



Devon Intermediate

Sailing towards an Attitude of Excellence



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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora whanau

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Leaders for the second half year:

House Leaders – Discovery

Leo King-Thurel Blakey Stewart-McDonald Mikayla Whittle

House Leaders - Endeavour

Rangi Te Kura Shara Leigh Rolleston-Tamatea

House Leaders - Adventure

Skye Tongariro Ayla Clout

House Leaders - Resolution

Anya Parsottam Kaylahni King

Congratulations also to Luke Benton and Thomas More who achieved their MANA Honours badges for accumulating 200 MANA points during their time at Devon Intermediate and they now get to have lunch with Mrs Gellen at a place of their choice.

Congratulations to Luke for also being the first in school this year for achieving his overall Attitude for Excellence badge.

Congratulations to Milan Bhaskar who spent this past weekend competing in the New Plymouth Speech and Drama Competition. Milan performed six times and won two 1st places, three 2nd places and a 3rd place. He was runner up in the Under 14 Years Scholarship and was awarded the Ross Hunter Trophy for the Most Promising Boy Under 14 or 16 Years.

A reminder that we have our Parent/Student Information evening coming up on Thursday August 21 between 6.30pm and 8.00pm. This is an opportunity for prospective parents and students to hear about the many opportunities and programmes we have here at Devon Intermediate. Many of our students will be showcasing their talents during the night and the evening will be hosted by our Head Students. Please encourage parents of Year 6 students to attend. They may be currently deciding which school to send their child to next year.

Our colour run event is on Friday August 1 from 1.30pm. We would love you to come along and watch, throw the paint and have some fun.

The TRFU 7's tournament is being held at the TET stadium on Tuesday August 5. We do not have times for the event yet but, will let you know when we are notified of the times the students play.

Nominations for board elections must be in by noon on Wednesday August 6. We have three vacancies for the board and only one nomination to date. Becoming a board member is an opportunity for you to learn more about what happens behind the scenes of running the school. Please take the time to consider putting yourself forward for a seat.



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

August 1
Devon Colour Run

August 5
TRFU Intermediate
rugby 7s tournament

August 8
Cross Country
Championships

August 15
MANA Reward Day

August 21
Parent Information
Evening @ Devon

August 22
Teacher Only Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

August 29
Taranaki Cross County
Championship

August 29-31
AIMS Hip Hop
competition

September 9
Kiwi Competition—
Spelling bee

September 11
Taranaki school trail
relay

September 12
Taranaki Volleyball
Championship

September 16
WITT Barbers

A reminder that the AIM's Games hip hop team are holding a fundraising Disco on Thursday August 7 from 6.00pm-8.00pm. There will be no door sales on the night, so students need to have pre-bought their tickets from the school office. The cost of the ticket is a gold coin and there will be glow sticks, drinks, lollies and pizza for sale on the night. We will be pre-ordering the pizzas so will send out more information about this closer to the time.

A further reminder that we will be holding a Teachers Only Day on Friday August 22 to continue our math's curriculum work following the government changes to the curriculum. The school will be closed this day.

Nga mihi



Jenny Gellen
Principal

FREE HAIRCUTS—BACK AGAIN IN 6 WEEKS

A huge thank you to Ben Allen, barbering tutor from WITT, and his amazing team of trainees who visited Devon Intermediate. They gave free haircuts to over 50 of our boys as part of their training and community outreach. The boys loved the experience, and we're incredibly grateful for the care and professionalism shown by the team.



We're excited to share that Ben and his crew will be returning in 6 weeks to offer another round of free haircuts. As always, no student will receive a haircut without a signed permission slip. Ngā mihi nui to the WITT barbering team – we appreciate your support!



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know
to be a school board member.



DEVON INTERMEDIATE PRESENTS...



INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST, FROM 6.30 PM - 8.00 PM

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.

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BARRETT SHIELD

Congratulations to the Devon 1st XV Rugby team who last week played FDMC for the Barrett Shield.

Unfortunately we didn't come away with the win but the boys can hold their heads high. The team represented the school with pride and played with great sportsmanship.

The team was made of: Rangī Te Kura, Alesana Tuavao, Mattix Fraser, Crewso Kaumoana-Falconer, Te Oata Waiwai, Winara Pehi, Kaiahn Weston, Knox Healey, Tyrell Cameron-Taylor, Larson Wallace, Condrake Cassidy-Nuku, Hunter Isaacs-Buckland, Amaziah Cassidy-Taha, Yasin Can, Michael Graham, Noah Korau, Uale Lokeni.



DISCO NIGHT
Party

DEVON INTERMEDIATE
HALL

AUGUST 7 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

GOLD COIN DONATION

PLEASE NOTE, ANY STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ON VAPING
CONDITIONS OR STOOD DOWN MAY NOT ATTEND

**PRE SALES ONLY FROM DEVON INTERMEDIATE OFFICE
CUT OFF FOR SALES IS TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 9AM**

**LOLLIES, PIZZA, DRINKS AND GLOW STICKS FOR
SALE**

PLANTING OUR PLACE—NGA MANU PIKOKO ROOPU O TE KURA TAKAWAENGA O NGAMOTU

Tauira (students) aged from 9-13 year olds who came from the surrounding kura of Mangaotuku Awa were Marfell Primary, Spotswood Primary, Te Pi'ipi'inga Kakano Mai I Te Rangiatea and Devon Intermediate School were involved in planting our place in conjunction with NPDC and Te Ara Taiao.

Tauira gained a deeper understanding of kaitiakitanga and to help restore the mauri of the ngahere and Mangaotuku Awa by planting a variety of native Rākau to watch them grow for the next generation to enjoy.

Devon Intermediate Kura Year 7 Tauira are a part of Ngā Manu Pīkoko roopu who worked with Spotswood Primary showing them how to plant rākau in the reserve along Mangaotuku Awa, about 30 Tauira planted around 300 rakau in the morning. Another 50 Tauira from Te Pi'ipi'ng Kakano Mai I Te Rangiatea and Marfell Primary planted around 600 natives between them in the afternoon, a massive effort put in by Tauira, Kaiako and support teachers and parents. A Community push was on Sunday with 30 volunteers planting about 2000 native rakau. 0.4 hectares planted in native Rākau over two days.

Photo's - Top left: completed planting just off Botany Place, top right: Jane Bowden-Dobson (Te Ara Taiao), Carman Amai (Te Ara Taiao) with Azarleah Bushell and a student from Marfell Primary at the BBQ. Bottom left: Willow Kidd and Lenny Lilo from Devon Kura involved with Ngā Manu Pīkoko roopu. Bottom middle: Kiera Arnold and Ariana Waru also apart of the Ngā Manu Pīkoko roopu at Kura, bottom right: taken from the walkway within the reserve

Nga mihi
Carman Amai
Te Ara Taiao



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