



Devon Intermediate

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Newsletter

March 2020



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia Ora Whanau

A huge thank you to those who came and supported the students on the two recent swimming days and we hope you enjoyed the sports. Well done to all the students who took part and it was fantastic to see all the Houses dressed in their house colours and hats.

Mr. Avery is now on study leave until November and we have welcomed Mr. Goodwin to the Senior Leadership team as Deputy Principal with Mrs. Young moving up to the Associate Principal's position. We also welcomed this week, Mr. Michael Fenton who will be teaching Digi-Tech until Mr. Avery's return.

We farewell our caretaker Mr. Bucka-Christensen on Thursday 12th March. Mr. Bucka-Christensen has been with us for 10 years and we thank him for his work. Mr. Richard Parsons will be joining the staff as our new caretaker and we look forward to working with him.

This Thursday, we welcome parents and whanau to join us from 5-7 pm to learn more about the Attitude for Excellence programme, MANA and to catch up with your child's teacher. The pool will be open from 6-7pm, weather permitting and the parent link group will be selling Barbecued Sausages, drinks and ice blocks. Feel free to bring your own picnic if you would prefer. The evening will start at 5pm in the school Hall.

A reminder that all staff have a teacher only day on Friday 6th March so the school will **not be open** for instruction so that all staff can be involved in Professional Development relating to restorative practices.

Our first MANA reward day will be held on Thursday March 12th and the Taranaki Schools Swimming Champs are on March 19th. Immunisations will given at school on 24th March and we have catch up day also for those who are away. These will be held on the 2nd April.

A reminder to parents that the school grounds are not open till 8am on school days. It is concerning that we have students being dropped at school at 7.30am or earlier as there is no supervision available for them.

Students need to be aware that notices are being sent out for various winter sports teams and we would encourage whanau members to contact us if they are able to assist with the winter sports codes, especially netball, hockey and basketball.

Nga mihi,

Jenny Gellen, Principal

BASKETBALL

Very soon notices will be coming out for any students interested in playing Basketball. We will require the assistance of parents as coaches/managers, so if you can help in anyway please call the office and leave your contact details.

Students need to listen carefully on the daily notices so they don't miss out on the opportunity to represent Devon in this winter league run by New Plymouth Basketball Association.



DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 5 March
Parent BBQ/Hui

Friday 6 March
Teacher Only Day

Monday 9 March
Taranaki Anniversary

Tuesday 10 March
Intermediate Surfing
Competition

Thursday 12 March
MANA Reward Day

Thursday 19 March
Taranaki Swimming
Champs

Tuesday 24 March
Immunisations
Tiki Toa

Thursday 2 April
Catch up
Immunisations

Friday 3 April
Intermediate Duathlon

Tuesday 7 April
Summer Sports
Exchange

Thursday 9 April
MANA Reward Day
Last day of term

Tuesday 28 April
Start of term two

29—31 April
EPRO8

NETBALL

We have had a large number of students wishing to play Netball this year! Because of this large number we have been doing 2 weeks of skills and drills on a Thursday afternoon before selecting the teams for 2020.

The first trial for Year 7's will be on 5th March from 1.30pm—2.30pm. The 2nd trial Tuesday 10th March, 2.30pm—4pm.

The first trial for Year 8's will be on Thursday 12th March from 1.30pm—2.45pm.

Please note competition begins on Saturday 2nd May.

Coaches/Helpers

Thank you to those of you who have offered to coach our team this year. We rely heavily on your support. We still need managers and umpires. If you are able to support your child to participate in Saturday netball by fulfilling one of these roles, please phone the office on 06 758 5266 and leave your contact details.

Fees

Netball fees this year at \$75.00. this cost includes registration, uniform maintenance, and tournament costs. Once your child has been placed in a team and notified which team they are in, fees will be due to be paid by 23rd April. These must be paid to the school office or via automatic payment before students receive their playing uniforms.

OTAGO MATHS PROBLEM CHALLENGE 2020

This well-established New Zealand competition will challenge students to solve a selection of problems, some straightforward, some intriguingly complex, but all fun to try.

This competition is open to all students with a cost of \$1 per student and competitions 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 before Wednesday 25th March 2020 with payment to the office after registration.

PARENT LINK MEETING

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. 2020 promises to be another exciting year for this group. Our first Parent Link meeting for Term One will take place on Tuesday 10th March from 1.30pm—2.15pm in the staffroom. We hope to see you there to brainstorm fun new fundraising ideas and what would you like to see from future meetings.

SHINGLES

Please be advised, we have been made aware of a student diagnosed with Shingles. If your child should display any of the following symptoms please keep them home and have them checked by a doctor as soon as possible.

Shingles is a painful rash that develops on one side of the face, body or head. The rash is made up of small blisters that typically scab over after 7–10 days.

Before the rash develops, people often have pain, itching or tingling in the area where the rash will develop. Although shingles can occur anywhere on your body, it most commonly occurs around the back or the upper abdomen or on the face. Usually the rash occurs in a stripe on either the left or the right side of the body. Less commonly, the rash can be more widespread. This generally occurs only in people with a weakened immune system. Other symptoms of shingles can include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Upset stomach
- Headache

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

We will shortly be renewing the advertising section of our emailed newsletters. The newsletters are used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities.

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