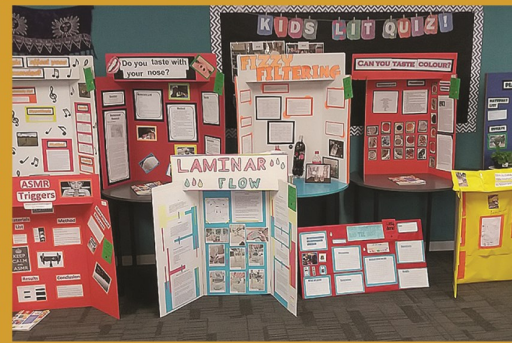




# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School

## Newsletter

16 February 2021

Kia ora whanau

Our year has started well and a big thank you to all of our whanau who have ensured our students have arrived at school in correct uniform and with their required stationery.

I hope you all received our COVID update yesterday and just a reminder we ask that you do not go to your child's classroom during this time. Please come to the office and we will call for your child if they are needed.

Our lunches in schools programme has now started and a big shout out to the parents who have supported this programme by coming to help sort the lunches each day. If you would like to help or become part of a roster of helpers, we would love to hear from you. Please call Marise in the school office.

We are holding a school wide EOTC (Education outside the Classroom) week from March 1<sup>st</sup> until March 4<sup>th</sup>. All students will be involved and there will be no cost. Students will collect their lunches before they leave school, they will, however, need a drink bottle and some morning tea from home. Students can wear suitable mufti clothing and the events are covered by the blanket EOTC form which was signed on your child's enrolment at Devon. Attached are the details of the week including a return slip for parent helpers.

A reminder that we will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> during which time all staff will be upskilling themselves in the teaching of Maths. There will be NO classes for any students on this day.

Immunisation forms have been sent out and can we please have these returned as soon as possible as immunisations will be administered in March.

Netball trials are currently being held and it extremely important that your child remembers to bring sports shoes on trial days otherwise they will not be allowed to trial for the school teams. Trials are being held on Thursday afternoons during school time.

Due to the unavailability of the school pool this year, time trials will be held when your child's "House" is at the Aquatic Centre during EOTC week and the school team for the Inter-Intermediate team will be selected on a time basis.

A final reminder that Taranaki Anniversary Day is March 8<sup>th</sup> and school will be closed on this day.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

### DATES TO NOTE

**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

**Monday 15 March**  
School Photos

**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

## ABSENTEES

If your child is away from school please let us know.

You can let us know via the Skool Loop App

Phoning our absentee line - 06 758 5266

Or texting 021 0829 9278 - This number is for absentees and texting only. If you have message that you need to get to your child please phone the office.

## Badminton

### Badminton Season is Starting up!

For all those returning players and anyone keen to give badminton a go, Taranaki Badminton is having an open morning on **Sunday 7 March**, at the Star Gym (Westown), from 10am till 2pm. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see some families come along and give the game a go. It's a great sport for all ages. No cost.

For anyone under 19 years old, and are interested in having some coaching and/or interested in playing in tournaments for Taranaki, we are having a Junior evening (muster) on **Wednesday 24 February** from 6 – 8pm at the Star Gym (Westown). Please register your interest by completing the registration form on the Taranaki Badminton Website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/taranakibadminton/Register-1/Representative-Player-Registration>.

Can returning players also please register using the same link.

Alternatively email [info@taranakibadminton.org.nz](mailto:info@taranakibadminton.org.nz) with your details.

And lastly, all junior players (including beginners) are welcome to the club nights that are on at the following times:

- Monday nights 6 to 7:30pm (Central club) – at Star gym Westown
- Tuesday nights 6 to 7:30pm (Spotswood United Club) – at Star gym Westown
- Thursday nights 6 to 7:30pm (Inglewood Club) – at the Inglewood High School gym
- Waitara club nights details still to be confirmed.

## SCHOOL DIARIES

All students have been issued with a Devon Intermediate Home and School Diary. The cost is \$12 which is payable to the school office. This diary is an important communication tool between home and school and we encourage parents/caregivers to write notes in it. It is also a key organisational tool in which students will record their homework and other reminders.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs in the Food Technology Room every day from 8.15am to 8.40am.

All welcome. Any donations of tinned or fresh fruit would be greatly appreciated.

## SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Just a gentle reminder, that students are to be dropped off and collected from Devon Street West or St Aubyn Street please. The school driveway is for use by staff only and is a very busy area with students making their way in and out of school. We had a couple of near misses last year and the last thing we want is for an accident to occur. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

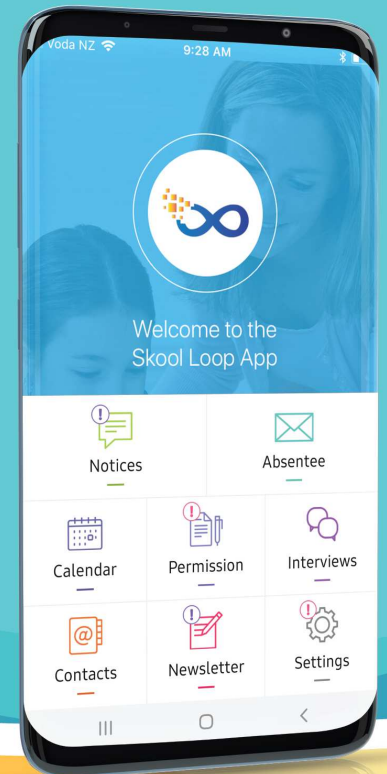
Our school website is a valuable communication method. As well as the school newsletter, it also contains other important information about school and class events and activities. Class teachers will be regularly updating their class pages. We consider our website to be an important component of home and school communication and encourage you to visit it regularly.



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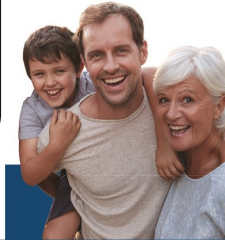
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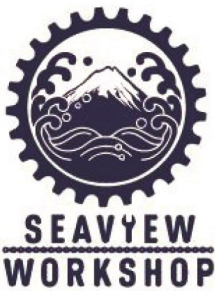
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