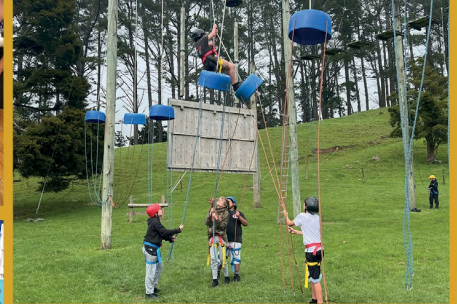




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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

16 July 2025

Kia ora whanau

I hope all whanau had a lovely break during the holidays and that everyone is ready for an amazing Term 3 at Devon Intermediate. Many thanks to all those who attended the Pathway and Planning meetings at the end of last term. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting to celebrate their achievements and set goals for the second half year.

We have had an amazing start to the term, announcing our new Head Boy and Head Girl for the next 6 months. Congratulations to Anjali Bhaskar who is our new Head Girl and Luke Benton is our new Head Boy.

We also announced our new Cultural Leaders for the next 6 months and congratulations to Knox Healey and Tamati Phillips who are our Kapa haka leaders and to Alesana Tuavao and Blessing Taula who are our Pasifika leaders.

Congratulations to our Term 2 Class Merit recipients.

Room 8

Mordecai Rangi
Kahlaan Parker

Room 13

April Freakley

Room 17

Sofia Quindo

Room 20

Chloe Swanson
Harmony Evans

Room 9

Kathryn Herrett

Room 14

Lachlan Kelly-Gibb

Room 18

Selena Huynh
Dillon Lister

Room 21

Juliana Gushcha
Kaylani King

Room 10

Ayman Noureen
Bella Hutchieson

Room 15

Claudia Loveridge-Knox
Grace Anderson

Room 19

Emily Dawson
McKenzie Corlett

Room 22

Lucan Johnson

During the holidays, we received notification that Adele Jolly and Eden Aldridge, who are members of Taranaki's Platinum Elite Cheer and Tumbling squad, will be competing in several competitions outside of Taranaki over the next couple of months. Congratulations to these two girls and we look forward to hearing your results as the competitions occur.

At the end of last term our volleyball teams were involved in the Inter-intermediate competition. Our Year 7 mixed team - social grade, won all games, convincingly. The Year 8 Girls - dropped first two games, (one by sudden death single point), then won final four matches to finish third and the Year 8 Boys made the final then lost the final to a team they had beaten in pool play. Congratulations to all the players involved.

During the school holidays, Amaziah Cassidy-Taha, Kaiahn Weston and Tyrell Cameron represented Taranaki in the under 15 team at the New Zealand Māori league tournament. The team placed 11th out of 58 teams which was an amazing achievement. Well done to those boys who were involved.

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 have sent out. If your child has mislaid their permission slip, another one can be collected from the school office.

A reminder that Spotswood College will be holding their Open Evening for parents and students to attend on Tuesday July 29 between 5.30pm and 7.30pm in the school hall at Spotswood College.



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

July 22

NPBHS/NPGHS visit
@ 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 1

Devon Colour Run

August 5

TRFU Intermediate
rugby 7s tournament

August 8

Cross Country

August 15

MANA Reward Day

August 21

Parent Information
Evening @ Devon

August 22

Teacher Only Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

August 29-31

AIMS Hip Hop
competition

A reminder that the Devon versus Highlands winter sports exchange will be held here, at Devon on Wednesday July 30.

The programme is as follows for those who would like to come and support our teams.

10.30am	Pōwhiri - School hall
11.15am	Basketball (boys A) - Basketball Court, Netball - Blue & Red – Netball Courts, Chess – Library, Badminton - School Hall, Football (mixed) – Field, Table Tennis - Room 16, Indoor Bowls - Room 12
11.30am	Volleyball - Spotswood College Hockey - NP Turf
12pm	Basketball (boys B) - Basketball Court
12.15pm	Netball - Black & Yellow - Netball Courts
12:30pm	Football (boys) - Field
1pm	Rugby 7s - Rugby field
1.55pm	Meet in school hall for results & farewell
2.15pm	Highlands Depart

NPBHS will be holding their Open Day on Wednesday July 23 between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Please meet in Ryder Hall and tours of the school will start at 3.45pm. NPGHS will be holding their Open Day on Thursday July 24.

