

# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

11 May 2021



Term 2 has had an eventful start and we look forward to things being calmer at school going forward in the Term.

As you are aware, we put the school in to Lock Down last week. We never do this lightly and our first priority is always keeping your child and the staff safe. We always follow the Police and Ministry of Education guidelines and notify the school community as soon as we are able to.

The Board of Trustees have approved the following changes to our Uniform Policy and this will be effective immediately. Students may wear plain black shoes and school approved socks, no accenting colours or coloured soles and they may wear school shoes and socks OR school sandals year round. Previously shoes needed to be polishable and sandals were restricted to Terms 1 and 4.

Upcoming events include a Gold Coin Mufti Day (Pink Shirts Day) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May and we have our first winter interschool sports exchange with Manukorihi Intermediate at Manukorihi on the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Well done to our Hockey and Netball teams who have started their winter leagues. It is great to see so many of our students taking part in sports and showing such great sportsmanship when they are on the sports fields.

Congratualations to Hannah Butler, Grace Hooper, Sophie Gaastra, Tara Benton, Meg Butler, Patrick Marshall who were members of our Lit Quiz Team. They performed extremely well in the competition and were a credit to our school.

Finally, a reminder that if you have queries or concerns about your child and school, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

Principal



#### **DATES TO NOTE**

Thursday 13 May Enrichments Start

Friday 21 May Mufti Day (Gold Coin) Pink Shirt Day

Tuesday 25 May Sports vs Manukorihi At Manukorihi

Wednesday 2 June Mana Reward Day

Friday 4 June Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

Monday 7 June Queens Birthday (School Closed)

Tuesday 15 June Tiki Toa

Wednesday 23 June Mufti Day

Tuesday 29 June Sports vs Hawera At Devon

Wednesday 30 June Year 8 visit to Spotswood College

> Tuesday 6 July Tiki Toa



#### **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.

#### **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 shoes.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS**

All Scholastic Book orders are due in at the office by Thursday 27 May. This is a great opportunity to purchase books at low cost and support our school to purchase more books for the school library.

#### CAREGIVER CONTACT INFORMATION

It is important that you provide us with up-to-date contact details for your child, especially in cases of emergencies. If you have moved house, changed phone numbers or there has been a change in circumstances, please be sure to send a note along with your child to be handed in to the school office or phone the school office with these change of details. Many thanks.

### **NETBALL**

Netball Hoodies are available for purchase \$45 each or \$50 to have your name printed across the back.

Sizes range from Small to XXXL and orders will take approximately 2-3 weeks.

Money needs to be paid into the office by the 28th May 2021 please.

Please order through the office.

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Please order through Miss Vickery.

## **PARENT LINK MEETING**

We have a parent link meeting Wednesday 12th May at 3.15pm in the school staffroom for anyone who is interested in coming along. We have fundraising events planned and will need parent helpers, so please come along if you can.

#### **HEADLICE**

We seem to of had a few cases of headlice over the last couple of weeks. Please, if your children do have them, they must be treated at home and not come to school until there is no sign of live louse or eggs. If you require further information or help with this, our public health nurse can help.



Devon Intermediate Kids Lit Quiz Team





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