



Devon Intermediate

Sailing towards an Attitude of Excellence



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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

19 September 2023

Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to the last week of Term 3 and what an amazing term it has been. A huge congratulations to all those students who were involved in the AIMS Games tournament week in Tauranga. Our students were a credit to the school and their whanau, and both the individuals and teams displayed great sportsmanship and resilience and I am sure all students involved learnt a great deal from the experience. My thanks to the staff and parents who supported the students in this endeavour.

Congratulations to all those students who have received MANA badges and Attitude for Excellence awards over this last term. We look forward to even more students being on stage celebrating their achievements next term. I am also looking forward to finding out who the first Devon student to achieve their 250 MANA badge will be, as they get to come to lunch with me to a café of their choice. I know there are a few students who are getting close.

We have our MANA reward day for eligible students tomorrow, Thursday 21st and a reminder that there is no school this Friday as we have Teacher Only Day.

School resumes for Term 4 on Monday October 9th at the normal time.

Our EOTC week begins Monday 16th October and is completed on Friday 20th October. There will be a parent information evening from 4.30pm to 5 pm on Monday 9th October in the school library for those parents who have any questions or need clarification of the week's events. Can you please RSVP to office@devonint.school.nz if you are planning on attending.

Touch rugby starts next term, and we have several teams entered into this event on Monday evenings. The games are held at Devon, and it would be great to see parents and whanau supporting our teams.

Just a reminder that all sports fees should have been paid. It is concerning to note that quite a few Netball, Hockey and Basketball fees are still outstanding. These fees are paid directly to the various associations and therefore any unpaid fees cost the school. Can you please ensure the outstanding fees are paid as soon as possible and all sports uniforms are returned to the school office. Uniform bonds will not be returned until all fees are paid and uniforms returned.

Week one of next term sees the school involved in Life Education classes and on Friday 13th October we will be holding our standards athletics events. Again, we encourage whanau to come and support the students in their events.

The Ministry of Education have requested all schools in New Zealand hold a Teacher Only Day to work on curriculum changes for 2024 and these are to be held during November. I have liaised with Moturoa, Westown and West End Primary schools and Devon Intermediate will be holding its Teacher Only Day on Monday 13th November.



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

**Wednesday 20th
September**

Taranaki Cross
Country Champs

**Thursday 21st
September**

MANA reward day

**Friday 22nd
September**

Last day of term

**Friday 22nd
September**

Teacher Only Day

**Monday 9th
October**

First day of term 4

**Monday 9th
October**

Life Education week
begins.

**Monday 16th
October**

EOTC Week begins

**Monday 23rd
October**

Labour Day– School
closed

Hoping everyone has a restful break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 9th October.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

2023 SPORTS RESULTS

Basketball

Devon Stars (yr 7 & 8 girls) and **Devon Toa** (yr 7 boys) - Made it through to the semi finals only just missing out on getting through to the final.

Devon Aces (yr 8 boys) - Made it through to the finals. Finishing runners up.

Netball

Devon Mana - 4th in Section 1

Devon Maia - 3rd in Section 3

Devon Toa - 5th in Section 3

Devon Mātātōa - 5th in Section 7

Devon Manawanui - 4th in Section 9

Congratulations to Talie-Jean Lilo, Katie Takarangi and Hunter Ngaia who have been selected for the U13 Tara-naki Basketball Girls team. They will travel to Wellington to compete at the Regional comps in the holidays .

SPORTS UNIFORMS

With winter sports now coming to an end, just a reminder we need all uniforms handed back to the School office please. Uniform bonds will be returned once all Sports Uniforms are returned to the office.

2024 ENROLMENTS

If you have a year 6 child who will be attending Devon Intermediate next year as a year 7 student, please drop off your child's enrolment form to the office or email it through to zdobson@devonint.school.nz.

If you have any questions or need an enrolment pack please call the office on 06 758 5266.

SCHOOL HATS

Just a reminder that school navy wide-brimmed or bucket hats are required for term 4- bucket hats are available from the office.



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member



Marissa Hoyes
returningofficer@devonint.school.nz

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ELECTIONS**



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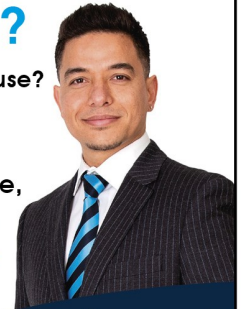
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