their way to and from school, even though we have a safe crossing. Could you please encourage your child to act sensibly and use the crossings provided as I am seriously concerned that we may end up with a seriously injured child if they continue their current behaviour. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Nga mihi
Jenny Gellen

PUANGA FESTIVAL

Kia Ora, what an amazing time we had out at the Puanga Festival in Waitara with our Kapahaka and Pasifika groups. Joel Faga, Angel Dean, Alajo Taha, Emily Price and Jacob Smith competed in the Reo section and we also had student entries and winners in the Puanga poster competition.

1st Perez' Hanscombe- Stokes, Radee Stubbings
2nd Kaylee O'Donnell
3rd Hoani Barnes

A great achievement! We did not place this year as a Kapahaka rōpu but both groups represented our school with MANA and delivered a stunning performance on the day. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported us on the day!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Mishka Rosa (13) who has made the Taranaki 12 and under Girls Indoor Netball Team to play at the Junior Regional Competition held in Palmerston North in December. Fantastic achievement!

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 or second-hand \$5.

UNIFORM

Although the school year is rapidly coming to an end, we still require all students to be wearing full, correct Devon uniform each day. The only uniform passes that will be issued will be for medical reasons, on production of a medical certificate. Other students who are not wearing the correct footwear will be required to remove these at the beginning of the day. These shoes will be returned at the end of the day. We would really appreciate parent/caregiver support with maintaining our uniform standards.

LOST PROPERTY

We are getting an increasing amount of lost property handed in and have noticed that the majority is not named. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named including their sandals. Thank you.

CELLPHONE POLICY

Just a reminder students are required to hand their cell phones into the school office at the beginning of each day if they bring them to school. If a student is seen with a cell phone during school time it will be confiscated and the student will receive a reflection. Parents will be required to retrieve the cell phone from the school office in the instance of a confiscation.



CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS – SPRINTS - Friday 11 November, 1.30pm – 2.45pm

200m, 100m, Interclass Relays Girls and Boys, Inter-house Relays, Class fun flag relay, Staff vs Pupils Relay. All whanau are welcome to come along and support the Devon students in what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon of athletics.



NPGHS & NPBHS SPECIAL ORIENTATION – Thursday 17 November – 11.30am – 12.30pm

This year NPGHS and NPBHS are hosting Special Orientation visits where Year 8 girls and boys and their parents can have a look around the school in a small group setting. If students would like to attend this visit this will be held on Thursday 17th November, 11.30am – 12.30pm. Students and parents must report to the main school office at Girls High or Boys High. The visits will start and finish at the main office. Students must make their own way to NPGHS or NPBHS for this orientation.

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE ORIENTATION – Friday 25 November – 8.45am - 3pm

The Orientation Day for those Devon students heading off to Spotswood College next year will be held on Friday 25 November. All students are required to be in full Devon uniform, and will be travelling by bus at 8.45am to Spotswood College and returning at the end of the day.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION DAY – Thursday 1 December – 11am – 2pm

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.

Jenny Gellen
PRINCIPAL

DATES TO NOTE

Friday 11 November	Championship Athletic Events, 1.30pm – 3pm
Monday 14 November	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Thursday 17 November	NPGHS Special Orientation, 11.30am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 22 November	Intermediate Athletics @ Hawera
Friday 25 November	Spotswood College Orientation, 8.45am – 3pm
Thursday 1 December	Orientation Day @ Devon, 11am – 2pm
Monday 5 December	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Thursday 8 December	Year 8 Graduation Ball, 7pm – 9pm
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