



# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora Whanau

What an amazing week everyone had last week with our EOTC week possibly being the highlight of my year. It was wonderful to see our amazing students enjoying, and learning about many of the amazing outdoor opportunities we have here in Taranaki. A huge thanks to my staff and the incredible parents and volunteers who made this happen. We do have quite a bit of lost property still in the school following the various events so if you are missing some clothing or equipment can you contact your child's teacher in the first instance and then the school office.

We have been very fortunate this year to also have had some amazing financial support from the following organisations. Our thanks to Toi Foundation, Aotearoa Trust, Pelorus Trust, NZCT and the Mellowpuff Foundation for their support of our students and school.

Congratulations to Sophie Madden. During the last school holidays Sophie again represented New Plymouth Ravens at the national inline hockey competition. Sophie played 10 games over 3 days and was completely exhausted but both teams played exceptionally well. Her 12 and under team came home with a Bronze medal 3rd in New Zealand, while her Junior Women (14 and under) team won all of their games and are the national champions!

Congratulations to TK Katene, Whitama Cassidy, Jalen Tuwhangai and Corbyn Champion who represented Taranaki in the Taranaki Whanui Tamariki under 12's and under 11's Maori League team at the 2023 tournament in Whakatane.

Tonight, we have the Year 7 and 8 EPRO8 competition in our hall from 5 pm and if our teams do well, the finals are tomorrow night. Our Kapa haka and Pasifika students are involved in Puanga this Friday at Waitara, and our William Pike students will be out planting the Trees we grew with the Trees for Survival team.

Our championship athletics events will be held next Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November starting at 1.30pm and we would love to see you here supporting our students. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November will be our next MANA day for those students who are eligible and a reminder we have a teacher only day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

A reminder also that we are currently accepting enrolments for the 2024 school year. A reminder to Year 8 parents that your child should now be enrolled in a High School for 2024. If you need support completing the enrolment process, please contact the school office or contact the school directly. Spotswood College can be contacted on 7512416, NPBHS on 7585399 and NPGHS on 7573899.

Term 4 is always a busy one and we have lots of events happening which we will keep you informed of. We do need our students wearing their hats outside, even on overcast days to ensure they stay sun smart and your help with this would be appreciated.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen,  
Principal



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

**Wednesday 24th  
October– Thursday  
25th  
October**  
EPRO8

**Friday 27th October**  
Puanga

**Friday 27th October**  
William Pike Tree  
Planting

**Friday 3rd  
November**  
Championship  
Athletics

**Friday 10th  
November**  
Mana reward Day

**Monday 13th  
November**  
Teacher Only Day

**Wednesday 22nd  
November**  
Year 6 Orientation  
Day

**Friday 24th  
November**  
Spotswood College  
Orientation day



## EOTC WEEK

An awesome EOTC week was had by all last week, thank you so much to all of our whanau helpers and our staff for putting on such a great week for the kids.



## 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.

## SPORTS UNIFORMS

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.



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