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DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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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 Whanau

Welcome to November and the last Term of our 2018 school year. This is an incredibly busy term with plenty of exciting events happening at Devon Intermediate. We are currently immersed in athletics and we have our Standards Athletics events this Friday starting at 1 pm and finishing at 2.50pm with all students being involved. From this event, Houses will choose their teams for the Championship events. The Championship field events will be held on Wednesday 7th November between 1-3 pm and the Championship Sprint finals will be held on Friday 9th November from 1.15-3pm. We would love to see you come and support the students, so feel free to head to the fields on these days.

Please be advised that we have been notified by NZEI that there will be a one-day strike for members on Tuesday November 13th. As the majority of the staff at Devon Intermediate are NZEI members, school **WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR INSTRUCTION** on this day.

We have been completing our end of year testing and I am extremely pleased with the results we are seeing. The Board of Trustees approved an early finish on Tuesday afternoons to assist staff in completing in depth Professional Development and the improvements we have seen because of the work, is reflected in the results. Our focus has been on writing and 78% of our Year 7 students and 53% of our Year 8 students made accelerated progress in writing. Accelerated progress is more than years expected progress academically. The Board has approved the 2.30pm finish time on a Tuesday, to continue throughout 2019.

A reminder that we are currently accepting enrolments for the 2019 school year. We will be allocating classes and notifying parents of their child's 2019 class teacher prior to the end of this year, so it is vital we have enrolments completed this year. Our current Year 7 students will be notified of their class teacher for 2019 in their end of year school report.

We have our Orientation day for year 6 students coming to Devon Intermediate next year, on 29th November from 11-2pm. We are also extremely excited as we have Nano girl coming to our assembly on the same day. We will also be hosting students from West End and St Joseph's for the Nano girl assembly.

Congratulations to our awesome students who have been involved in the ICAS tests, Attitude for Excellence and MANA programmes, Puanga Festival, the chess Competition in Auckland, the inter school Road Relay teams, Touch rugby teams and various other, in school and out of school activities.

Thursday 6th of December we will be having our Year 8 Graduation ball and it is great to see our Year 8 organising committee working so hard behind the scenes to ensure this is again, a great evening. More information will be given to the year 8 students later this month.

Our Prize giving will be held on Friday 14th December starting at 10am so save the date. This is also the last day of term and school will close at the end of prize giving which is usually about 12pm.

My thanks to the Parent link group for their latest fundraising activity selling Andersons Pies and the last one for the year will be the selling of Yarrows frozen cookies just ready for you all for Christmas so watch out for the order form which will be sent home with your child this week.

A huge thank you to the TSB Community Trust this year for their support with funding for the school.

Finally, a reminder that all sports uniforms should now have been returned to school and unfortunately, we still have some sports fees outstanding which need to be paid immediately. The sports fees we collect go straight to the different sporting organisations so unpaid fees means that the school carries the debt which we can ill afford to do.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen, Principal



The Aims of our Transition Day are to:

- ⇒ Meet with staff and students at Spotswood College.
- ⇒ Experience a little of life as a secondary school student.
- ⇒ Find out about how 2019 will begin and how you will be supported.
- ⇒ Tour the school and learn about courses for 2019.

Key Arrangements:

- ⇒ Bring your drink bottle, morning tea and lunch.
- ⇒ Be ready to make new friends.
- ⇒ Be ready to ask questions about starting at your new school.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to William Roberts who recently won the Taranaki Intermediate Schools Tennis Tournament only dropping one game along the way and is today representing Devon at the Central Zone Intermediate Schools Tennis Tournament in Palmerston North.

Congratulations also to Amanda Gouldsbury who recently placed 4th in the Year 7/8, 2018 Sticky Johnson Primary schools Surfing Champs in Gisborne.

Congratulations to all those students who took part in the Taranaki Road Relay earlier this week. We had some great results despite the weather being so dreary.

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All Scholastic Book orders are due in at the office by Friday 9 November 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.

NETBALL UNIFORM BONDS

From Monday 5 November the Netball uniform bonds will be available to be collected from the school office. Parents, if you do not wish your child to collect the \$10 refund, please come into the school office to collect and sign for it.

DATES TO NOTE

Thurs 1 November	Staff vs Students Netball game at lunchtime
Friday 2 November	Standards Athletics
Wed 7 November	Championship Field events
Wed 7 November	NPGHS Testing @ Devon
Friday 9 November	Championship Sprint events
Tues 13 November	NZEI strike day
Wed 14 November	NPBHS Sports Testing
Friday 16 November	MANA Day
Tues 20 November	Tiki Toa
Wed 21 November	School Assembly – White Ribbon Riders
Tues 27 November	Taranaki Athletics
Wed 28 November	NPBHS & NPGHS tours for Devon students
Thurs 29 November	Nano Girl Performance
Thurs 29 November	Devon Orientation Day
Thurs 30 November	Tough Kid Challenge
Tuesday 4 December	Evening of the Arts
Thursday 6 December	Graduation Ball
Friday 7 December	NPGHS Orientation Day
Friday 7 December	Spotswood Transition Day
Wed 12 December	Year 8 Pool Trip
Thurs 13 December	MANA Big Day
Friday 14 December	10am Prizegiving
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