



Devon Intermediate

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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora Whanau

Just a reminder that we have our interschool sports exchange with Highlands Intermediate this Thursday, weather dependent. We would love to see you here supporting our teams as all events, except for the Hockey will be being played at Devon.

Devon vs Highlands Sports Exchange Programme

10.30am	Powhiri – School hall
11:30am	Hockey - NP Turf
	Basketball Courts Netball - Year 8A & 7A - Netball Courts Table Tennis - Te Ara Hou Chess – Library Badminton – School Hall Boys Football - Field Indoor Bowls - Performing Arts
12.30pm	Netball - Year 8B & 7B - Netball Courts
12:45pm	Basketball A (Girls) - Basketball Courts Football (Mixed) - Field
1pm	1 st XV Rugby - Rugby field

Game durations: Football – 2 x 25 min halves
Hockey – 2 x 20 min halves
Rugby – 2 x 25 min halves
B/Ball – 4 x 10 min quarters
Netball – 4 x 10 min quarters

There will be a sausage sizzle running during the events if students wish to purchase a sausage or drink with the funds going towards our AIM's Games teams fundraising.

Congratulations to Junior Rawiri who recently placed highly in the National Junior Darts Championships. Congratulations also to all our sports teams who are playing in local competitions. It is wonderful to see and hear of the amazing sportsmanship Devon students are displaying.

A reminder to Year 8 parents that enrolments are now being accepted for the various Secondary Schools in our community. Enrolment information is available from our school office if you have not yet completed an enrolment for your child for next year. Spotswood College have their Open Evening on Thursday night from 5.30 until 7.30.



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 3rd August
Spotswood College
Open evening

Thursday 3rd August
Devon vs Highlands
sports exchange at Devon

**Monday 7th August–
Thursday 10th August**
Technobitz

Friday 4th August
LEAD conference

Tuesday 8th August
Rugby 7's tournament

Wednesday 9th August
NPBHS/NPGHS Enrolment
interviews at Devon

Monday 14th August
Spotswood enrolment
interviews at Devon

Tuesday 15th August
Spotswood enrolment
interviews at Devon

Thursday 17th August
AIMS Pizza lunch

Friday 18th August
Mana Reward Day

Thursday 24th August
Parent information evening
for 2024 enrolments

Likewise, enrolments are now open for Devon Intermediate for the 2024 school year. Enrolment packs are available from the school office for anyone who needs one and our Open Evening will be held on Thursday August 24th.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen
Principal

SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES-

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent their sport in the following ways:

Michaela Blyde North Team-
Addi Hutchings
Michelle Harrison

U55KGG North-
Mahley Greenbank Wilson

Taranki Under 13's Football-
Leo Dobson

A special mention goes to Mr Nelley in room 11 who has been selected for the Taranaki Trojans 2023 Squad.

Taranaki Regional Council is committed to making public transport more accessible and affordable for everyone, and we are pleased to announce that we have opted in to the free under 12's and half-price bus fares for under 25's initiative which commenced on 1 July 2023, in partnership with central government and other partners.

This means:

- Children aged 5-12 will be FREE with a registered Bee Card
- Youth aged 13-24 will pay half price bus fares with a registered Bee Card only

Unfortunately our contractors are again seeing an increase in the number of students who are boarding the bus without their Bee Card, with no credit on their card, or with insufficient funds for the cash fare when no Bee Card is presented. **Youth who board the bus without a Bee Card are required to pay the full adult cash fare.**

This results in lost revenue, which is unsustainable. We introduced flat fares throughout Taranaki, meaning along with the recent Government initiative public transport is more affordable for youth. But with thousands of dollars lost each month, the number of free rides impacts **all** bus users. As such, we now have no option but to be stricter with regards permitting students to travel for free.

This is a reminder that students will only be permitted one free ride (a return trip), but they will be issued a warning from the driver. **Should they fail to pay for a second trip, they will not be allowed to board.**

There are many options available for topping up a Bee Card, so it has never been easier or more affordable to travel. travel by bus to have their Bee cards both available and topped up, to ensure they can continue to use the service and receive the reduced half price fare.

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