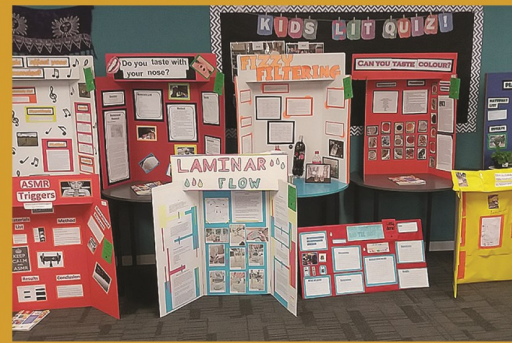




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Newsletter

03 February 2021

Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to 2021 and a welcome back to our Year 8 whanau and a huge welcome to our Year 7 and new student's whanau.

I hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas and New Year break and I look forward to catching up with you all over the course of the year.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and whanau at our Powhiri held to welcome our new students. Our school roll is approximately 430 and we have decided, in order to keep them safe as they enter and leave the school, we will be locking the Devon Street school gate between 8.15 and 8.45 and 3.00-3.15. In the past we have repeatedly ask parents not to come down the drive to drop off and pick up their child for safety reasons. If there is a medical reason which requires your child to be dropped at the school office, please call the school and speak to Mrs. Gellen.

My thanks to all those parents who attended the Pathways and Planning meetings which were held prior to the start of school. I hope meetings were valuable to both you and your child and ensured that were excited about joining us at Devon Intermediate. If you have not met with your child's teacher to set their goals, could you please contact the teacher to set up an appointment.

Our swimming pool is currently being repaired and painted and the changing rooms upgraded to the pool is out of commission for the first two weeks of school. Hopefully we will be back in it from Monday 15th February. There will be a working bee this Saturday, 6th February to paint the partitions inside the changing rooms if any parents can help. We are starting at 8 am and hope to be finished by 12. We will have some rollers and brushes but feel free to bring your own if you have one.

We will need, at some stage, some parent and whanau to help us paint the outside of the changing rooms but I will send out a notice about this closer to the time.

I have included the staff list with this newsletter but we are welcoming back Mrs. Sacha Buckley who will be leading Endeavour House and Miss Alana Glentworth who will be providing literacy support and extension math's programmes. We welcome Mrs. Antoinette Willis to the Art room, Miss Michelle Lee to the Digital Tech room and Mr. Mcguinniety, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Lampe and Miss McDonald to our classrooms.

As many of you will be aware, Devon Intermediate is part of the Ministry of Education Healthy lunches programme starting from this year. As from next Tuesday, 9th February, all students will receive a lunch free of charge. It is vital that you contact Marise in the school office before the end of the week, if your child has a food allergy or intolerance so they can be catered for. Parents may still want to provide their child with lunches, the decision is entirely up to you.

Many of our updates and notices are posted on the Devon Intermediate Facebook page. This is a closed group and Marissa is the administrator. Please feel free to request that you join the group so you can keep up to date with school news. In addition, we use the Skool loop app which can be downloaded and then you add Devon Intermediate.

A list of upcoming events is included in this newsletter and we look forward to seeing you at many of the events.

A reminder also that school concludes at 2.30 every Tuesday for staff to be involved in Professional Development courses. We have scheduled a Teacher Only Day on Friday 5th March which is the Friday prior to Taranaki Anniversary Weekend. Other Teacher Only Days during the year are planned for Friday June 4th and Friday October 1st.

Nga mihi,

Jenny Gellen, Principal



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DATES TO NOTE

Monday 8 February
Waitangi Day (observed)
School Closed

Tuesday 9 February
School Lunches Start

Friday 19 February
Standards Swimming

Friday 26 February
Championship Swimming

Monday 1 March
EOTC Week

Tuesday 2 March
Taranaki Surfing

Friday 5 March
Teacher Only Day

Monday 8 March
Taranaki Anniversary
School Closed

Wednesday 17 March
Immunisations

Thursday 18 March
Taranaki Swimming

Friday 2 April
Easter Friday
School Closed

Monday 5 April
Easter Monday
School Closed

Tuesday 6 April
Easter Tuesday
School Closed

Friday 9 April
Taranaki Duathlon

Tuesday 13 April
Summer Sports Exchange

SCHOOL FEES 2021

Devon Intermediate Board of Trustees removed the cost of the school donation in line with the 2019 Budget Announcement, whereby the school is subsidised \$150 per student for school expenses.

