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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

May 2020

Kia Ora Whanau

With the announcement that we are moving to Level 2, we look forward to welcoming our students back to class from Monday 18th May.

Classes will be running on the normal timetable with all children expected in class at 8.40am and finishing at 3pm with the exception of Tuesdays where we finish at 2.30pm as normal.

A huge thank you to all whanau for ensuring the students continued learning at home during Level 3 and Level 4. It may have been online, using hard packs or learning with you at home; however it worked for you and your whanau, thank you.

As stated earlier, we have processes and procedures in place to ensure your child's continued health and safety at school. We do ask that if your child is in the slightest bit ill, that they **DO NOT** come to school. Please notify the school on the absence line. We also ask that children are reminded to adhere to social distancing where they can and that they don't congregate at the school gates.

Due to the seriousness of COVID-19 and in order to ensure the physical and mental wellbeing of both students and staff, we will be introducing the following procedure: Any student who coughs or spits at others, or who claims to have COVID-19, will be sent home immediately and will not be allowed to return to school until they produce a clear COVID test.

We understand that some students can make silly comments, but in the current pandemic climate, we will be having a zero tolerance approach to COVID related bullying or claims.

We will be continuing to have the drinking fountains blocked off and ask that students bring their own named drink bottle from home.

In the event you need to visit the school office if your query cannot be addressed over the phone or by email, can you please ensure you practice social distancing. We do have the floor marked in order to help you with this.

Online learning will discontinue on Monday 18th May as all teachers will be back in front of their classes. In the event that your child is staying home due to the need to self-isolate or because they come from a home where someone is vulnerable, we will be providing hard pack resources which will correspond with the in-class programme. We ask that you contact your child's class teacher so we can organise this.

We are currently unsure what winter sports programmes will look like but we do have the following events in our school calendar:

| June 23 rd | Spotswood College Taster Day for Year 8 students |
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| June 26 th | Teacher Only Day for UBRS Training |
| June 29 th | Spotswood College Promotions Assembly at Devon |
| July 2 nd | School finishes at 12pm for Pathway and Planning meeting with |
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DATES TO NOTE

June 26th Teacher Only Day for UBRS Training

> June 29th Spotswood College Promotions Assembly at Devon

July 2nd School finishes at 12pm for Pathway and Planning meeting with students and Parents

July 3rd Pathway and Planning Meetings all day. No normal classes

Last day of Term 2

July 20th First day of Term 3 The LION KING is coming to Devon Intermediate. Auditions and practices for our Term 3 production of The Lion King begin.

Once again thank you for your work during the lock down and a special thank you to all of you who were essential workers. We look forward to seeing our students back on Monday 18th May at the normal time.

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Jenny Gellen, Principal



Please support our local community and their businesses where you can. Times have been and will continue to be tough for everyone, every little bit helps. :)





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