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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

November 2019



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia ora Whanau

Term 4 seems to be flying by and this term we have athletics events, MANA reward days which will be fantastic and of course, students will be leaving us to go to High School and others will be joining us at the start of next year.

We intend letting our current Year 7 students know who their 2020 teacher will be by the end of the year. Some of the names will be new to you, as due to roll growth, we are employing several new teachers. We are still in the process of making appointments so in a few cases, it may simply read 'new teacher'.

We were very pleased to host the Education Review Office (ERO), last term and were delighted with the encouraging comments they made. The latest ERO report can be found on our school website, alternately on the ERO website should you wish to read it.

A big congratulations to Amanda Gouldsbury who has had an extremely successful year with her surfing competitions and to Ella Staples and Tia Christiansen who were in this year's U12 Girls Taranaki Rep team for football.

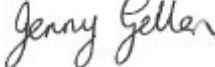
Well done to Harlem Rangitonga, Noah Blundell and Leo Lea'ana who have just been selected for the Taranaki Under 14 boys touch team and also Harlem and Noah have been selected to play in the under 14 boys City Touch team. There were over 40 boys who trialled for the Taranaki squad so a huge achievement to be selected in the top 14.

Another big congratulations to Nick Reweti from Room 15. Nick has been selected to attend the Basketball NZ training camp in April next year and has also been selected for the NZ Hoopnation team to travel to Melbourne in January.

A reminder that our Prize giving will be held on Friday December 13th starting at 10am and we look forward to friends and whanau joining us for this event. School will finish for the year straight after Prize giving finishes which is usually about 12pm. We have our Orientation day for Year 6 students coming to Devon Intermediate next year on Thursday 28th November from 11am-2pm. Campus clothing will be on site to help with sorting any uniform requirements for 2020.

Thursday 5th of December we will be having our 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, however we can tell you that this year it is an 80's theme.

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.

Jenny Gellen,  Principal

DATES TO NOTE

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

Devon Orientation Day
NPGHS Small group tour

29 November

Tough Kids Challenge

4 December

Mufti Day

5 December

Graduation Ball

6 December

Thank You Morning Tea

9 December

Endeavour Pools Trip

12 December

MANA Big Day

13 December

Prizegiving

Last day of school for 2019



Our school stationery lists are
already online at myschool.co.nz

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SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE LINKAGE DAY

Spotswood College are holding a Linkage day on 25th November 2019 for those students who have enrolled with them for 2020. This event will begin at 9.30 am and will finish at approximately 2.30 pm.

They ask that your son or daughter come directly to Spotswood College from home.

During this Linkage day, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to meet a number of Spotswood College staff, and to learn more about how the school operates. A key aim of the day is to help smooth the transition from our school to Spotswood College as much as possible so that students are not faced with too many surprises at the start of next year.

What to wear: Mufti

What to bring: A blue / black pen, togs, active wear and some morning tea and lunch

If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact the Spotswood College School Office on 751 2416.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book brochures have gone home today with students and these orders will need to be in no later than Wednesday 27 November 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.

UNIFORM BONDS

From Monday 11 November the uniform bonds for hockey, basketball and netball 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 otherwise students can sign and collect after school each day.

PARENT LINK NEWS

Bike Raffle

Thanks to Mr D-W and some of our students, we have a refurbished mountain bike up for raffle. It has all the bells and whistles including a stand and helmet and would be fantastic for someone to ride to and from school next year. Tickets are just \$1 each and are available from the school office up until 4pm each day. Send the kids along with some money or parents are more than welcome to come on in!

Party Pack Raffle

Parent Link have a Party Pack Raffle also up for grabs! All the yummy things for those New Year celebrations or a get-together with the family at Christmas. Tickets are just \$2 each and are also available from the school office.

Barbecue

We have MANA Reward Day coming up on Friday 22nd November, so what better time than to have a lunchtime barbecue. Sausages will be just \$2 each and Cookies \$1 each. Preorders for the cookies can be made at the school office up until Thursday 21st November. The barbecue and distribution of the cookies will be held in front of the library. We would love a couple of parent helpers if possible please.

Yarrows Cookies & Croissants

Many thanks to all those people who ordered Yarrows cookies and croissants. We have raised approximately \$750.00 from this fundraiser and are inching our way closer to those sunshades. We would love to have them up before school returns next year, so if anyone would like to make a koha or donation we would appreciate immensely. This can be made via the Parent Link bank account 15-3949-0465107-00 or alternately at the school office.

Ice Blocks

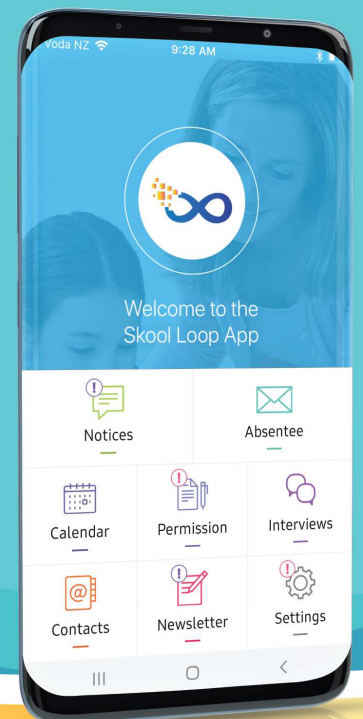
We will continue to sell these every Thursday at lunchtime especially with the weather warming up. Just \$1 each.



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