

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 2: 8 June 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

DEVON INTERMEDIATE FACEBOOK PAGE

Just a reminder that the school has its own Facebook page. To become a member of the closed Devon Intermediate group, please request membership through Facebook.

STUDENT ILLNESS

Since the beginning of term we have been hit hard by winter bugs and have had large numbers of students and some staff away. We have noticed that some children continue coming to school even though they are quite unwell. We ask that parents keep sick children at home until they are completely well to prevent the spread of contagious nasties. Thank you for your support.

IS YOUR CHILD AWAY?

It is important to let the school office know if your child will be absent for the day. You can either phone the school or leave a message on the answer phone – **758 5266 or text 021 082 99278**. Below are the guidelines which need to be followed:

- State your child's first and surname clearly
- State his/her room number
- State the reason for his/her absence
- If the absence is likely to be for more than one day, please indicate the length of time for the proposed absence.

Should you receive a message querying the absence please phone/text the office. If we do not receive a response from you, your child will be marked as being truant.

ROAD SAFETY

Devon Street is a busy State Highway. It is especially dangerous in wet weather and during both morning and afternoons when the commuter traffic is heaviest. These times coincide with the times students are making their way to or from school. There are some students not currently using the Devon Intermediate School pedestrian crossing correctly and causing a backlog of traffic by continuing to press the button at the lights. On a wet day, this could have serious consequences for not only our students but also the oncoming vehicles. We would appreciate it if all parents/caregivers could speak to their child about road safety and re-inforce the importance of using pedestrian crossings correctly.

AFTER SCHOOL BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton Club is on every Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm in the Devon Intermediate School hall. Cost is a one off payment of \$5 for the year – a bargain. All Devon Intermediate students welcome.

PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link meeting will be held on Monday evening, 20 June at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. All parents/caregivers are welcome to come along. Why not join us for coffee and cake!

LOST PROPERTY

We seem to be gathering a lot of lost property this term, in particular school jerseys. Any uniform that is named is returned to the child, so please help by making sure all your children's clothing is named. School uniforms are far too expensive to be left in our lost property and it is too cold for children to be without their warm jerseys.

SUPPORT STAFF DAY

Today is Support Staff Day. We celebrate all of the hard work and efforts of our support staff. These are our teacher aides, office staff, librarian and caretakers. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and hard-working support staff. Our school could not function without them. We had a special morning tea for our support staff this morning. This is just a small token of our gratitude. Thank you Support Staff!

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

We are always looking for donations of clean, tidy second-hand uniforms. We would be grateful for any donations. Thank you in anticipation.

J-ROCK

J-Rock, what an amazing experience for us students but we couldn't have done it without the help and support from the parents and staff that assisted us along the way. A special thanks to Annah McDonald who helped with hair, makeup and also organised dinner for our J-Rock performers. On that note, many thanks to Windy Point Takeaways for the fish n chips. Shaq, for the work and effort put into the amazing choreography, and of course a BIG thank you to the Creative Arts teachers for offering such an amazing opportunity, without you driving this, it would never have happened.



AGAPE DANCE FESTIVAL

Saturday 25 June, 8.30am till late, at the 4th Wall Theatre in Baring Terrace, Strandon. Raising funds to fight child trafficking. Get along on the Saturday evening from 6pm for a Gala event, to see up to 40 of Taranaki's finest ballet, jazz and tap dancers strut their stuff in aid of this worthy cause. Tickets can be purchased from Promenade Dance and Sportswear at 33 Currie Street. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Limited seating so be in quick to support this event.

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA
focus is:
Demonstrate Diligence

- Be ready for the start of the day
- Meet deadlines
- Complete homework tasks on time
- Have the right gear for learning

DATES TO NOTE

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| Monday 20 June | BOT Meeting, 5.30pm |
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| Tuesday 28 June | Winter Sports Exchange with Hawera Intermediate at Devon |
| Wednesday 6 July | MANA Reward Day |
| Friday 8 July | Last day of Term Two |