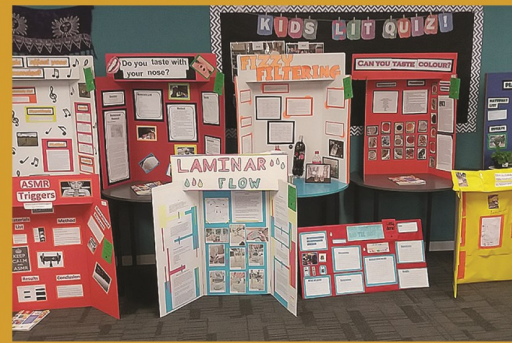




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Newsletter

04 December 2020

Kia ora Whanau

The final newsletter for 2020 after a year of many changes and triumphs.

The Lion King Production has to be a highlight of the year and it was wonderful to see so many of our Whanau join with us to watch our amazing students put on a fantastic show. Our thanks to St Joseph's Primary for the loan of stage props and costumes, to TSH for the Lighting and Sound Equipment and to all the parents who helped with costumes, props and make up.

We have been extremely fortunate this year to receive funding to help with the purchase of computers and the amazing Shade Sails which are now erected outside of the library. Our thanks to TSB Community Trust, NZCT, Pelorous Trust and Southern Trust for their incredible support this year.

Our end of Year Prize giving will start at 11am on Tuesday 15th December. I suggest that guests be seated by 10.45am in order for Prize giving to start on time. **The event should finish shortly after 12pm.**

Reports are due out shortly and current year 7 students will have the name of their 2021 teacher and class included with their report. We will be having Pathway and Planning meetings prior to the start of the 2021 school year on Wednesday January 27th and Thursday January 28th 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 Marise in the school office on 06 758 5266. We are excited to announce that one of our Year 7 classes and one of our Year 8 classes will be moving to be involved in the Manaiakalani project next year which is a digital education format. Students in the two classes will require to have Chromebooks for their learning.

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 Marise before the office closes on December 17th.

The 2021 school year starts on Monday 1st February with a powhiri to welcome our new students, could 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 and staff to Devon Intermediate.

We are currently surveying all parents with regards to three aspects of school: MANA, Localised curriculum and the Vision statement. We would greatly value your input into the future direction of the school and I would encourage you and your whanau and members of the community to complete the survey prior to the end of the school year. The survey can be accessed by <https://forms.gle/FiTzKUL4FSqyDAaeA>

A reminder that we have the Year 8 Graduation Ball happening on Thursday 10th and the MANA Big Day in happening on Friday 11th December for those students who are eligible.

Finally, my thanks to all those parents and whanau members who have supported the school during what can only be described as an interesting year! A huge thank you also to all the staff who make Devon Intermediate such an awesome place. I hope you have a restful and relaxing holiday season and look forward to seeing many of you again next year.

Nga mihi,



Jenny Gellen, Principal



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 10 December
Graduation Ball

Friday 11 December
Big Mana Day

Tuesday 15 December
Prize Giving

End of Term

Monday 25 January
Office is open 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 27 January
Office resumes normal
hours 8am - 4pm

Planning Pathways

Thursday 28 January

Planning Pathways

Monday 1 February

Start of Term 1

Monday 8 February

Waitangi Day (observed)
School Closed



Meri Kirihimete me te
Hape Nū Ia

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year

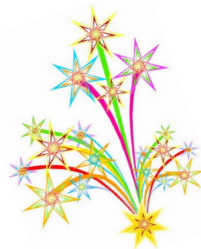
Graduation Ball 2020

Next week, Thursday night December 10th, our school hall will host our annual Year 8 Graduation Ball. Parents and whanau are encouraged to attend for the first hour or so for the graduation ceremony. Following this, the students will enjoy an evening of dancing and music, with parents returning at the conclusion of the evening, 9pm, to collect the new graduates.

Overview of the Evening

6:30pm – Doors open
6:45pm – Graduation Ceremony begins
7:45pm – Dancing begins
9:00pm – Graduation Ball concludes, students are collected from the school hall

If you have any queries, please contact me at dbrookes@devonint.school.nz
Mrs Dian Brookes



Parent Link

On behalf of the Parent Link group, Marissa and Mrs Young would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising ventures this year for the school. We are so happy to finally have the sunshades installed in front of the library that we have raised funds for over the last two years. They look absolutely fantastic! We had some amazing salespeople who sold hundreds of dollars in pies and the ice block sales at lunchtime in the warm weather were a real hit. Early on in term one 2021, we will host our first parent link meeting and hope to see you there, so we can put a plan in place for the new year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

Mana Awards

A big Mihi to Moturoa Pharmacy, Georges Moturoa and Tura Sports for the donations given towards the Mana awards.

Campus Clothing store hours for new uniform

We are increasing our open hours for January 2021 to help make it easier for parents to have access and get organised, and hopefully ease our busy times too. We will review its success for the future. Normal hours will resume when school starts. We have been informed by Campus Clothing that there is a delay with the new stock of skirts and culottes coming into New Zealand which is totally out of their hands. The expected arrival is 27 January 2021 at the latest.

Close – 12pm, Thursday 24th December 2020
Re-Open – 8am, Tuesday 5th January 2021

January 2021 Hours
Monday - Wednesday 8am-5pm
Thursday 8am-6pm (late night)
Friday 8am-4pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm

School Office Hours 2021

The school office will be open from the 25th January 2021 from 10am – 2pm, from Wednesday 27th we will resume normal hours from 8am - 4pm.

The Secondhand Uniform shop will be open during these times.

Back to school stationery – order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster! Your child's class list is available now on the OfficeMax MySchool website – myschool.co.nz.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January when the 'team of 5 million' get home from holiday - order now and avoid the back to school rush.

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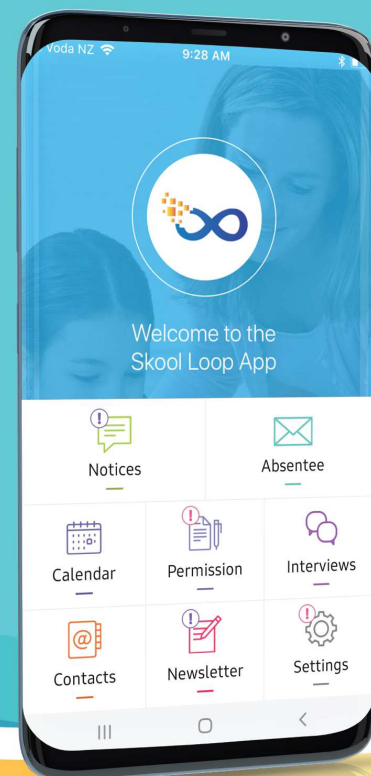
Your child's back to school class list is ready to shop now at myschool.co.nz or call us on **0800 724 440** Mon to Fri, 8.30am - 5pm.



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