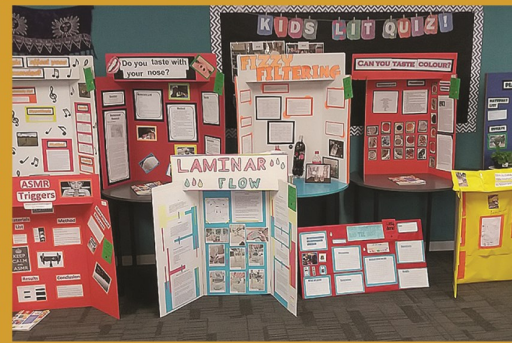




# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School

## Newsletter

19 March 2021

Kia ora whanau

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our respected and valued colleague, Mr. John Cooksley. John was an integral part of the technology team at Devon Intermediate, teaching here for many years as the metal work teacher. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

We have several events coming up which we need to make you aware of. Our EOTC week will be held week 9 and attached are the details of what each house is doing on the different days. We are again asking for parent helpers for this week and would appreciate you returning the form on Monday so that we know the events can go ahead.

A reminder, that we break for Easter from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and classes resume on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

The last day of Term 1 is Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is also the last MANA day for the term which we always look forward to.

Congratulations to our swimming team who competed at the Taranaki Intermediate swimming champs this week. Outstanding results were recorded by Lily Newsome and Shyla Kennard with Shyla winning all of her Year 7 finals and she also came second in the Open Butterfly event. The Year 8 girls relay team gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the team comprised Shyla Kennard, Lily Newsome, Haelyn Ngaia and Sarah Kupe. The whole team upheld our MANA values and were a credit to Devon Intermediate and their whānau.

The summer sports exchange will be held on Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> with Softball and Ki O Rahi being played at Manukorihi Intermediate, Tennis, Non-Stop Cricket and Patter tennis being played at Highlands Intermediate, Touch Rugby at Devon Intermediate and Cricket and Volleyball being played at Hawera Intermediate.

Nga mihi



Jenny Gellen

### COMING SOON TO DEVON INTERMEDIATE NIGEL LATTA

Come and listen to Nigel Latta speak on the relationship between alcohol and our tamariki/children – what the research shows, what the industry does, and how we can help our tamariki.

When: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 1:30pm

Where: Devon Intermediate School Hall

**FREE** to the school community. Entry by ticket only.



### LION KING PRODUCTION VIDEO

We now have a copy of our Lion King production that students performed last year. If you were wanting a copy, please get your child to drop a 16GB memory stick, and your contact details into Marissa at the office and she will be only too happy to download it for you. We do ask that this performance is only shared with your whanau as we do have students who do not have permission to have their images shared on Facebook and other social media.



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

### DATES TO NOTE

**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

**Friday 16 April**  
Last day of Term 1

**Monday 3 May**  
First Day of Term 2

**10 May - 12 May**  
Young Leaders

**Tuesday 25 May**  
Sports vs Manukorihi

**Thursday 3 June**  
Mana Reward Day

**Monday 7 June**  
Queens Birthday  
(School Closed)

**Tuesday 29 June**  
Sports vs Hawera

**Wednesday 30 June**  
Year 8 visit to  
Spotswood College

## ABSENCES

There is a well-recognised link between attendance at school and student achievement. Every day that students are not at school, is a lost opportunity to learn.

Ministry of Education guidelines describe a justified absence as being illness, attending a tangi or funeral or representation at a provincial or national level in a sporting or cultural event. All other absences are considered to be unjustified, even if the absence is explained.

**If you child is late to school they must report to the office for a late slip. Please ensure that they have a written note giving a reason for their lateness or please phone or text the school office. Phone 758 5266 or 021 082 99278.**

## WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 (starting 30 April) will bring cooler and wetter weather and a change to our winter uniform. Our prospectus states: Flat, black polishable school shoes, either lace-up, buckled or velcroed (no colour brand markings, slip-ons or canvas shoes) and Devon uniform socks. We will accept blue opaque tights and navy knee high socks. Please support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform shoes and socks.

To clarify the winter uniform socks allowed at Devon – Navy blue socks or the Devon uniform socks (with the blue stripes at the top (available from Campus Clothing in Gill Street)), are both acceptable. Girls may wear navy blue tights. Below the ankle socks, are not acceptable



## NETBALL

Netball fees are now due. Fees will need to be paid before students receive their uniforms.

## LOST PROPERTY

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

## RELAY FOR LIFE ICEBLOCK DAY

The Devon Intermediate Staff are participating in the Relay for Life this year. We are holding an Ice block day on Monday 22 March 2021. Ice blocks will be \$1.00 with all proceeds going towards the Relay for Life.

## KOMITI MAORI GROUP

Our meeting will take place Thursday March 25 at 5.30pm in the Staffroom.

## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

We have a number of Second-hand Uniforms for sale. Jackets, Jerseys, Boys and Girls Uniform, PE uniform - sizes to vary. Please call into the office and see Marise if you would like to purchase any.

## HOCKEY

If you are interested in coaching Hockey this season. Please contact Miss Vickery on [rvickery@devonint.school.nz](mailto:rvickery@devonint.school.nz)

## SUMMER SPORTS EXCHANGE

Teams for Summer Sports Exchange will be announced next Friday. Selected students will receive a separate notice on Friday.

Students are to be at school by 8.30am dressed in FULL school uniform. They are to bring a packed lunch, PE Gear, water bottle and any other equipment they require for their individual code.

Games begin at approximately 10.15am and will go through till 1.30pm. It would be great to see lots of supporters so please come along.

### Sport and Venues

Softball/Ki O Rahi - Played at Manukorihi Intermediate

Tennis/Non Stop Cricket/Patter Tennis - Played at Highlands Intermediate

Touch - Played at Devon Intermediate

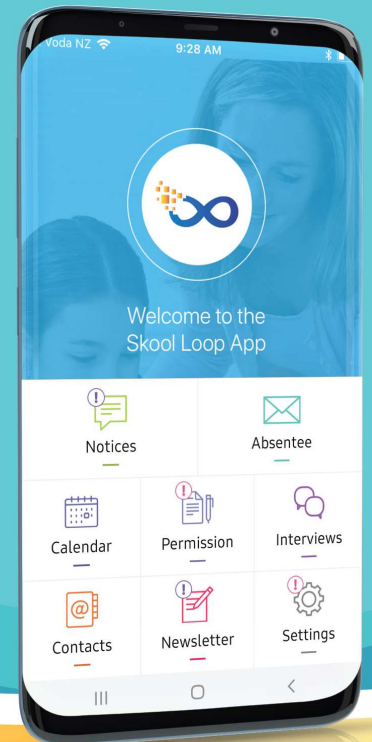
Cricket/Volleyball - Played at Hawera Intermediate



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