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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

December 2019



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

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 2019. Academically, students have made some amazing progress with 51% of our year 7's and 56% of our Year 8's making accelerated progress in reading 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 writing 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 2020 teacher and class included on their report. We will be having pathway and planning meetings prior to the start of the 2020 school year on January 29th and 30th 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 information 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 75 85266.

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 2020. Current figures indicate we may well have over 200 new students next year taking the school roll to over 400 and we will be welcoming new staff to accommodate these numbers.

We will be holding a powhiri on Tuesday 10th at 1.45pm to welcome our new Kaiarahi Tamatane, Mr Hohepa Paraone and new teachers, Mr Maika Rova, Miss Rachel Vickery, Miss Jenna Mercer, Mrs Sandra Tuigaleava, Ms Kim Carr and Miss Kijiana Pene who will all be joining us in 2020.

As we wind down to the end of the 2020 school year, there are some events and information we don't want you to miss. Prize giving is to be held on Friday 13th starting at 10am and we ask that all guests be seated in the hall by 9.45am 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 12pm.

Our final MANA day will be held on Thursday 12th December and of course our Year 8 Graduation Ball is on Thursday 5th December.

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.

DATES TO NOTE

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

2020

23/24 January
Office open
10am-2pm
27 January
Office Open
8.30am-4pm
29-31 January
late enrolments and
enquiries accepted
28/31 January
Teacher Only Days
29-30 January
Pathways & Planning
Meetings with
Teachers, Parents
and Students
3 February
First day of term
6 February
no school, Waitangi
Day



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already online at myschool.co.nz

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The 2020 school year starts on Monday 3rd February 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.

At the end of the year we are farewelling Miss Lauren Dennehy who has been with us since term 2. Lauren is heading overseas and I would like to thank her for all the work she has done at Devon. We will also be farewelling Miss Sylvia Howieson who is moving on to the Deputy Principals role at Coastal Taranaki School. We thank her for all the work she has done while at Devon Intermediate. Mr John Tullett who has been relieving in Room 6 will also be leaving us but I am hopeful we will see him back in the school next year.

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 thankyou 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 2020.
Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen, Principal



UNIFORM BONDS

We still have uniform bonds for hockey, basketball and netball that need to be collected before the end of the year. 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

Party Pack Raffle

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Bryn Smith and family who won the Party Pack raffle. Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets. We will definitely look at doing this again next year.

Bike Raffle

This is being drawn tomorrow. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook group for the winner!

On behalf of Mrs Young and myself, Marissa, we would like to thank everyone for their support of our fundraising efforts this year. Also a big thank you to those ladies who have attended our meetings and helped out with planning of events, we appreciate you immensely. We have raised approximately \$9500 towards our sunshades which is a stellar effort from our community.

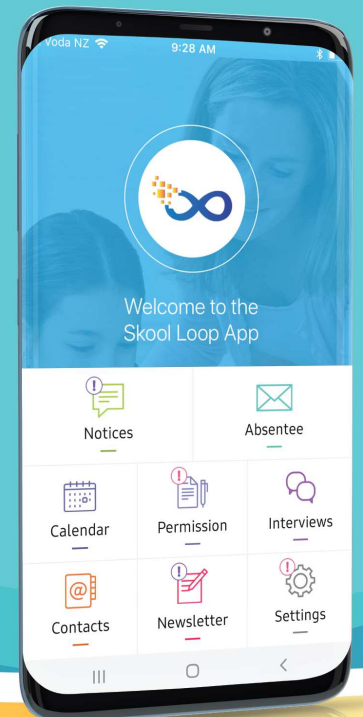
Here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all next year and welcoming new families into our group.



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