



# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora whanau

Congratulations to all those who took part in the school cross country event held last Friday. The Year 7 girls' event was won in a photo finish by Kanami Edwards with Emily Dawson 2nd and Ella Waterman 3rd. The Year 7 boys' event was won by Lucan Johnson who set a new school record of 12.00.22 minutes, he was followed home by Bosston Wetini-Maxwell and Vyan Ramlal. The Year 8 girls' race was won by Anya Parsottam who set a new school record of 12.55.59, she was closely followed by Juliana Gushcha and Hayley Lister. Luke Benton ran a strategic race to take out the Year 8 boys title and was followed home by Nixon Smith and Jared Pollock.

On Tuesday August 19 and Tuesday August 26, NZEI will be holding Paid Union Meetings during the afternoon. School will **NOT** close on either day as we have enough staff to cover all classes.

Congratulations to Winara Pehi who gained the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship, and he will be attending TOPEC next week.

Congratulations also to Kaiahn Weston and Tyrell Cameron-Taylor who have been named in the 2025 Ross Brown West team to play in the upcoming Ross Brown Tournament.

We are also very pleased to announce that Noah Korau has been named in the 2025 Conrad Smith West rugby team.

Devon Intermediate students received outstanding results at the recent Elemental Group Taranaki Science and Technology Fair, and we have included information about their results in this newsletter.

A reminder that we will be holding a Teachers Only Day on Friday August 22 and there will be **no classes**. Staff will be doing further work on the changes to the mathematics curriculum.

A reminder that we have our Parent Information evening coming up on Thursday August 21 at 6.30pm. 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 on the night, and the evening will be hosted by our Head Students. Please encourage parents who may currently be deciding which school to send their child to next year, to attend. We also encourage prospective new students to attend with their parents.

Nga mihi



**Jenny Gellen**  
Principal

## NORTH ISLAND ROCKS MATHS COMPETITION

Marcelle Pretorius, a Year 7 student from Ruma 15 took part in the North Island Rocks Maths competition and was placed 10th out of 11,000 students from schools across the North Island.

Students had 30 minutes to answer as many times tables questions correctly as they could and she managed to answer 2131 questions correctly! That's an incredible 71 questions per minute, for 30 minutes!

Well done Marcelle, what an incredible achievement.



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

**August 15**

MANA Reward Day

**August 21**

Parent Information  
Evening @ Devon  
6.30pm—8.00pm

**August 22**

Teacher Only Day  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**

**August 29-31**

AIMS Hip Hop  
competition

**September 9**

Spelling Bee

**September 9**

Devon vs Highlands  
Winter Sports @ Devon

**September 11**

Taranaki school trail  
relay

**September 12**

Taranaki Volleyball  
Championship

**September 16**

WITT Barbers

**September 17**

Taranaki Cross Country  
Championship

**September 19**

End of Term 3

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

### Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Blair Corlett  
Richard Butler  
Claire Kelly

Marissa Hoyes  
Returning Officer

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

### Staff Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Lionel Haldane

Marissa Hoyes  
Returning Officer

## WELL DONE ELLA

Ella Waterman competed in her first Pool Rescue Champs for East End Surf Lifesaving and managed some fantastic results. In September she will compete in her first National Champs.

As there is no age category for her, she had to compete in the U13 category, managing 1st in the U13/14 Mixed 4x50m Medley relay, 3rd in the U13 Female Brick Carry Without Fins, 4th in the U13 Female 50m swim With Fins and 5th in the U13/14 Female 75m Patient Tow with Fins.



## Elemental Group Science & Technology Fair 2025

### Te Whakaaturanga Pūtaiao me Hangarau ki Taranaki

Keen Devon Intermediate students have participated in the 2025 Science and Technology Fair, a celebration of curiosity, creativity, and innovation!

This year, our students shone a spotlight on observational drawing and scientific posters – where art meets science! Students from across the region are using their eyes, hands, and minds to explore the world around them and present their discoveries in beautifully detailed illustrations and creative poster displays.

Among the creative and talented Devon Intermediate students special mention to:

Ziyang Yu - Year 8

- First in Class in Observational Drawing
- First in Class for her Advertising Poster - AND, her poster was selected as the cover for the full science fair program!

Ella Waterman - Year 7

- First in Class in Observational Drawing

Auron Tako-Bibby - Year 7

- Second in Class in Observational Drawing

Beautiful entries also from

Bella Tutemahurangi and Neve Murray



## TARANAKI INTERMEDIATE RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT

The Devon Sevens Rugby team went to the TET stadium in Inglewood last Tuesday to compete at the Intermediate Sevens Rugby competition.

The boys had some tough teams in their pool losing by 1 try to Inglewood in their first game and a big loss to Manu in their second game. They kept their heads held high and turned the day around by winning their third game against Patea, smashing them 47-0. They then won their fourth and final game by 2 tries against Manu's B team. Overall the boys all did really well and played some great footy.

The Player of the Day went to Hunter Isaacs-Buckland, scoring 4 tries in one game and several more in other games. His pace was too much for the opposition. Great job team, thanks Mr Pahi.





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