School Board Triennial elections are coming up, and over the next few days we will be calling for nominations for anyone who is interested in becoming a board member. We have 3 vacancies to fill and would love to have anyone who is possibly interested put their name forward. If you have any questions around what is involved being a board member, our Presiding member, Kara Newsome, would be only too happy to speak to you about this.

On Thursday August 21, we have our Parent/Student Information evening coming up for incoming year 7s in 2026. If you know of anyone who has a student who will be attending next year, we encourage you to please get them to come along. We encourage both parents and prospective students to attend this event, which takes place in our school hall from 6.30pm with the presentations taking place from 7.00pm- 8.00pm. As a side note to this, the portal for enrolling students for next year is open at this link: <https://devonint.school.kiwi/>

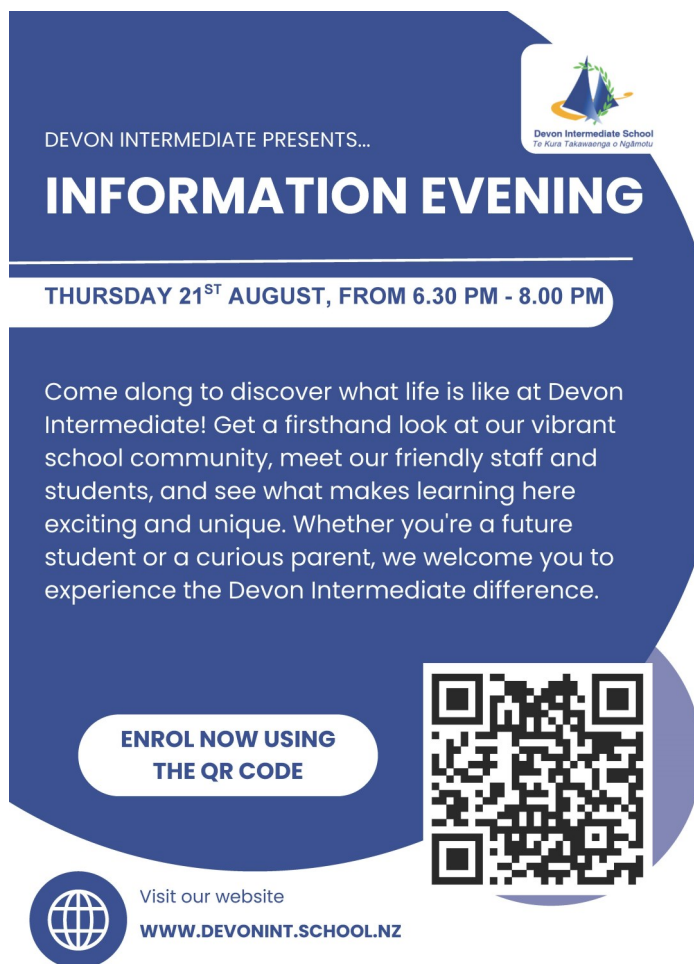
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Jenny Gellen

