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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

Well what an amazing year it has been, and I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown Devon Intermediate during 2018. Academically, students have made some amazing progress with 78% of our year 7's and 54% of our Year 8's making accelerated progress in writing which has been our professional development focus for this year. Accelerated progress is more than a year's academic progress within one calendar year. Accelerated progress has also been made in mathematics and reading by a large majority of our students which is just wonderful to see.

Reports are due out shortly and current year 7 students will have the name of their 2019 teacher and class included on their report. We will be having meetings prior to the start of the 2019 school year where you and your child can meet the teacher and set goals for the start of the year. I would encourage all parents and students to attend these meeting and there is a link on the information sheet included in the report which will allow you to go on line and book the appointment time, alternately, appointments can be made by ringing Marissa in the school office on 06 758 5266.

Congratulations to all those students have recently been involved in the Touch rugby competition, Interschool athletics and Tough Kids challenge. All students have represented Devon to the highest level and made us proud. My thanks also to all those students and teachers who were involved in the recent Orientation Day for our incoming Year 7's in 2019. Current figures indicate we may well have over 200 new students next year and we will be welcoming new staff to accommodate these numbers.

As we wind down to the end of the 2018 school year, there are some events and information we don't want you to miss. Prize giving is to be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 am and we ask that all guests be seated in the hall by 9.45 please. All whanau are welcome. Parents will be advised by the school if their child is receiving a prize or certificate. School will conclude for the year at the end of prize giving which will be approximately 12 pm.

We are in **urgent need** of second hand uniforms and if your child is leaving Devon, we would appreciate all donations of uniform. These can be dropped in to the office to Marissa.

The 2019 school year starts on Thursday 31st January with a powhiri to welcome our new students. Can all Year 8's be at school on the courts by 8.30am with the powhiri scheduled to start at 9am to welcome our new students to Devon Intermediate.

We will be fare-welling Miss Claire Wiseman who is moving on to teach at West Mount School in Hawera. We thank her for all the work she has done in the various roles she has held at Devon over the past few years.

At the start of 2019, we will be welcoming Mr Derek Dingle, Mr Lionel Haldane and Miss Caitlin Amos to the Devon staff.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Trustees for their continued support and hard work for the school being ably led by Ms Nicola Murdock. My thanks also to the amazing staff here at Devon, my senior leadership team of Mr Jason Avery and Mrs Debra Young, the classroom teachers and especially Marissa and Cathie who lead the school from the front office. A huge thank you also to all the support staff, teacher aides, caretakers, cleaners but most importantly, I would like to thank all parents and whanau for allowing us to be part of your child's educational journey.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

## PARENT LINK

On behalf of the Parent Link group, Marissa and Mrs Young would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising ventures this year for the school. We have raised over \$5000 and were able to this week write the cheque to go towards the new school garage. We had some amazing sales people who sold hundreds of dollars in pies and cookies, the ice block sales at lunchtime in the warm weather have been a real hit, and the first aid kit fundraiser earlier in the year was extremely successful. Early on in term one 2019, we will host our first parent link meeting and hope to see you there, so we can put a plan in place for the new year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

## SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office closes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm for the year and reopens next year on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10am. We will be open for late enrolments, payments and purchase of second hand uniforms till 2pm each day for the rest of the week, and the following week (28 January) the office hours will resume as normal, open from 8am till 4pm each day.

## CAMPUS & CORPORATE CLOTHING

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