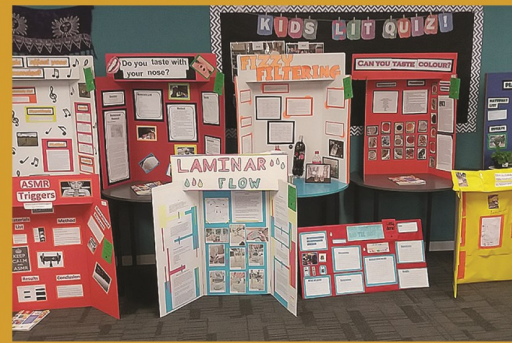




# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School

## Newsletter

3 March 2021



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia ora whanau

Another move to Level 2 which forced us to change the organisation for our EOTC week. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter and we have rescheduled this for Week 9, March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. My thanks to those parents who had offered to assist with supervision on the days we were going to be out and it would be fantastic if any parent who can help with the rescheduled trips contact your child's class teacher. One change we have to the events is that Ngamotu Beach is no longer available to us due to the International Triathlon festival so we will be using East End Beach with the students walking to the beach and being bussed back to school at the end of the day.

A reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day this Friday so teachers can upskill themselves in the teaching of Mathematics and there will be no classes. Monday of course, is Taranaki Anniversary weekend so we hope you have a lovely relaxing weekend.

Our school photos will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and forms were sent home last week giving you information on how to purchase photos.

I am looking for volunteers to help run our before school Breakfast Club on a roster basis. If anyone has available time from 8-9 am weekdays, can they please contact me directly at school.

A gentle reminder that if your child is feeling unwell that you keep them at home. We have had several occasions over the recent weeks where we have had to ring parents before 9 am to come and collect their child as they are sick.

We are currently in the process of selecting various sports teams to represent the school. Of concern is the side line behaviour of a few adults which is having an adverse effect on the student's enjoyment and participation. A reminder also that our coaches and selectors are often volunteers and that neither they, nor other parents, should have adults making negative or nasty comments. I have included some 'Tips for Mums and Dads' from Sport NZ to ensure our sports teams have an amazingly positive experience.

### Tips for mums and dads

- **Be a good role model.** Children watch and learn from you, so make sure you set a good example.
- **Avoid a 'win at all costs' attitude.** Although you may think winning is important, the focus for junior sport should be on fun.
- **Be aware that your abusive behaviour may be against the law.** Ask yourself, 'Would my mother be upset or offended by what I am saying or doing?' If the answer is yes then it's best to sit down and be quiet.
- **Try not to be critical of coaches, referees or umpires.** Many are volunteers who give their time to make sport possible for all our children, and some are just learning. If you have some constructive advice for them, leave it until after the game or have a chat with the head coach or referee.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

### DATES TO NOTE

**Friday 5 March**  
Teacher Only Day

**Monday 8 March**  
Taranaki Anniversary  
School Closed

**Friday 12 March**  
Taranaki Intermediate  
Surfing

**Monday 15 March**  
School Photos

**Wednesday 17 March**  
Immunisations

**Thursday 18 March**  
Taranaki Swimming

**Monday 29 March—  
Thursday April 1**  
EOTC Week

**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.

## OTAGO MATHS PROBLEM CHALLENGE 2021

Do you like to be challenged when solving Math problems?  
 The Otago Maths Problem Solving Challenge is on again for 2021.  
 Students will solve a selection of 5 problems, some straightforward, some intriguingly complex, but all fun to try to solve within 30 minutes.  
 This competition is open to all students with a cost of \$2 per student and the challenge will be run during school time.  
 Further information will be on the school notices each morning notifying when information meetings will be held for interested students to find out more about this exciting opportunity.  
 At these meetings permission slips will be sent home to be signed and students must register and pay before Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

## IMMUNISATION FORMS

If you have not already done so, please return these as soon as possible.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have an increasing amount of lost property handed and have noticed the majority of it is not named. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named including their sandals.

## PASIFIKA GROUP

The Pasifika Group has been given the opportunity to perform at the Taranaki Pasifika Day. Our Performing group will be there to perform. Bring your family and friends.

**When: Saturday 13th March**

**Where: Saunders Park - Tukapa Rugby Field**

**Time: 9.30am**

Our Pasifika Community started their fitness programme at school yesterday. This will run for the next 11 weeks at Devon Intermediate from 6pm to 7pm every Tuesday.  
 Everyone is Welcome.

## PARENT LINK

Our Parent Link group has a key role within our school. Over the past few years they have done a fantastic job with fundraising and provide a valuable link between home and school. 2021 promises to be another exciting year for this group. Our first Parent Link meeting for Term One will take place on Thursday 11th March at 3.30pm in the staffroom.  
 All Welcome. We hope to see you there to brainstorm fun new fundraising ideas and what would you like to see from future meetings.



## HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

If you have recently moved houses or changed phone numbers. Could you please phone the office and update these details. Alternately, fill in the form below and send it back to school with your child

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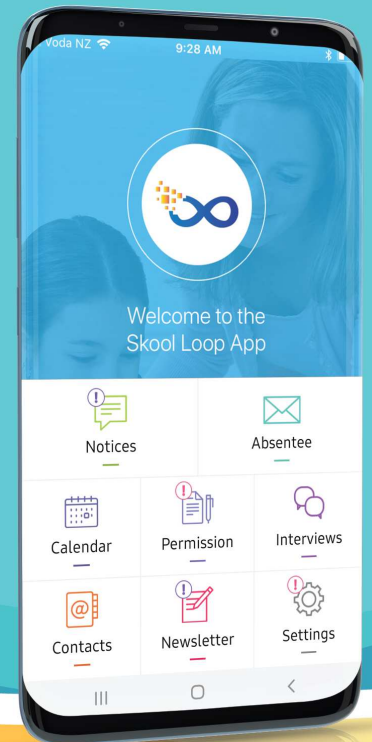
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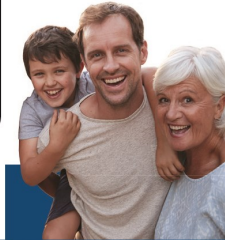
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