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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora Whanau

Week four already of an incredibly busy term! Before anything else, big congratulations to Chloe Herrett who has been selected for the Young Inspiring Leaders Summit with the Antarctic Heritage Trust and the William Pike Challenge. Chloe is one of 20 students selected from throughout New Zealand and will fly to Christchurch for a weekend of exploration and learning. Well done Chloe, enjoy this exciting learning opportunity!

Over the next couple of weeks, we have immunisation catch-ups for those children who have signed documentation for this to be completed and MANA Reward Day. Also, now we are in the Orange zone, we are able to enjoy activities that were cancelled last year. Currently we are planning a sports exchange with Manukorihi Intermediate to be held at Devon on June 1st. We are excited to restart the inter-school sporting challenges and will publish the programme of events on our Facebook page closer to the date. If you have not already joined that page, please do.

A reminder that next Friday, June 3rd, we have a **Teacher Only Day** and there will be **No classes** for students. Teachers are working on supplementing their knowledge of local history to assist them in planning and further integration of New Zealand histories into our curriculum. Monday is Queen's birthday so I hope you enjoy a lovely long weekend.

Progress is being made on the upgrades around the school. Adventure block are pleased to have access to their refurbished toilets and breakout rooms; and we are expecting rooms 20 and 21 to be completed in the next week or so. Work continues in Discovery block and will begin shortly in Endeavour block. Children do need help to remember to bring their filled water bottles daily as there is limited access to taps due to our construction site.

We would appreciate any support you can give us in sharing the health risks of vaping and e-cigarettes with your children. This is becoming a nation-wide issue, and here at Devon, we find that children do not understand the potential risks of lung damage and the affect addiction might have on their growing brain.

Can parents be reminded that for students who have ongoing, or long term medical issues, a medical certificate is required if we don't already have one. Our attendance expectation is 90% and we have some students who are well below that expectation.

My thanks to all whanau for ensuring their child is wearing the correct Devon Intermediate uniform. A lot of headaches have been alleviated with the change to plain black shoes with either school socks or black or navy ankle socks. Many students prefer to wear sandals all year round; we are fine with that if they are regulation sandals.

Looking ahead, enrolments for 2023 will commence later in Term 2 when enrolment packs are sent out to our contributing schools. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol a child who does not attend a contributing school, please ask them to contact the office to have one mailed out. Devon Intermediate School does not have a zone; everyone is welcome here.

Nga mihi
Debra Young
Acting Principal



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

Friday May 27th

Parent link pizza fundraiser and MANA day.

Wednesday June 1st

Winter sport vs Manukorihi at Devon

Friday June 3rd

Teacher only day

Monday June 6th

Queens Birthday
School closed.

Thursday June 23rd

7/8 Rippa Rugby

Friday 24th June

Matariki
No school.

Thursday June 30th

Devon Disco

Tuesday July 5th

Good home quiz
night

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE NEWS

We would like to Congratulate Chloe Herrett for being selected to attend the Young Inspiring Explorers™ Summit held in Christchurch in June.

Chloe was selected as a candidate out of 200+ students vying for a spot. She will engage in a weekend of exploration and learning and meet husky dogs and penguins. Chloe will be encouraged to step outside her comfort zone and also find inspiration in the legacies of historic Antarctic explorers. We are very proud of you Chloe and we can't wait to hear all about your experience!



We are hosting the upcoming winter sports exchange with Manukorihi and would love to see you supporting your kids. We will also be holding a \$2 sausage sizzle with drinks for sale.

Devon VS Manukorihi Sports Exchange Programme-

- 9.45am- Powhiri school hall
- 10.15am- Hoskey- St Josephs
- 10.30am- Basketball A (boys)
- Netball- Year 8a, 8B & 7A
- Table Tennis
- Chess
- Badminton
- 10.45am- Indoor bowls
- 11.30am- Netball- Year 7B & 7C
- Soccer (Boys)
- 12.00pm- Rugby 7s (girls)
- 12.45pm- 1st XV rugby
- Soccer (Girls)
- 1.00pm- Basketball A girls- Spotswood college gym.
- 1.55pm- Meet in hall for results and farewell.
- 2.15pm- Manukorihi depart.

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.

LATE STUDENTS-

We are having large numbers of students arriving to school late each morning. Please work with your child to ensure they are on time to school and ready to start learning when the bell goes.

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