Jenny Gellen, Principal



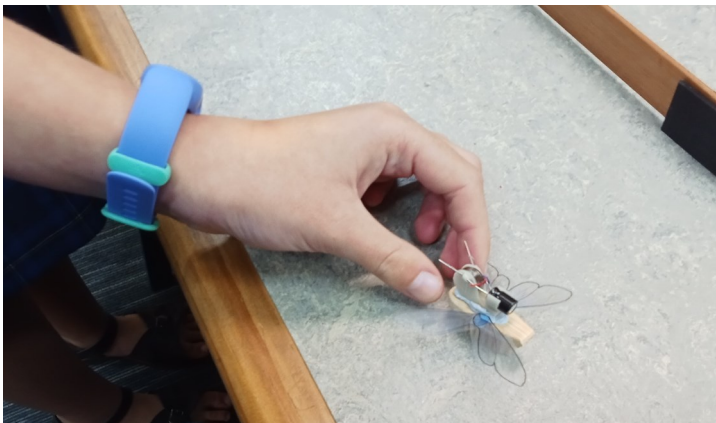
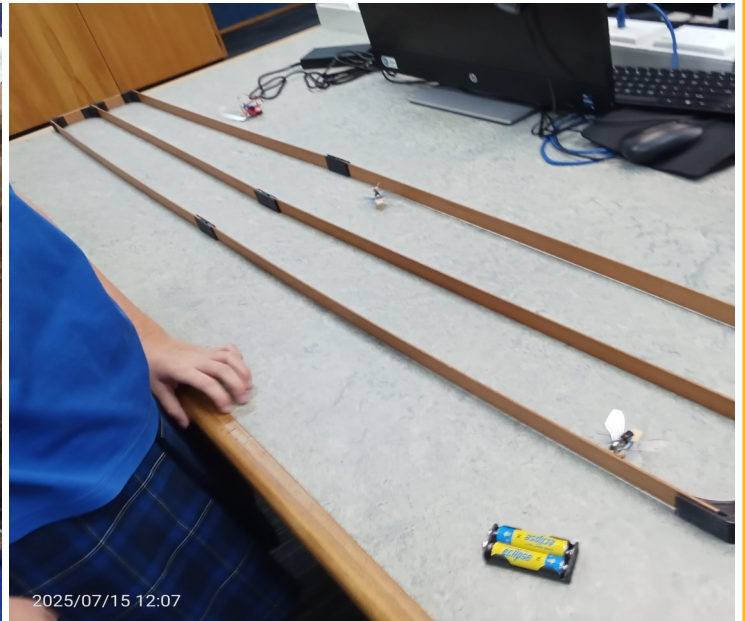
A poster for School Board Elections. It features a dark blue background with a group of colorful, stylized figures (orange, green, red, purple) jumping or dancing. Below the figures, the text 'Get on board!' is written in large, white, bold letters. Underneath that, in smaller white text, it says 'Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.' At the bottom, there is a white box containing the text 'Returning Officer: Marissa Hoyes, returningofficer@devonint.school.nz'. To the left of the bottom right is the Devon Intermediate School logo, and to the right is the 'SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS' logo with a stylized 'X' symbol.



A poster for an Information Evening. It has a dark blue background. At the top right is the Devon Intermediate School logo. Below it, the text 'DEVON INTERMEDIATE PRESENTS...' is written in white. The main title 'INFORMATION EVENING' is in large, white, bold letters. Below that, in a white box, it says 'THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST, FROM 6.30 PM - 8.00 PM'. The body of the poster contains white text: 'Come along to discover what life is like at Devon Intermediate! Get a firsthand look at our vibrant school community, meet our friendly staff and students, and see what makes learning here exciting and unique. Whether you're a future student or a curious parent, we welcome you to experience the Devon Intermediate difference.' At the bottom right is a large QR code. To the left of the QR code, in a white box, it says 'ENROL NOW USING THE QR CODE'. At the bottom left, there is a globe icon and the text 'Visit our website WWW.DEVONINT.SCHOOL.NZ'.

FUN IN TECHNOLOGY

Room 14 had retired neuroscientist Michael Paulin (ex NASA engineer, Otago University Professor and pupil of Devon Intermediate 1967-68) and his mother Beryl Paulin (who used to teach at Devon also) and his wife Helen (a retired GP and also an ex-pupil of Devon Intermediate) come in and teach them to build butterfly robots. They were also luckily gifted the robots to keep. The students enjoyed the activity while learning about electrical circuits, conductors and to balance the robots as they bounced around.



PHOTOS (to the right)

Top photo:

Chilling during the latest MANA day

Middle and bottom photos:

Devon Toa giving it their all in their netball season



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Holly is a child online safety advocate, educator, and writer, and co-founder of Makes Sense. A former high school teacher and mother of two, she is passionate about supporting families to navigate technology safely. She's currently completing a Master of Public Policy to help shape stronger protections for children in the digital world.



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