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Newsletter



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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

6 September 2021

Kia Ora Whanau

With the announcement that we are moving to Level 2, we look forward to welcoming our students back to class from **Thursday 9th September**. All online classes will finish at 12pm on Wednesday 8th to allow staff time to come in to school to set up their classrooms. There will be **NO** classes at Devon Intermediate on Wednesday 8th September except for those students who have already been attending as their parents are essential workers. While masks are not mandatory in school, your child is welcome to wear one.

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.

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.

Can all devices which have been loaned out please be returned on your child's first day back at school. Devices will be collected and signed off in the hall. Please ensure the power cord is with the device.

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 or via Skool Loop. 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 the COVID 19- Delta variant, and in order to ensure the physical and mental wellbeing of both students and staff, we will be continuing with the following procedure approved by the Board of Trustees last year:

Any student who coughs or spits at others, or who claims to have COVID, 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. In addition, we are required to ensure that all visitors to the school be they parents/ caregivers or other visitors, complete the contact tracing regulations. We have QR codes displayed prominently throughout the whole school including the office areas, can you please ensure you scan in wherever you are in the school.

Once again, online learning will discontinue at 12pm on Wednesday 8th September as all teachers will be back in preparing their classes for the Level 2 restrictions. 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 can provide hard pack resources which will correspond with class work. Please contact your child's teacher if this is required.

Nga mihi



Jenny Gellen, Principal

We would like to welcome our new Office Administrator, Dominique Tanswell, who was due to start a few days into lockdown level 4. We look forward to having you onboard.

Kia ora koutou katoa

Ko Dominique Tanswell toku ingoa,

I am lucky enough to call the beautiful Taranaki my home and can proudly call myself an ex-student of Devon Intermediate. I have two primary aged children and we all thoroughly enjoy spending our time outside and making the most of the beaches around the region.

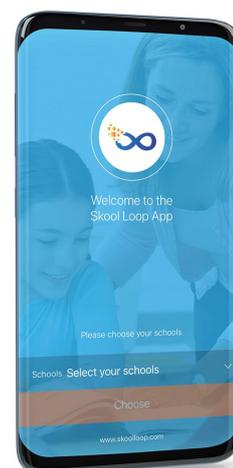
I have background in admin and finance, I am very excited to come over to Devon Intermediate and contribute to the smooth running of the school's office. When you spot me in the reception please introduce yourself, I look forward to meeting all the Devon Whanau.



Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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