



# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora Whanau

I hope everyone had a lovely Taranaki Anniversary weekend. We now have just 3 and a half weeks of school left until the end of term and there is a lot happening in that short amount of time.

A reminder that there will be no normal classes tomorrow as a large number of staff will be striking. There is limited supervision available, so could you please notify the office if we are to expect your child at school so that we can accommodate them.

Teachers and principals want the Government to increase staffing and funding to schools and kindergartens so that teachers can better meet the needs of children, and to improve current pay offers in order to attract and retain people in the teaching profession.

Coming up we have the Inter-Intermediate swimming sports on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the intermediate Duathlon competition on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and, hopefully, interschool summer sports exchange will happen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

A reminder that our Parent Link Committee are holding a Car Boot sale fundraiser on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please contact Marissa or Zara in the office for more details if you would like to have a space for this fundraiser.

Term 1 concludes at the end of the day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April and we will resume school for Term 2 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Our winter sports teams are being selected and training is happening which is great to see. If your child is involved, can you please ensure they have the right footwear on their training days.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen, Principal

## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

We have a number of Second-hand Uniforms for sale. Predominantly, school jerseys. With the cooler months coming, now would be a great time to stock up. Please call into the office and see Zara if you would like to purchase any.

## SPORTS FEES

Just a reminder to all those who have been selected for School representative sports teams, that fees are due to be paid before uniforms are handed out. Payments can be paid in cash at the school office, alternately, please make payment via the school bank account.

Please contact Marissa in the office if you need to set up an automatic payment or email [office@devonint.school.nz](mailto:office@devonint.school.nz)



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

**Wednesday 22nd March**  
Immunisations

**Thursday 23rd March**  
Inter-Intermediate Swimming at Highlands

**Friday 31st March**  
Intermediate Duathlon

**Saturday 1st April**  
Parent Link Car boot sale fundraiser

**Tuesday 4th April**  
Summer Sports Exchange

**Thursday 6th April**  
Mana Reward day

**Thursday 6th April**  
End of term 1

**Friday 7th April**  
Good Friday

**Monday 24th April**  
Teacher Only day

**Tuesday 25th April**  
Anzac Day

**Wednesday 26th April**  
First day of term 2



## CAR BOOT SALE FUNDRAISER

The Parent Link Group of Devon Intermediate are holding their inaugural Car Boot Sale fundraiser on Saturday 1 April, 8am—12pm on the school field.

This is a great opportunity for you to hold a stall and sell off those items you have been holding onto for some time. Just \$10 per stall, and you keep all the profit from your sales.

If you are interested in holding a stall, please see Marissa or Zara in the office to complete the agreement.

Raffle, barbeque, bargains galore, we do hope to see you there.

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## PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link meeting is being held on Wednesday 22 March, 3.30pm in the school staffroom. We would love to see some new faces at our meetings. This is an opportunity for you to not only offer your ideas for fundraising, but a great time to meet other parents and have a cup of tea and learn more about the school.

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## STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE/ABSENCES

We are having a large number of students arriving late everyday. Students should be on school grounds at 8.30am and in class no later than 8.40am each day.

There is a well-recognised link between attendance at school and student achievement. Every day that students are not at school, is a lost opportunity to learn.

Ministry of Education guidelines describe a justified absence as being illness, attending a tangi or funeral or representation at a provincial or national level in a sporting or cultural event. All other absences are considered to be unjustified, even if the absence is explained.

**If your child is late to school they must report to the office for a late slip. Please ensure that they have a written note giving a reason for their lateness or please phone or use the Skool Loop app to communicate with us in the office. Phone 758 5266.**

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## A MESSAGE FROM TREES FOR SURVIVAL

We are still on the hunt for suitable host landowners for our students to plant next season, being May to August, 2023. More can be found at <https://www.tfsnz.org.nz/> or email [Kim@tfsnz.org.nz](mailto:Kim@tfsnz.org.nz) for more information.

We are looking for privately owned land for a conservation project in close proximity to your schools. Ideally big enough to sustain the children re-visiting and planting at the same location for 2-4 years. Our children are raising 800 - 1000 Native Plants per year. There is a mixture of trees, grasses and flaxes, all suitable riparian plants (sourced seed from Taranaki). Suitable farms would be those wanting to revegetate erosion prone banks, streams and wetland areas.

All to improve our environmental habitats, water quality, protect our native fauna/ flora to flourish, and continue to help our children to engage practically in the conservation projects. Hopefully this may provide some opportunities for St Joseph's and Devon Intermediate schools come next year.

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