

# 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

Welcome to June and the term when temperatures seem to plummet up and down and bugs are prevalent.

If your child is sick, can you please keep them at home as we seem to be having a lot of children being sent home from school with flu like symptoms and tummy bugs which they are sharing with their classmates.

It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting our first winter sports exchange against Manukorihi Intermediate which was held at the end of last month. Wins were divided, with our 7 A netball, badminton, Chess and Soccer teams all coming away with wins. The spirit the games were played in, and the sportsmanship shown by both teams was fantastic. Our next exchange is on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Devon Intermediate against Hawera Intermediate, with the final one against Highlands being held in term 3 on July 31<sup>st</sup> at Highlands.

Currently we have the Andersons Pie fundraiser happening and I would encourage everyone to get behind this fundraiser as we are raising funds to have a garage erected for the new van to be housed in. Orders **MUST** be returned to the school office no later than June 13

We are now taking enrolments for the 2019 school year. Our school is NOT zoned which means we can accept pupils from throughout Taranaki. If you know of friends or family who would like an enrolment pack, or a tour of the school, please encourage them to contact the school office. Our main contributing schools, Marfell, Moturoa, West End, Westtown, Spotswood, Frankley and Woodleigh, will receive enrolment packs automatically.

Camps will be happening for Year 8 students this year. Two will involve 3 days and 2 nights away and sadly the one to TOPEC was so popular we had to do a draw. Currently we have spaces on our Marae stay camp which will include activities such as kayaking and abseiling as well as other physical, cultural and arts options. One of the camps will involve day excursions and has a cost, and one will be day excursions without a cost. A reminder that ALL Year 8 students must be involved in a 'camp' as this is part of the school curriculum and we have made the effort to ensure that cost will not be a barrier to participation. If your child has not yet chosen a camp, they will need to see their classroom teacher to get this organized.

School fees including technology fees are now due. Automatic payments can be set up by contacting the school office and we also have eftpos facilities available.

A reminder that NZEI have called a **Stop Work meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. All Devon Intermediate staff who are NZEI members will be attending this and as a result, normal classes will finish at 2pm. While the school will remain open, we will not have enough staff to supervise all children. If you require your child to remain at school, could you please notify your class teacher so we can arrange for supervision.

Please check what your child is doing on social media. There have been several instances recently where some of the posts students have been making have caused distress to others. Both Facebook and Instagram have a 13-year-old age restriction although I am well aware that a large number of our students have both accounts.

Jenny Gellen - Principal



#### OUTSTANDING SPORTS FEES

All Basketball, Netball and Hockey fees are now overdue. We would ask that if you have not yet paid, that you speak to Marissa in the office about organising an automatic payment or alternatively make payment via the school bank account, cash, cheque or eftpos at the school office as soon as possible.

#### AFTER SCHOOL BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton Club is on every Wednesday afternoon from 3-4pm in the Devon Intermediate School hall. Cost is a one-off payment of \$5 for the year and this is due now for those students who are attending. All Devon Intermediate students welcome.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All Scholastic Book orders are due in at the office by Friday 22 June. This is a great opportunity to purchase books at low cost and support our school to purchase more books for the school library.

#### NYLD CONFERENCE 2018

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 20 very fortunate students packed into 2 vans and started the journey from Devon Intermediate down to Wellington to attend the National Young Leaders Day 2018. The first stop on our journey was in Wanganui where we ate our morning tea and had a much-needed run around and a very intriguing playground. We travelled for another long 3 hours, before stopping at the renowned Adventure Playground in Levin for lunch and another much needed run around (we were very energetic!). The journey for the rest of the way was excited chatter about the trip and a conversation about how the girls were gonna win the competition that we had going (we did). That night at the Wellington Top 10 Holiday Park, the accommodation for the next 2 nights, the boys made us American Hot Dogs for dinner. After some very creative leadership lessons from Ms Hill, we all settled down into our cabins, with lights out at 10:15pm ready for the big day ahead. 6:00am the next morning the breakfast girls got up and prepared a wonderful breakfast for us all to eat, before we set off for NYLD 2018. There were so many inspiring speakers including Kelly Wilson, Lisa Tamati, Jono Naylor, Riley Hathaway and William Wairua. All of them were so inspirational and everyone had a different story to tell us about their achievements.

When the day came to an end we went back to the campsite and had some free time before it was time to travel into Wellington City and go to have formal dinner at the James Cook. Everyone looked very well dressed until trusty Wellington started to pour down with rain as we wandered through the Wellington streets. Luckily Ms Hill knew her shortcuts and took us through a sheltered area up to the restaurant where we enjoyed a lovely dinner.

7am the next morning we cleaned all our cabins up and packed our stuff into the vans. We had a tour through Parliament and Victoria University and before we knew it, it was time to hit the road. After a stop at Wendy's for afternoon tea and a chanting competition (girls won) we got in and drove back to Devon, although we had some traffic problems we arrived close enough to time, but we got there in the end.

A big thanks to Mr Avery and Ms Hill for taking us on this wonderful trip, everyone had an amazing time and the experience was amazing.

Zara Erol Watt – Head Girl

#### PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link meeting will be held on Monday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm in the Staff Room. All parents/caregivers are welcome to come along. Why not join us for coffee and cake!

#### AGAPE DANCE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 8.30am till late, at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre in Baring Terrace, Strandon. Raising funds to fight child trafficking. Get along on the Saturday evening from 6pm to see some 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. \$10 per ticket. Limited seating so be in quick to support this event.

#### DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 19 June	Y7 Ripa Day
Wednesday 20 June	Y8 Ripa Day
Wednesday 27 June	3 x Y8 classes to Spotswood
Tuesday 3 July	Winter Sports Exchange vs Hawera @ Devon
Wednesday 4 July	3 x Y8 classes to Spotswood
Friday 6 July	MANA Reward Day
Friday 6 July	Last day of term two
Monday 23 July	First day of term three

