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Newsletter

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Kia ora Whanau

We are quickly heading towards the end of term 2 and we have a few events we would like to inform you of before we finish for the term at 3pm on Friday 5th July.

A reminder that Term 3 starts at 8.40am on July 22nd and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school on the Monday.

The year 8 Taster Day at Spotswood College will now be held on Wednesday 3rd July following its postponement this week. We will also have our MANA day on Friday 5th July for those students who are eligible.

Our final winter sports exchange for this term will be held next Tuesday 2 July against Hawera Intermediate and it will be held here at Devon. It would be great to see parents and supporters at the school cheering on our teams.

Last week's Lock Down highlighted some areas I would like parents to take note of. Our student management system sent an alert to parents that we were in lock down and it became overloaded which is why some parents did not receive the alert. We are working to mitigate this issue. It did, however, highlight the need for the school to have correct contact details. If you have changed your phone numbers or addresses, could you please notify the school office. When we are in lock down I would ask that parents do not come to the school to see your child. While I totally understand how scary these sorts of events are for parents, our priority is the safety of your child, and it makes it difficult for the school to have to try and stop parents wandering around the school during the lock down and we are then needing to ensure the safety of the parents as well. I am quite happy for you to contact the school or to come to the office once the lock down is lifted if you feel the need to check on your child. I would also like to ask parents to reiterate to their child the need for them to keep safe. Walk in pairs or groups to and from school, if they feel uneasy about a member of the public then go to a safe place quickly and to notify an adult.

Next term is also going to be busy with our last winter sports exchange with Highlands being held at Devon on August 6th. We have High School information meetings and enrolments for the Year 8's and we will be holding our information evening for prospective parents of Devon on Thursday August 29th. The AIMS games team will be away in September and we will also be showcasing our school to ERO from September 16th. The last two weeks of term 3 will be camp weeks, and a reminder that if your child is going to camp, the deposit is required now.

We will be farewelling Mr Lancaster at the end of the term as he is relocating to Auckland and we will be welcoming Mrs Ngaia to Devon Intermediate at the start of Term 3.

We are now taking enrolments for 2019 and enrolment packs can be collected from the office. A reminder that Devon Intermediate is not zoned so we can accept enrolments from throughout Taranaki.

Here's wishing you all a safe and warm term break and look forward to seeing you all back next term.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen, Principal

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 1 July

Spotswood College Assembly

Tuesday 2 July

Winter Sports Exchange vs
Hawera at Devon

Wednesday 3 July

Year 8's to Spotswood College
Taster Day

Friday 5 July

MANA Reward Day
Last day of term two

Monday 22 July

First day of term three

Wednesday 24 July

Youthline Mufti Day

Thursday 25 July

Spotswood College Open Evening

Friday 26 July

NPBHS & NPGHS Assemblies

Monday 29 July

Spotswood Language Assembly

Tuesday 30 July

NPBHS Open Evening

Wednesday 31 July

NPGHS Open Evening

Tuesday 6 August

Winter Sports Exchange vs
Highlands at Devon

Wednesday 7 August

Endeavour Mufti Day

Monday 12 August

Vision Testing

Monday 19 August

High School Interviews

Friday 23 August

MANA Reward Day

Saturday 24 August

Mac n Cheese Throw-down
Fundraiser

Tuesday 27 &

Wednesday 28 August

Spotswood College interviews

Thursday 29 August

Parent Information Evening

Friday 30 August

Standards Cross Country

Wednesday 4 September

Mufti Day

Friday 6 September

Championship Cross Country

HAWERA SPORTS EXCHANGE TIMETABLE

10:45am	Soccer – Girls 1 st XI Basketball –Girls Girls Rugby 7s Netball – Year 7A Badminton – in hall Hockey—Spotswood College turf
11:45am	Soccer 1 st XI Basketball - Boys Netball – Year 8A Chess – In Library Indoor Bowls – In Hall Rugby – 1 st XV
1.15pm	All Hawera and Devon teams to meet in the hall for the presentation of speeches and trophies

YOUTHLINE MUFTI DAY

A former student of Devon Intermediate, Jade Parsons, has been named as a finalist in the Miss Five Crowns New Zealand pageant which she will be competing in on the 19th October in Auckland. Jade will be hosting a mufti day here at Devon Intermediate on Wednesday 24 July, to raise funds for Youthline New Zealand, the charity Miss Five Crowns New Zealand has chosen to support. Youthline provides support to youth of New Zealand in many different forms and could simply not operate without financial support. We ask all students to please bring \$2 to take part in this mufti day and Jade will also have pumpkin soup she will be selling from the canteen over lunchtime for just \$1 per cup so bring your loose change. We wish Jade all the very best in her journey with Miss Five Crowns and look forward to hearing all about it.

