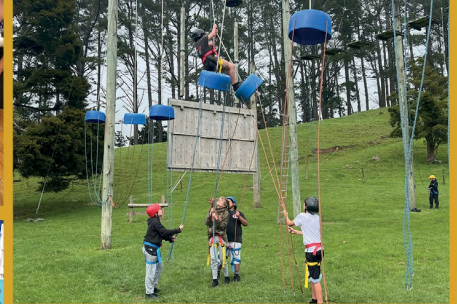




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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

25 June 2025

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 2. Hopefully everyone has their pathway and planning meetings organised for tomorrow or Friday, so that you can celebrate your child's learning and achievements for the first half year at Devon Intermediate.

Huge congratulations to our Girls Rippa Rugby team who won the recent Champion of Champions Rippa Rugby tournament. The girls involved were Azaria Riddick, Leyala Tilsley, Kora Nepia, Savannah Campion, Alexa Rose, Aria Newsome, Libby Sangster, Waimirirangi MacDonald, Marnie Johnson, Shara-Leigh Rolleston-Tamatea.

This last Monday, our prospective second half year Head Girl and Head Boy candidates spoke at our assembly. Congratulations to all those students who put themselves forward for these two positions and congratulations to all those who spoke at the assembly. They did themselves and their whanau proud. The new Head Girl and Head Boy will be announced at our first assembly next term. As well as Head Students, we will also announce our Class Merit recipients for Term 2 and our new Cultural Leaders for the second half year.

Our last Winter Sports exchange will be held on Wednesday July 30 against Highlands Intermediate and will be held at Devon, so please come and help support our teams.

We are fortunate to have the WITT barbering students coming back to Devon on Tuesday July 22. They are here to practice their craft and can cut the boys hair for free, providing the students have returned their permission slip, which we will be sent out at the start of next term. Last year, we also had hairdressing students come for the girls, but we have had no word this year if that part of the day is happening. I will let you know if the girls are involved when I find out.

After school badminton will continue next term on a Wednesday afternoon from 3-4pm. Our Term 3 enrichment programme will start on the first Friday of next term and a heads up that we have a teacher only day on Friday August 22 to continue our work on the new mathematics curriculum. The Devon Intermediate colour run will happen on Friday August 1 and you are most welcome to join us for this fun event.

Hoping everyone has a lovely break and we look forward to seeing all students back at school at 8.40am on Monday July 14.

Nga mihi

*Jenny Gellan*

**Jenny Gellan**  
Principal

## CHAMPIONS RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2025

Azaria Riddick, Leyala Tilsley, Kora Nepia, Savannah Campion, Aria Newsome, Libby Sangster, Waimirirangi MacDonald, Marnie Johnson, Shara-Leigh Rolleston-Tamatea and Alexa Rose



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

**June 26**  
Intermediate  
Volleyball Tournament

**June 26-27**  
Planning and  
Pathways Meetings

**June 27**  
Term 2 ends

**July 14**  
Term 3 starts

**July 14**  
Kiwi Comp Spelling  
Bee

**July 22**  
NPBHS/NPGHS visit  
day @ Devon

**July 22**  
WITT Barbering  
Students visit @ Devon

**July 24**  
Barrett Shield First XV  
rugby match at FDMC

**July 28**  
Spotswood College  
visit @ Devon

**July 30**  
Devon vs Highlands  
Winter Sports @ Devon

**August 21**  
Parent Information  
Evening @ Devon

## HE TUKUKU AUAHATANGA EXHIBITION

Twelve of our lucky ākonga were invited to participate in an exciting kaupapa, bringing together tamariki to engage in collective learning with renowned local Māori artists and weavers.

This initiative gave a unique opportunity for tamariki to connect with traditional weaving and contribute to a significant artwork that is currently exhibited at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, Ngāmotu.

Artist Maureen Lander in partnership with Te Ara Taiao invited tamariki from Te Ara Taiao youth leadership groups to participate in the making of a collaborative artwork through which they expressed and shared their research into and aspirations for the health and well-being of their local awa.

This collaborative artwork is being exhibited at the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery from 14 June until 12 October 2025. The students in the photo left to right are: Milan Bhaskar, Declan Harvey, Orly Kana, Roary Murfitt, Anjali Bhaskar, Adilyah Fonua.



## MATARIKI IN ROOM 22

To celebrate Matariki, Room 22 explored the meaning and beauty of **tukutuku patterns**.

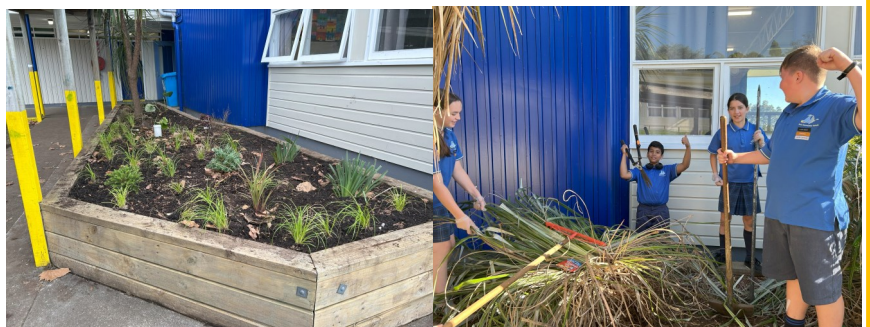
Students used this special time to **connect with each other, reflect on the past**, and **set meaningful goals** for the year ahead. Through collaboration and creativity, they created tukutuku-inspired art that represents unity, growth, and the spirit of Matariki. ✨



## GARDEN GETS A REVAMP

During the first term, for our Unite and Ignite topic, Room 20 decided to freshen up the garden outside Resolution. The project has had many leaders in this class at different stages, which has resulted in a true reflection of Room 20's hard work, laughter, tears, and frustrations. The garden is now completed.

Special thanks to Mrs. Gellen, Whaea Carman, The Extraordinary Teacher Aide Keren, and The Legendary Caretaker Ian for their assistance, advice, and effort to get this project across the line.



## MATARIKI SLEEPOVER 2025

We had a fantastic evening at our Matariki sleepover! A highlight of the night was the game of spotlight, which brought plenty of laughs and excitement. It was a great opportunity to connect with others, strengthen relationships, and celebrate the spirit of Matariki together.



## BUS FARE CHANGES COMING SOON

- Adult fares will increase by 25%
- A one-way trip within zone one in New Plymouth will now be \$2.50 with a Bee Card.
- A one-way trip from Hāwera to New Plymouth will now be \$6.25 with a Bee Card.
- A new Youth fare is being introduced for passengers aged 5 to 18. Youth fares will see a smaller increase of 13.5%.
- A one-way trip within zone one in New Plymouth will now be \$2.25 with a Bee Card
- A one-way trip from Hāwera to New Plymouth will now be \$5.70 with a Bee Card.

**Check out the fare chart online for the full list of new Bee Card and cash fares across the region.**



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