The annual cost to cover, Food, Wood, Art, Digital Technology and Performing Arts take home consumables have been reduced to just \$20.00 per student this year.

Additional costs for the year are:

School Diary	\$12.00
Life Education	\$5.00

Payments to be made to the school office (cash, cheque or EFTPOS). Alternately, payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 153949 0276621 80 or by Automatic Payment. Please ensure that your payment description includes **students name and what payment is for.**

NETBALL

With the netball season quickly approaching, we are looking forward to another great competition at Devon this year. We are lucky to have the services of our Community Liaison officer, Jan Manu, who has offered to support coaches, managers and umpires again this year. If you are interested in coaching, managing or umpiring a Devon netball team, please contact Whaea Jan through the school office. Ph 758 5266

UNIFORM

Remember that you should ensure all school uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name. We suggest that the sun hats are marked using a Twink pen. As part of the summer school uniform, all students are required to have a school navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hat. These hats are available from the school office for just \$10 each new, or second-hand \$5 each. Hair is expected to be neat and tidy – **no way-out styles or colours will be permitted.**

SCHOOL STAFFING STRUCTURE 2021

OFFICE

Principal	Jenny Gellen
Associate Principal	Jason Avery
Deputy Principal	Debra Young
Executive Officer	Marissa Hoyes
Office Administrator	Marise Barrett
Community Liaison Officer	Jan Manu
Kaiarahi Tamatane	Hohepa Paraone
Librarian	Raewyn Hope

DISCOVERY TEAM

Room 4 Paige McDonald
Room 5 Matt Goodwin (TL)
Room 6 Rach Vickery
Room 7 Floyd Pahi

ENDEAVOUR TEAM

Room 9 Sacha Buckley (TL)
Room 10 Sam Tuigaleava
Room 11 Maika Rova
Room 12 Jenna Mercer

ADVENTURE TEAM

Room 13 Nick Rowe
Room 14 Kai Mcguinniety
Room 15 Lionel Haldane
Room 16 Mary Mattock (TL)

RESOLUTION TEAM

Room 18 Dan Lampe
Room 19 Maggie Kynoch
Room 20 Cass Jordan
Room 21 Dian Brookes (TL)

TECH SPECIALISTS

Food Tech	Jen Lockett
Performing Arts	Kijiana Pene
Wood & Plastics	Joe Carey/ Gavin Dodunski-Wiid
Digital Tech	Michelle Lee
Visual Arts	Antoinette Willis

ROOM 22

SENCO	Shelley Orme-Turner
RTLB	Angie Pearson
Teacher Aide	Louise Manton
Teacher Aide	Angela Sands
Teacher Aide	Irene Morton
Teacher Aide	Carman Amai
Teacher Aide	Robert Carpenter
Teacher Aide	Chris Bryan
Teacher Aide	Deb Smith
Teacher Aide	Sandra-Jane Moller
Teacher Aide	David West

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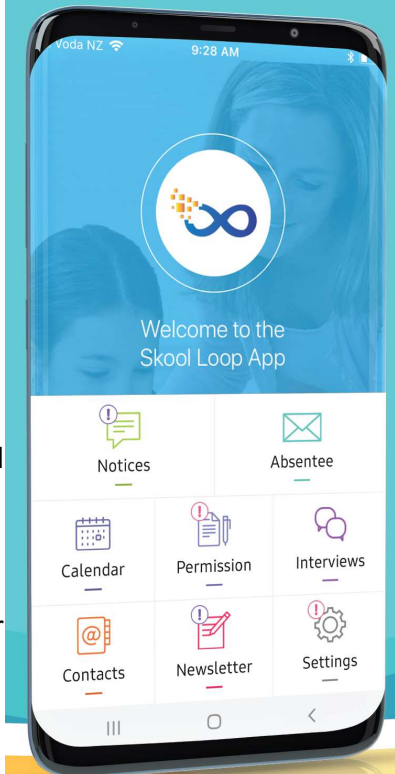
Caretaker	Richard Parsons
Assistant Caretaker	Paul Young
Cleaner	Val Trigger



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