NEW PLYMOUTH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

This is an opportunity to experience the heart of New Plymouth Boys' High School first-hand with your family. Prefects will show boys and their family around the grounds, showcasing the facilities that the school has to offer. Teaching staff will be available to discuss the academic programmes and the Headmaster, Mr Sam Moore will address all our guests and outline the wonderful opportunities, values, and traditions that our school offers the young men of Taranaki and beyond.

The 2019 Open Evening will be on Tuesday 30 July from 3.30pm. School tours will start at 3.30pm, with the Headmasters and Deans presentation in Ryder Hall at 4.30pm. Further school tours will take place from 5.00pm and the Headmaster will make a repeat presentation at 5.30pm for those who can not attend at 4.30pm.

If you are unable to attend and would like a tour of the school and more information please contact the office:

office@npbhs.school.nz

NEW PLYMOUTH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

More information will follow, but for now we can advise that the open afternoon/evening for New Plymouth Girls High School will be held on Wednesday 31 July



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FACEBOOK GROUP

Did you know Devon Intermediate School has a Facebook group?

This group is primarily to provide information to current parents/caregivers of the school, not Devon students.

If you wish to join the group just search up Devon Intermediate School and request to join the group and we will happily add you in.



DEVON INTERMEDIATE PARENT LINK NEWSLETTER

PIES, ANDERSONS PIES!!

Wow, what an awesome response to this winter fundraiser. We raised just short of \$2000.00 and these funds will go into the bank to eventually go towards a new sun-shaded area in front of the library. Congratulations to Violet Butler who sold an amazing \$506.50 worth of pies! What an outstanding effort! We will look at doing this fundraiser again either later in the year or next year.

BARBECUE FUNDRAISER

The Parent Link group are running a fundraising barbecue for the sports exchange on Tuesday here at Devon. We would love a couple of parent helpers to come in and lend a hand for a couple of hours. If anyone can come into slice up the onions and sort out the bread, we would appreciate that immensely. Just let Marissa in the office know on Monday! Phone: 758 5266

MAC N CHEESE THROW-DOWN—SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

Three local celebrity judges and the general public will taste then vote on who ultimately gets the title of the region's "Best Mac 'n' Cheese" at Devon Intermediate School's Mac 'n' Cheese Throw-down, going down on **Saturday, 24 August 4.00pm - 6.00pm**

We need to raise at least \$10,000 for some sun-shade to keep our kids safe this summer. So - this 'throw-down' is how we are planning to do it! If we all help a little bit with our time and connections – we can get there.

If you can help with any part of the planning, doing things on the night or helping us pack up – we'd LOVE to hear from you. It is a fun, easy, safe, non-threatening way to get gently involved, and meet some other parents.

Other ways you may be able to help...

- DONATE PRODUCT OR SERVICE - Any spot prizes, or larger prizes to promote your business
- PUBLIC RELATIONS - Approach or email the radio, newspaper, what's on events sites, other schools and businesses in the area to promote the flier/event (we will write a press release and different sized promo blurbs to be used)
- LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR – be the link between the restaurateurs and the school – keeping in touch and co-ordinating- ensuring everyone knows all they need to know all the time. Gather their logos etc to be used in our promotion.
- GENERAL HELPERS – help on the night, Set up, Pack down on the night, Package any leftovers to sell on the night, parking controller, ticket collector, raffle seller.... endless options for you!
- PHOTOGRAPHER - Take photos of the prep and poster/trophy production etc. to use for publicity, and be available to discretely take photos within the criteria allowed by Devon Intermediate
- INTERIOR DESIGNER - Hall set up on the night
- PRINTER AND SIGN WRITER – we need things printed – like our promotional signage, our tickets and scorecards etc. A great chance for you to promote your business too of course!

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