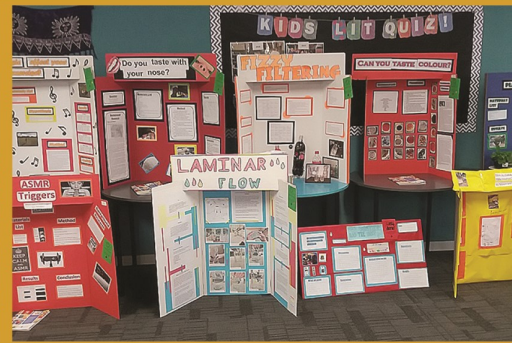




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Newsletter

12 August 2020



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia ora Whanau

Devon Intermediate is committed to keeping your child safe and well. With the COVID 19 announcement last night, we are moving to Level 2. The following protocols will be back in place as of 12pm today.

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

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 introduced 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.

The drinking fountains have been blocked off and we ask that students bring their own named drink bottle from home.

Parents are encouraged not to pick up their child from within the school grounds and to not come to the classroom.

With our school gate being closed in the afternoons, the YMCA van will pick students up from above the gate until such time things change. Please reiterate this to your child that this is where they need to meet the van, staff will remind them today.

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.

In the event that we are asked to close in the future, we will provide work for classes which will be in the form of on-line or hard packs as we know not all our families have access to the internet and data.

The student body was reminded today to follow good hygiene habits, stay healthy and active and to look out for each other. Once again, if your child is sick, please keep them at home, otherwise we look forward to seeing them in class and learning

Nga mihi

Debra Young

Deputy Principal

SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

Bus services will carry on as per normal schedules.

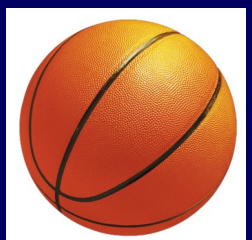
- Hand sanitisers will be available for each student to use as they board the vehicle.
- Vehicles and surfaces will be sanitised after each journey by the transport company.
- Seats in close proximity to the driver will be left empty.



BASKETBALL UPDATE

The Taranaki Basketball Association will give everyone an update on Friday if any games are cancelled.

Miniball is cancelled tonight but doesn't apply to our year 8 teams.



NETBALL TRAININGS CANCELLED

All netball trainings after school this week are now cancelled until we hear more about where things stand, thank you

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

The Spotswood College Information evening due to happen this evening, has been postponed until further notice. A new date will be confirmed at a later time.

NETBALL

Further to advice from New Zealand Netball and to safely comply with Ministry of Health Guidelines, ALL netball activity in Taranaki (competitions, trials, trainings, meetings etc) have been CANCELLED effective immediately and further decisions will be made and provided on Monday 17th August.

FACEBOOK GROUP

Did you know Devon Intermediate School has a Facebook group?

This group is primarily to provide information to current parents and caregivers of the school, not Devon students.

If you wish to join the group just search up Devon Intermediate School and request to join the group and we will happily add you in.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is a valuable communication method. As well as the school newsletter, it also contains other important information about school and class events and activities. Class teachers will be regularly updating their class pages. We consider our website to be an important component of home and school communication and encourage you to visit it regularly.

THE LION KING JR

Disney's **The Lion King JR.** is coming to Devon Intermediate starting on Thursday September 3rd and running through to the final evening performance on Saturday September 5th. The 60 minute musical performance is based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor and the 1994 Disney film.

The cast and crew of 170 have been working extremely hard under the directorship of Performing Arts teacher Kijiana Pene. Miss Pene says, "The staff and students have been working really hard since lockdown to make a show that will be one to remember. We have added our own interpretation of the story with mafia hyenas, pasifika and cultural dances and some taiaha warriors representing Simba and his mana. It's been really exciting to be a part of and if I could put it down to one word...amazeballs."

Due to the effects of COVID 19 on the community, the school has decided that there is no set price for tickets. Ticket prices are based on koha and need to be booked from the school office as spectator numbers are limited.

Show times are as follows: 3rd, 4th, 5th of September. Doors open at 5:45pm with the show starting at 6:30pm. There will be some snacks and drinks available for purchase before the show.

Contact Devon Intermediate to book your tickets today!

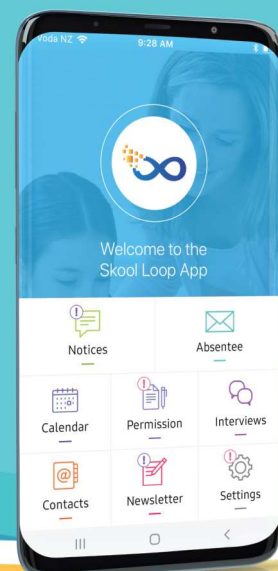
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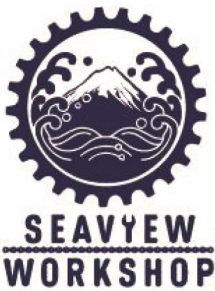
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