



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngamōtu

Kia ora, Buenos días, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, Konnichiwa, Guten tag, Ni hao, Privyet,
Greetings to parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate

Kia ora Whanau

What an awesome start to Term 1 2018 at Devon Intermediate. It was fantastic to see so many family and friends at the powhiri on Wednesday to support our incoming Year 7 students.

It is my pleasure to introduce our new staff members for 2018. Miss Kynoch is in Room 11, Mr Miller in Room 10, Miss Lynskey is our new Food tech teacher, Mr Carey is the Wood work teacher and Mrs Snyder is our new Librarian.

A few reminders and dates for your information.

Please can we **not** have parents driving down the driveway to deliver students before and after school unless there is a medical reason which means they cannot walk down the drive. We have about 325 students leaving and arriving and most of them use the driveway leading up to Devon Street. If you are picking your child up from the other side of Devon Street, we ask that the students cross at the controlled crossing and not run across the road to your car. There was a very close shave on Wednesday when a student was almost hit by a truck when they ran across the road without looking rather than walking 10 metres down the road to the crossing.

Our Meet the Teacher evening will be held on Thursday 15th February. Parents/whanau are to meet in your child's class by 5.30pm and teachers will then give a half hour over view of the plans for the year and questions can be answered. We encourage whanau to bring a picnic tea (if the weather is suitable) and we will have the pool open for whanau to swim but you must supervise your children. The evening will finish by 7 pm.

A reminder to all whanau that **school will close at 2.30pm on Tuesdays** for the staff to be involved in intensive PD and meetings. Bus children may wait in the library for the buses to arrive. We have adjusted the break times to ensure you child is still having almost the same amount of classroom time. The YMCA do offer Out of School Care and do pick up from Devon Intermediate on a daily basis. Application forms can be collected from the school office.

A reminder also that school will be closed this **Monday 5th February** for a teacher only day.

Term 1 and 4 uniform means the students should be wearing correct school sandals. I am concerned that we have some students wearing incorrect uniform and are wearing their winter uniform, I would really appreciate your help with this to ensure all students are representing Devon Intermediate to the highest standard.

We are very excited to hear one of our students, Ava Rappold is to be involved in the Junior Miss Taranaki competition. The chosen charity of the Taranaki Health Foundation. If anyone of our school community would like to support Ava in this event, please feel free to contact me at school.

Newsletters will be distributed once a month unless we have more news we need to share with you. We encourage all families to join our Facebook group for weekly school updates or alternately our website. We are also aiming to send all families the newsletter electronically rather than a paper copy. Could you please ensure we have your correct email address so we can send the newsletter to you. Paper copies will still be sent home with students if we don't have your email address.

SCHOOL FEES 2018

All Tech	\$85
Diary	\$ 10
Life Education	\$ 5
School Donation	\$60 (\$90 for family)

Payments to be made to the school office (cash cheque or EFTPOS). It would be helpful if you could have correct change when paying at the office. Alternately payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 153949 0276621 80 or by Automatic Payment. Please ensure that your payment description includes **students name and what payment is for.**

SCHOOL DIARIES

All students have been issued with a Devon Intermediate Home and School Diary. The cost is \$10 which is payable to the school office. This diary is an important communication tool between home and school and we encourage parents/caregivers to write notes in it. It is also a key organisational tool in which students will record their homework and other reminders.

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Clear communication between home and school is vital to enable us to do the very best we can for your children. I encourage you to make early contact with your child's teacher and to attend our "Meet the Teacher" evening if possible. If you wish to see the teacher, please ring them at school or call in to make an appointment.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is a valuable communication method. As well as the school newsletter, it also contains other important information about school and class events and activities. Class teachers will be regularly updating their class pages. We consider our website to be an important component of home and school communication and encourage you to visit it regularly.

PARENT LINK

Our Parent Link group has a key role within our school. Over the past few years they have done a fantastic job with fundraising and provide a valuable link between home and school. 2018 promises to be another exciting year for this group. Our first Parent Link meeting for Term One will take place on Wednesday 21 February at 3.30pm in the staff room. We hope to see you there for coffee and cake!

SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Swimming is a compulsory component of the Physical Education curriculum and the focus of our Term 1 programme. It is important that students are prepared for swimming each day by having the appropriate swimwear. They need to bring named togs and towel. Goggles and/or rash shirts are optional. For safety reasons, students will not be permitted to be in the pool in shorts, tee shirts or other clothing. If there is a medical reason your child is unable to swim for the day, the appropriate section needs to be completed in the school diary.

UNIFORM

A reminder that you should ensure all school uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name. We suggest that the sun hats are marked using a Twink pen. 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 new, or second-hand \$5 each. Hair is expected to be neat and tidy – **no way-out styles or colours will be permitted.**

NETBALL

With the netball season quickly approaching, we are looking forward to a great competition at Devon this year. We are lucky to have the services of our Community Liaison officer, Jan Manu, who has offered to support coaches, managers and umpires this year. If you are interested in coaching, managing or umpiring a Devon netball team, please contact the school office.

A CALL OUT TO COACHES AND MANAGERS

We are urgently seeking coaches and managers for the hockey and basketball season. If you are able to support our students at Devon Intermediate by taking one of these roles, please contact the office and leave your details, including the position you are interested in.

Jenny Gellen
Principal

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 5 February	Teacher Only day
Monday 5 February	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Tuesday 6 February	Waitangi Day holiday
Thursday 15 February	Meet the Teacher Evening, 5.30pm
Monday 19 February	School Photos with Photolife
Wednesday 21 February	Parent Link Meeting, 3.30pm
Friday 23 February	Championship Swimming Sports
Saturday 24 February	Pasifika Day @ Tukapa
Wednesday 28 February	MANA Reward Day
Thursday 1 March	Taranaki Surfing
Friday 2 March	Standards Swimming
Thursday 8 March	Taranaki Swimming @ Highlands
Monday 12 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day
Tuesday 15 March	Year 7 Immunisations
Tuesday 27 March	EPRO8 @ Highlands, 5pm
Wednesday 28 March	Weetbix Tryathlon @ Ngamotu
Wednesday 28 March	EPRO8 @ Highlands, 5pm
Friday 30 April	Good Friday
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday
Friday 6 April	Taranaki Duathlon at Manukorihi
Monday 9 April	Summer Sports Exchange
Tuesday 10 April	Kids Lit Quiz
Thursday 12 April	MANA Reward Day
Friday 13 April	Last day of term