



Devon Intermediate

Sailing towards an Attitude of Excellence



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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

16th February 2022

Kia ora Whanau

Many thanks to all our whanau who have supported us with ensuring your child is correctly wearing their masks and bringing water bottles to school. We still have students who are forgetting to bring their bottles and while we have some water bottles available at school, it would be helpful if all students had their own as hydration throughout the day is important.

We are currently in the midst of some major building works which will see the toilets in the blocks brought up to standard; The rooves have been fixed during the summer holidays, rotten cladding is being removed, the resource rooms are being made in to two break out spaces and all classroom blocks will be painted over the coming months. In addition, the current Rooms 20 and 21 are being refurbished. This work is long overdue and I know both staff and students will be pleased when the work is finally finished.

This week we have our standards swimming sports and all students are expected to be involved as we have events for confident swimmers and those who are not so confident. In order for parents to be able to spectate we have separated our Houses in to different time slots. We ask that if you are coming to spectate, that you scan in to the school and seat yourselves in the pool area closest to the Basketball court. We will have QR codes on the fences by the pool for you to use.

Adventure House will swim between 11am and 11.40. Endeavour House will swim between 11.50 and 12.30. Resolution will swim between 1.25 and 2pm and Discovery will swim between 2.10 and 3pm. We would love to see you here supporting your child in this adapted event.

We are so proud to announce the following students have been selected to be House Leaders for the first half year.

Resolution: Meg Biesiek and MJ Muagututia
Discovery: Shyla Kennard and Eroni Kito
Endeavour: Madison Abrahms and Ngakua Rangi
Adventure: Leilani Tiaroa and India Prasad

At our end of year prize giving last year we had great delight in announcing that Grace Hooper was Head Girl and Neha Peri Head Boy for the first half of this year. Due to our inability to hold a welcoming Powhiri, we did not have the opportunity to introduce these two wonderful students to our school community.

A reminder that if your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. We are taking all precautions to ensure your child's safety at school and staff have also been instructed not to come to school if they are unwell. This may mean your child's teacher is absent and a relief teacher is employed; it does not necessarily mean we have Omicron in the school.

We have multiple contingencies in place in the event of an outbreak, but our main aim is to keep the school open for face to face learning, or to move to a hybrid version whereby we have online and face to face teaching depending on the number of staff we have available. We will keep you well informed if anything changes from our current situation.

Thanking you once again for your support.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

**Friday 18
February**
Swimming Sports

**Friday 25
February**
Championship
Swimming Sports

**Friday 4
March**
Mana Day

**Monday 7
March**
Photolife School
Photos

SCHOOL FEES 2022

Devon Intermediate Board of Trustees removed the cost of the school donation in line with the 2019 Budget Announcement, whereby the school is subsidised \$150 per student for school expenses.

The annual cost to cover, Food, Wood, Art, Digital Technology and Performing Arts take home consumables have been reduced to just \$20.00 per student this year.

Additional costs for the year are:

School Diary \$12.00

Life Education \$5.00

Payments to be made to the school office (cash, cheque or EFTPOS). Alternately, payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 153949 0276621 80 or by Automatic Payment. Please ensure that your payment description includes **students name and what payment is for.**

UNIFORM

Remember that you should ensure all school uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name. We suggest that the sun hats are marked using a Twink pen. As part of the summer school uniform, all students are required to have a school navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hat. These hats are available from the school office for just \$10 each new, or second-hand \$5 each. Hair is expected to be neat and tidy – **no way-out styles or colours will be permitted.**

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Our school facebook page is a valuable communication method. As well as the school newsletter, it also contains other important information about school and class events and activities. This page is for parents and caregivers of current students only.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book brochures have gone home last week with students and these orders will need to be in no later than Friday 25th February please or alternatively orders can be placed and paid for online at <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx> . This is a great opportunity to purchase books at low cost and support our school to purchase more books for the school library.

HEAD STUDENTS

Congratulations to our head students for the first half of the year, Neha Peri and Grace Hooper.



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