



# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

14 February 2024

Kia ora whanau

Welcome to week three of term one. It is lovely to feel the warmth and buzz around the school as students settle in to Devon Intermediate and start becoming involved in classroom learning and the various events and opportunities we offer.

Friday of week 5, 23<sup>rd</sup> February will see us holding our standards swimming sports. We start at 12.45 and would love to see you at school supporting your child. The standards events are participation-based events where everyone, no matter the ability level, can participate.

The championship swimming competition will happen the following Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March starting at 10.50 am.

Our EMR programme starts with learning to snorkel in our school pool on 28<sup>th</sup> February and I know the two classes involved are looking forward to this.

One of our aims at Devon Intermediate, is to encourage your child to be involved in new and various activities. The following sports are starting up, Touch Rugby, Rippa Rugby and Netball. If your child is interested in being involved in any of these competitions, they need to talk to our sports coordinator Jamie Te Pau Konui who can usually be found in Te Ara Hau. In addition, we have girls cricket skills sessions being held at lunchtimes, students need to catch up with Miss Segedin if they are interested in being involved or trying something new.

Netball information - for those registered to play netball.

## Netball Practice - skills and drills

### Year 7

Monday 19 February  
12.30pm - 1.15pm

### Year 8

Tuesday 20 February  
12.20pm - 12.50pm

## Netball Trials

### Year 8

Monday 26 February 12.30pm - 1.15pm

### Year 7

Tuesday 27 February 2.30pm - 4pm

Justin Lowcay from St Johns will be working in our school from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> running our wellbeing course for year 7 classes and we know students will learn a lot in these classes.



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

### Monday 12th February

St John's wellbeing courses begin

### Monday 19th February

Vision and hearing testing for Year 7's

### Friday 23rd February

Swimming standards

### Wednesday 28th February

Inter Intermediate Surfing Champs

### Friday 1st March

MANA Reward Day

### Friday 1st March

Championship Swimming

### Monday 4th March

School photos

### Monday 11th March

Taranaki Anniversary Day  
School closed

### Thursday 21st March

Inter Intermediate Swimming Champs

Vision testing will be happening at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, also for our Year 7 students.

A reminder that if your child is riding a bike to school, they must be wearing a helmet which needs to be done up. It is concerning to see several of our cyclists without helmets when they ride to and from school.

A lot of our news and updates for school can be located on skool loop and the Devon Intermediate Facebook page. This is a private page so please request access to the page. Skool loop is an app which can be downloaded then add Devon Intermediate as the school.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

## ROAD SAFETY

Frequently, we are receiving phone calls from concerned local residents and members of the public regarding the silly and dangerous behaviour of students when crossing the roads around the school, be it on a bike, scooter or on foot. We ask that you please reinforce to your children about using the school pedestrian crossing on Devon St West and if on St Aubyn Street, the crossing down their to keep themselves safe. Again, we ask that students are dropped off and picked up on either Devon St West or St Aubyn Street, and that families are not using the school driveway to drop off and pick up please. We thank you for your on-going support in this matter.



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