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Newsletter

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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DEVON INTERMEDIATE FACEBOOK GROUP

Devon Intermediate has a school Facebook group. To become a member of the closed group, please request membership through Facebook. This is often an outlet for our school notices and community notices.



Welcome to March and the second newsletter for the year. March is a hectic month for us all and I need to alert you to some of the events we have coming up.

We have a Hui for all whanau from 5-7pm on Thursday 7th March. Information will be given regarding both the MANA and Attitude for Excellence programmes and it will also give you an opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers to see how they have settled in to life at Devon Intermediate. The evening will start at 5 pm in the hall for a welcome followed by groups splitting off to find out about MANA and Attitude for Excellence, or for you simply to catch up with the teachers. You are more than welcome to bring your own picnic and enjoy our school pool (if the weather is suitable), and the evening will conclude at 7pm. You may wish to join us for the whole, or just part of the evening.

Friday 8th March will be a **Teacher Only Day** so there will be **NO NORMAL CLASSES** as all teachers will be involved in Professional Development for the day.

Monday 11th is Taranaki Anniversary Day and we look forward to welcoming all students back to class on Tuesday 12th.

The NZEI teachers union will be holding a stop work meeting on Thursday March 21st. There are two meetings on that day but Devon Intermediate staff will be attending the afternoon meeting, therefore we will need to shut the school at the start of lunch, 12.45pm, on that day and release the students. We have a small number of staff available to supervise children if needed, but could you please inform your child's teacher if your child is staying at school so we can ensure adequate supervision.

It was fantastic to see our parents at our Championship swimming competition on Monday. The students looked amazing in their house colours and we wish our team the best of luck as they compete in the inter-intermediate swimming champs in a couple of weeks at Highlands Intermediate.

A reminder to parents that the school grounds are not open till 8am on school days. It is concerning that we have students being dropped at school at 7.30am or earlier as there is no supervision available for them.

Students need to be aware that notices are being sent out for various winter sports teams and we would encourage whanau members to contact us if they are able to assist with the winter sports codes, especially netball, hockey and basketball.

DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 6 March	Taranaki Surfing
Wednesday 6 March	MANA Reward Day
Thursday 7 March	Parent Hui, 5pm
Friday 8 March	Teacher Only Day
Monday 11 March	Taranaki Anniversary Day
Thursday 14 March	Taranaki Swimming Champs
Tuesday 19 March	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
Thursday 21 March	Paid Union Meeting for staff
Tuesday 26 March	Weetbix Tryathlon @ Ngamotu
Wednesday 27 March	Mufti Day
Friday 5 April	Taranaki Duathlon at Manukorihī
Tuesday 9 April	Summer Sports Exchange
Thursday 11 April	MANA Reward Day
Friday 12 April	Last day of term



PARENT LINK MEETING

Many thanks to those parents who came along to our last meeting. We had a very positive and productive meeting with some wonderful discussion. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 18th March and everyone is welcome to come along. This year we are raising funds to provide sun shades for outdoor education learning area. Keep an eye out for some new and exciting things we have coming up.



SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all students who competed in Monday's Championship Swimming Sports. It was a wonderful spectator event and great to see a number of parents supporting their children. A very strong school and team spirit was evident with most students dressing up in their House colours and participating in the chant competitions.



Event	Year 7 girls	Year 7 boys	Year 8 girls	Year 8 boys
25m Freestyle	Chelsea Gartner	Teina Pauro	Amanda Gouldsbury	Francois Niemann
25m Backstroke	Chelsea Gartner	Jacob Gottfert-Gilmour	Amanda Gouldsbury	Francois Niemann
25m Breaststroke	Chelsea Gartner	Jacob Gottfert-Gilmour	Amanda Gouldsbury	Francois Niemann
50m Freestyle	Chelsea Gartner	Teina Pauro	Amanda Gouldsbury	Ollie Rowe
House Relay	Endeavour			

ABSENCES

There is a well-recognised link between attendance at school and student achievement. Every day that students are not at school, is a lost opportunity to learn. Ministry of Education guidelines describe a justified absence as being illness, attending a tangi or funeral or representation at a provincial or national level in a sporting or cultural event. All other absences are considered to be unjustified, even if the absence is explained.

If you child is late to school they must report to the office for a late slip. Please ensure that they have a written note giving a reason for their lateness or please phone or text the school office. Phone 758 5266 or 021 082 99278.

NETBALL

Netball trials are coming up this month so it is imperative for those who are wanting to trial to have the correct footwear per Health and Safety regulations. Trials for Year 8's will be held on Thursday 14th March with the Year 7's a fortnight later on the 28th. Please come prepared to play!



ROAD SAFETY

Frequently, we are receiving phone calls from concerned local residents and members of the public regarding the silly and dangerous behaviour of students when crossing the roads around the school, be it on a bike, scooter or on foot. We ask that you please reinforce to your children about using the school pedestrian crossing on Devon St West and if on St Aubyn Street, the crossing down their to keep 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.



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IMMUNISATION FORMS

Immunisation forms for both Year 7's and Year 8's were sent home this week. We ask that these are please filled in and returned to school no later than Wednesday 6 March. These are to be returned to the class teacher. Many thanks.



ICE BLOCK SALE!!

We are having a specials week, 2 for \$1.00, Monday 4th & Thursday 7th March!!

Send the kids along with their loose change. 12.55pm from the canteen! The weather is still very warm and the kids need hydrating!



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