

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

Well what an amazing term we are having here at Devon Intermediate with so many of our students participating in a wide range of opportunities we offer here at Devon and performing at exceptional levels.

Congratulations to our Chess team who came 2nd in the Taranaki Schools Regional Chess championships. Several of the students went on to represent Devon at the Chess Power tournament last week and they have qualified to head to the National Chess Power Tournament to be held in Auckland in October.

Good luck to all the students heading to the AIMS Games tournaments next week. Devon Intermediate will be represented in Tennis, Gymnastics and both Girls and Boys 7's rugby. My thanks to the parents, staff and supporters who have been busy fundraising and organizing these teams to travel. A reminder that the AIMS games events are live streamed. There are 4 channels and the AIMS games website is: www.nzaimsgames.co.nz and from there you will find the live streaming sites. The draw for the various events will be posted on our Facebook page.

Don't forget our Parent Link fundraiser this Friday 7th September which is a quiz night at Decanta wine bar in town. Have you got your team together and registered? Please call Marissa to register or turn up on the night. Teams of 6 and \$10 per person. Bring extra cash for raffles and auctions.

Devon Intermediate has been fortunate to receive a grant from the TSB Community Trust to help with our ICT purchases and we are enormously grateful for the amazing support this trust gives to the school and to other organisations throughout Taranaki.

We have also been very spoilt by Isport who have donated some amazing sporting equipment for our students to use and this donation came as a total surprise and will be well used by our students.

The Year 8 students head away to their camps this month and the staff have put together a wide range of activities so that all students can be involved in Outdoor Education experiences. The students will be involved in either TOPEC, a Marae stay at Oakura Marae, school-based events or events based around New Plymouth. It will be great to see all our Year 8 students out learning in a different environment.

We had our parent information evening late last month and we are now taking enrolments for the 2019 school year. Places are filling up fast so if you know of people who have a year 6 student planning on coming to Devon, please encourage them to get their enrolment forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Congratulations to all those students who were involved in the ICAS testing. We have had some incredible results and are very proud of the academic achievement our students are showing.

Well done to our Year 8A netball team who won the closing day tournament recently and to Tyler Drought, Kimberlee Vedder and Mahalia Costa-Rangi who were part of the Year 7 Netball Taranaki development team.

Congratulations also to the Devon Intermediate Hockey team who placed 3rd equal in the local Intermediate Schools competition. Mr Avery watched the final and was incredibly impressed by the skills and sportsmanship shown by our team.

Jenny Gellen, Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All Scholastic Book orders are due in at the office by Friday 14 September please or alternatively can be placed and paid for online at <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>. This is a great opportunity to purchase books at low cost and support our school to purchase more books for the school library.

ROAD SAFETY AND SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Still after speaking to students, and numerous times in the school newsletter we are continuing to see and hear about silly and dangerous behaviour on the roads around our school including the school driveway.

We ask that you please reinforce to your children about using the school pedestrian crossing and keeping themselves safe. Again, we ask that students are dropped off and picked up on either Devon St West or St Aubyn Street, and that families are not using the school driveway to drop off and pick up please. We thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Life Education mobile classrooms will be based at Devon for 2 weeks from the beginning of Term 4. All students will be participating in this very worthwhile programme. The cost is \$5.00 per student which is payable to the school office if you haven't already done so. The cost of this high-quality programme is heavily subsidized through fundraising by the Taranaki Life Education Trust.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted in as house captains for the second half of this year:

Adventure – Lochie Burwell and Cailin Ward

Discovery – Blake Lusk and Kyran Fawkner

Endeavour – Corbin Harvey-Karen and Molly Gichard

Resolution – Aryssa Robinson and Teesha Pennington

Tokomaru – William Roberts and Tyler Lay



House of Travel New Plymouth School Fundraising.

Fundraising Without Lifting A Finger!

As part of House of Travel's commitment to our communities future we would like to offer your school this easy fundraising opportunity. When any overseas trip is booked with the House of Travel New Plymouth office, your local school can be nominated to earn \$\$\$'s.

Fundraising scheme will be reviewed on 31st December 2019 Applies to leisure travel only * Conditions apply*

ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with ICAS results to date:

Digital Technology

Balint Molnar, Freya Coates and Esther Denholm - CREDIT

Science

Ryan Marshall – MERIT

Balint Molnar and Esther Denholm -CREDIT

DATES TO NOTE

Friday 7 September	Champs Cross Country
Friday 7 September	Parent Link Quiz Night, 7pm – 9.30pm at Decanta
9 – 14 September	AIMS Rugby – Boys & Girls teams
17 – 19 September	TOPEC, Marae & School- based Year 8 camps
Wed 19 September	Taranaki Music Festival
Thursday 20 Sept	Taranaki Rugby Finals
Thursday 27 Sept	Taranaki Cross Country
Friday 28 September	MANA Reward Day
Friday 28 September	Last day of term three