



Devon Intermediate

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Newsletter

September 2019



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia ora Whanau

Spring already and we are quickly heading towards the end of term which is Friday September 27th. Before that, however, we have a huge amount happening at Devon Intermediate.

Good luck to our Boys 7's Rugby Team who are heading away to the AIMS games competition next week in Tauranga and also to Lily Lay and Emma Roberts who will be competing in the Tennis Tournament. A reminder that the AIMS games events are live streamed. There are 4 channels and the AIMS games website is: www.nzaimsgames.co.nz. The last two weeks of term are Camp weeks and we also have the Education Review Office visiting us from Monday 16th September until Thursday 19th.

Thank you to all those who organised and supported the inaugural Mac N Cheese fundraiser which the school recently held. All monies raised will go towards the purchase of a large sunshade for outside of the library so students can enjoy the area safe from the sun.

A reminder that we are currently accepting enrolments for the 2020 school year. Enrolment packs are available from the school office and are required as soon as possible so we can ensure class placements are completed prior to the end of the school year.

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.

Digital Tech

Outstanding – Risha Nath, Balu Molnar

Commendable – Daniel Marshall, Antony Winch

Good Effort – Joel Penno, Amy Watson

Science

Outstanding – Amy Watson, Balu Molnar

Commendable- Kaydence Carpenter, Daniel Marshall, Risha Nath, Zara Crispe

Good Effort – Ryan Marshall

Spelling

Outstanding- Aleigha Bigham-Smith, Moath Khalil

Commendable, Kaydence Carpenter, Monty Larsen, Shayla Welson

Writing

Outstanding – Eden Perkins, Shayla Welson

Commendable – Aleigha Bigham- Smith, Kaydence Carpenter, Faizon Kahui, Taj Lallu

Good Effort – Rome Askew-Davis

Congratulations also to our incredible Maths Quiz Teams. Our Year 7 team comprising of Sage Jones, Tony Andrews, Joel Penno and Aiden Chen, won the competition.

Devon Intermediate would like to Opt In to the Donations Scheme as set out by the Labour Government in their last budget. As part of the process we are asking if there are any parents who **DO NOT** want us to opt in. The Board will make a final decision at their next Board meeting in November dependent on your response. If you DO NOT think the school should Opt in, please feel free to inform me by e mail; principal@devonint.school.nz. Please be aware that the Board of Trustees have approved a Teacher Only Day on Friday 25th October.

Jenny Gellen,

Principal

DATES TO NOTE

Friday 6 September

Championship Cross Country

Wednesday 11 September

Spotswood Assembly

9—13 September

AIMS Games

16—20 September

Endeavour Camp

23—27 September

Adventure Camp

25 September

Taranaki Cross Country Champs

26 September

MANA Reward Day

27 September

Last Day of Term Three

14 October

First Day of Term Four

21 & 22 October

Life Education Programme

23 October

Parent Link Mufti Day

24 October

Speech Finals

25 October

Teacher Only Day

28 October

Labour Day—no school

30 October

NPGHS testing at Devon

1 November

Standards Athletics

8 November

Athletics—field events

15 November

Athletics—sprint events

22 November

MANA Reward day

25 November

Spotswood Transition Day

26 November

Taranaki Athletics

28 November

Orientation Day

29 November

NPGHS Orientation Day

NETBALL PRIZEGIVING

On Tuesday 3 September, the Year 7 & Year 8 girls netball teams had their prizegiving for the year. Many thanks to all the netball coaches and managers who have helped over the year, we simply could not have these teams participate without you volunteering your time. A big thank you to Whaea Jan for all the time she puts in to getting everything organised for the netball season also.

YEAR 8 WHITE

AWARD	NAME
Most Dedicated player	Sarah Mangu
Most Improved player	Thyme Hoskin-Saywell
Most Valuable Player	Kimberlee Vedder

YEAR 8 BLUE

AWARD	NAME
Most Dedicated player	Heidi Ras
Most Improved player	Pippa Houghton
Most Valuable Player	Nevaeh Asi

YEAR 7 WHITE

AWARD	NAME
Most Dedicated player	Lily Lea'ana
Most Improved player	Lucia Veronese
Most Valuable Player	Lili Lay

YEAR 7 BLUE

AWARD	NAME
Most Dedicated player	Skye Simphalivanh
Most Improved player	Darcy Flay
Most Valuable Player	Isabella Hurring

Outstanding Year 8 player: Kimberlee Vedder
Outstanding Year 7 player: Lily Lay

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All Scholastic Book orders are due in at the office by Friday 13 September please or alternatively orders 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.

LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Life Education mobile classrooms will be based at Devon for 2 days in weeks 2 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.

PARENT LINK UPDATE—Mac n Cheese Throwdown

What a night! After an incredible amount of hard work, the evening was an amazing success. The feedback from the restaurants that participated and guests on the night was very positive. We were pleased to raise just over \$2000.

The Overall Winner's trophy went to Local's Café. The judges were impressed and, it appears that they got it right as Local's also took out the People's Choice award!

As well as being grateful to the sponsors, restaurants and helpers who made this a great evening, there is a core group that need special acknowledgement. Elaine Shen-Rollins came up with this fresh fundraising idea, and then she and Carla Moore worked tirelessly canvassing for potential sponsors, restaurants and publicity opportunities. Laura Niemann and Marissa Hoyes put a lot of time and energy into preparing for the big night. Largely thanks to Laura, the hall looked fantastic! Many hours went into setting it up and decorating it. Marissa Hoyes, the Devon office administrator, took on all of the admin responsibilities for the event. She too worked long hours as she managed her normal duties along with the extra work we asked of her. Many thanks ladies, it could not have happened without you.

These people have worked, and are working, for your children. Their aim, this year, is to fundraise enough money to buy four sun sails that will be placed in front of the library. This will extend the library space in summer to allow for an outdoor learning space; it will also provide shade at lunch times for events such as concerts.

Debra Young



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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.



CAMPUS CLOTHING SALE

NEXT week – School uniform SALE

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