



# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

1st February 2023

Kia ora koutou

A huge welcome to our new whanau of Devon Intermediate and a huge welcome back to those who have been with us before.

I hope everyone had an amazing holiday break and we are so looking forward to 2023.

This year we have welcomed Mr Poingdestre, Mr Nelley and Mr Price to our staff and we look forward to having them in our school this year.

Over the holidays we were successful in a Hoops for School application which means we will be getting some new basketball hoops on our top court at some stage in the near future. My thanks to Mr Blake Marston, one of our parents, for organising this amazing application.

We have also received our new sun shades which are located by the hall. Our parent link group organised the fundraising for this amazing addition to our school and we now have another incredible outdoor area for classes to learn in.

A reminder that Monday is Waitangi Day so we have no school and technology classes start on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Swimming is part of the current PE school programme so could you please ensure that your child brings their togs and towels on their swimming day.

We have our standards swimming sports on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February and our championship swimming sports on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February and we would love for you to join us.

Also, a reminder that students need to bring a drink bottle to school with them daily, especially in the hot weather when they need to stay well-hydrated.

We look forward to working with you all this year and please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen  
Principal



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

**Wednesday  
February 1st**  
Students first  
day at school

**Monday  
February 6th**  
Waitangi Day  
School closed

**Tuesday  
February 7th**  
Year 7 wellbe-  
ing course

**Wednesday  
February 15th**  
Nano girl

**Friday February  
17th**  
Swimming  
Sports

**Friday February  
24th**  
Swimming  
Champs

**Friday March  
3rd**  
Mana Reward  
Day

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Our Parent Link group has a key role within our school. Over the past few years they have done a fantastic job with fundraising and provide a valuable link between home and school. 2019 promises to be another exciting year for this group. Our first Parent Link meeting for Term One will take place on Wednesday the 15th of February at 5pm in the staff room. We hope to see you there for cheese and crackers!

### SWIMMING PROGRAMME

Swimming is a compulsory component of the Physical Education curriculum and the focus of our Term 1 programme. It is important that students are prepared for swimming each day by having the appropriate swimwear. They need to bring named togs and towel. Goggles and/or rash shirts are optional. For safety reasons, students will not be permitted to be in the pool in shorts, tee shirts or other clothing. If there is a medical reason your child is unable to swim for the day, the appropriate section needs to be completed in the school diary.

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.**

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.

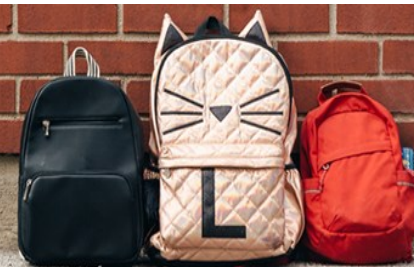
The annual cost to cover, Food, Wood, Art, Digital Technology and Performing Arts take home consumables have been reduced to just \$20.00 per student this year. Additional costs for the year are:

School Diary \$10.00

Life Education \$5.00

Payments to be made to the school office 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.**

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