

# Devon Intermediate

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### **Devon Intermediate School Newsletter**

27 March 2024

Kia ora Whanau

Week 9 and a reminder that school will close at normal time on Thursday for the Easter break. We re-open on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at normal time. I wish everyone a safe and restful Easter break.

We are excited to let you all know that we will be holding our Cultural Day on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> from 11.30-2.30pm. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in workshops, explore interactive exhibits and there will be performances from Spotswood College, West End and our very own Devon Intermediate kapa haka and Pasifika groups. The performances will take place in the hall starting at 1.45pm. We would love you to join us for this amazing experience.

Congratulations to our amazing Swim team who competed in the recent Interintermediate swimming championships. Congratulation to the following students who gained places in the finals.

Hayley Lister: Freestyle finals 4th.

Blakey Stewart-McDonald made it through to all finals finishing: Backstroke5th Breaststroke 1st Freestyle 1st.

We were extremely fortunate to receive free tickets to the screening on "The Mountain" last week. My thanks to all parents who supported the last-minute organisation as we only found out the morning of the screening that there were tickets available for the school. 65 students had an amazing time at the TSB Showplace, and they even got to meet the stars of this amazing film.

Good luck to our Student Lit Quiz contestants who have their competition on 10<sup>th</sup> April, and we have our final MANA Day for the term on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> for eligible students.

We have had some reports of disturbing behaviour when students are on their way home. Can you please encourage your child to take care when riding or walking to and from school and to think about what they are saying to each other as verbal abuse is not acceptable either at school or in public.

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



DATES TO NOTE

Friday 29th March Good Friday

**Monday 1st April**Easter Monday

**Tuesday 2nd April**Easter Tuesday

**Thursday 4th April** Sports Exchange

**Friday 5th April**Devon Cultural Day

**Wednesday 10th April**Kids Lit Quiz

**Friday 12th April**MANA Reward Day

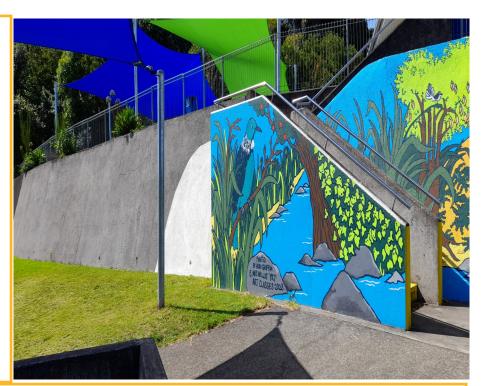
Friday 12th April Last Day of Term 1

**Monday 29th April** First day of Term 2

#### **Creatives in Schools**

In 2023, our school completed a bright and colourful mural based on Kaitiakitanga. We are delighted to be working on a new mural this year, and students are busy planning and sketching ideas. They are exploring the theme Tūrangawaewae and making connections to our local area. The art room is busy with students learning skills and techniques in drawing and painting. It's an exciting project, and the concrete wall is presently being prepared for the mural.

You can contact the school office for more information if you want to get involved.



#### **PARENT LINK 2024**

Our Parent Link group is under way for 2024 and we have some exciting events and fundraisers in the works for the year.

We have had our first meeting and it was great to see some new faces there. We would love to see more parents involved, whether it be attending a meeting to share your ideas, a couple of hours of your time at an event or whatever you can offer. It doesn't have to be a commitment for the whole year.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 1st of May at 3.30 in the staffroom.



#### **LOST PROPERTY**

We have an increasing amount of lost property coming in and have noticed the majority of it is not named. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named including their shoes.

#### **SCHOOL FEES 2024**

Devon Intermediate Board of Trustees removed the cost of the school donation in line with the 2019 Budget Announcement, whereby the school is subsidised \$150 per student for school expenses.

The annual cost to cover, Food, Wood, Art, Digital Technology and Performing Arts take home consumables have been reduced to just \$20.00 per student this year. Additional costs for the year are:

School Diary \$12.00

Payments to be made to the school office (cash, or EFT-POS). Alternately, payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 153949 0276621 80 or by Automatic Payment. Please ensure that your payment description includes students name and what payment is for. Invoices will be coming out this week.

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