



# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora whanau

It is wonderful to see so many students back at school and we look forward to having everyone back on site once they have completed their isolation period.

Next term I have been fortunate to receive a Principals sabbatical which means I will not be at school but will be completing some study during the term. I am looking at how we currently assess our students progress as I know that they make huge personal growth while they are here at Devon but that isn't always recognized or celebrated. I need your help to develop a Graduate profile of what a student leaving Devon would look like. What skills, knowledge and attributes would you like to see students leaving Devon Intermediate heading to High School possess.

I would really appreciate you sending me through your thoughts and ideas to [principal@devonint.school.nz](mailto:principal@devonint.school.nz). Alternately, I would love to discuss your thoughts by phone 06 7585266 or in person at school .

In my absence, Mrs. Young will be Acting Principal with Ms. Orme and Mrs. Brookes as Deputy Principals. Ms. Mott will be covering Mrs. Brookes class for the term.

We are fortunate to be working with Justin Lowcay from St John's who will be coming in to the school during the year and holding First Aid courses for all of our students. We feel it is important that all students have some basic first aid training in the event they need to be an emergency responder in the future.

At this stage, we hope that our Intermediate summer sports exchange will go ahead, especially following the changes to the Covid Response settings. This event should take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April and further details will be sent out closer to the time. Our summer sports programme started last Friday and inter-school teams will be selected during these sessions.

The HPV & Boostrix immunisations which are usually held this term have been moved to Term 2 due to the pressure the health system is under at the moment. All students should have received an Immunisation form from their teacher. Please be assured that **NO** child will receive the vaccination unless we have received a signed form back from the parent. If you have not received the form, can you please contact the school office and we will ensure one is sent home with your child.

Winter sports trials are currently underway for Hockey, netball and basketball. Students are notified of these trials through our daily notices. If your child is absent for the trials, please contact the teacher in charge of the sport to ensure they are picked up for a trail on their return to school. For Netball, contact Miss Mercer [jmercerc@devonint.school.nz](mailto:jmercerc@devonint.school.nz) for Basketball Miss Tuigaleava [stuigaleava@devonint.school.nz](mailto:stuigaleava@devonint.school.nz) and for Hockey Miss Vickery [rvickery@devonint.school.nz](mailto:rvickery@devonint.school.nz) . We are also desperately looking for coaches at this time and would appreciate you contacting one of the previously mentioned teachers if you are able to help or manage one of the teams.

The last day of Term 1 is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April and we look forward to welcoming students back in term 2 which starts Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

**Friday 1st April**  
Inter Intermediate  
Duathlon at  
Manukorihi

**Tuesday 12th April**  
Summer Sports  
Exchange

**Thursday 14th April**  
Mana reward day

**Thursday 14th April**  
Last day of Term 1

**Friday 15th April**  
Good Friday

**Monday 2nd May**  
First day of Term 2



## Futures Taranaki Event Series Inglewood

LOCATION - Inglewood Golf Club  
 DATE - Sunday 27th March  
 TIME - From 9am  
 COST - 18 hole and 9 hole long \$10  
 - 9 hole short \$5

18 Hole Stableford Yellow and White \*  
 9 Hole Stableford Long Course \*  
 9 Hole Gross Short Course

\*Handicap required for 18 holes and 9 hole long

Please bring your own lunch - no bar facilities will be available.

The draw will be emailed and posted on Friday 25th March to 'Futures Taranaki' Facebook

For more information or to register please contact: Chris Wilson 0279445121 or view the event at [www.facebook.com/futurestaranaki](http://www.facebook.com/futurestaranaki)



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## William Pike Challenge 2022

Our William Pike Challenge students have kicked into term one focusing on their passion projects and community service. Check out what our students have been up to.

Kiana has chosen trail running as her passion project and here she is hitting the trails at Ratapihipihi. We look forward to seeing what other neat trails you discover Kiana and no doubt you will get super fit!

Beach clean ups are on Alex's to do list as he powers through his community service hours. He has been finding some pretty wacky items including clothing, toothbrushes, nappies, towels and lots of fast food wrappers. Tumeke Alex! You are helping make the world a better place.

Kaden has spoken to The Junction and he is helping them out by stripping electrical equipment for recycling. It looks as though he has been kept busy and there is an endless supply for him to work through. Keep it up Kaden!

Our budding chef Meg has been baking up a storm as she prepared 90 apple & boysenberry crumbles within 24 hours! Meg is fundraising for the Core Response Team who are helping out in Ukraine. Meg has raised over \$1000! This is an incredible feat Meg and you should be very proud of your efforts.

This is such an awesome start for our tamariki and I can't wait to see what else is in store!

## STUDENT WORK

Our tamariki have been making some awesome creations with Mr DW, check out some of the amazing work.



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