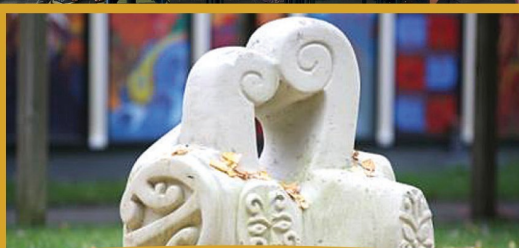




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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

27 August 2025

Kia ora whanau

Congratulations to Amaziah Taha-Cassidy who has made the Under 14 Taranaki Sharks rugby league team. Amaziah will get to play alongside his brother, and ex-student of Devon Intermediate, Whitiama Taha-Cassidy.

Our AIMS games Hip Hop squad have been working hard since term one and they head to Tauranga on Friday 29th to compete at the AIM's games competition. Heaps of good luck to this amazing group of young dancers and we look forward to hearing your results. The event will be live streamed and you can watch our girls perform at 5.05 pm by following this link: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/aimsgames/news-livestream>

Our band, Fire Exit, will be competing in the 2025 Bandquest event to be held in Palmerston North on September 2nd and 3rd. Bandquest has been running for 15 years encouraging Primary and Intermediate age students on to the stage and performing in bands.

A huge thank you to all our students who were involved in our recent Whanau Information evening. All the students were a credit to their whanau and the school.

Devon Intermediate and West End School are excited to announce that we are holding a combined Kapa haka roopu performance on Thursday 4th September in the Devon Intermediate School Hall from 5.30pm to approximately 6.30pm. We welcome anyone who wishes to come and watch these performances.

Good luck to our EPro8 contestants who are competing against other Primary schools from around Taranaki in the EPro8 challenge on Wednesday 27th at Stratford Primary. The teams are Declan Harvey, Orly Kana, Nixon Smith, Ezan Khayat, Poppy Roberts, Anya Parsottam, Chloe Swanson, and Sophie Maindonald.

We are currently enrolling students for the 2026 school year and will start working on class placements in November. Parents of our current year 7's and our incoming students will be informed of their class placements before the end of the 2025 school year.

Planning for the 2026 school year is well under way, and just a heads up that we will be holding our Pathway and Planning meetings on Wednesday January 28th and Thursday January 29th with our first day of term being Monday 2nd February.

Nga mihi



Jenny Gellen
Principal



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

29—31 August

AIMS Hip Hop
competition

2—3 September

Bandquest

4 September

Devon/West End
Kapa haka roopu
performance

9 September

Spelling Bee

9 September

Devon vs Highlands
Winter Sports @ Devon

11 September

Taranaki school trail
relay

12 September

Taranaki Volleyball
Championship

16 September

WITT Barbers

17 September

Taranaki Cross
Country
Championship

19 September

MANA Day

19 September

End of Term 3

6 October

First day of Term 4

BRYCE JOURDAIN SCHOLARSHIP

"Don't try to fit in, when you were born to stand out."

Last week, 11 of us from around the North Island went to TOPEC for the Bryce Jourdain Scholarship week. I was really proud to be chosen to go.

We did so many awesome things! We climbed up the Kaitake Ranges, and I even got to teach the others how to bush bash. We went white water rafting in freezing cold water, abseiled down an 18 metre cliff, did the high ropes, and even bridge jumped. One of my favourite things was the flying kiwi, where you get pulled up into the air super fast—it was such a buzz!

We also had to work as a team to cook our meals, do orienteering, build bench seats (and sign our names on them), and climb the giant's ladder. At night in our cabin we even played a funny game called mannequins, where Alex controlled the lights and we moved around when the lights went off—it made us laugh so much.

The week taught me how important teamwork, leadership and resilience are, and how much you can achieve if you push yourself. I also made heaps of new friends, and I think some of them will be lifelong ones.

This week showed me that, just like Bryce Jourdain believed, the outdoors is a place where you can grow, shine, and find out what you're really capable of. It has inspired me to keep trying my best, help others, step outside my comfort zone, and grab every opportunity.

By Winara Pehi (aged 12)



BARRETT SHIELD MATCH

Congratulations to the First XV Rugby team who competed in the Barrett Shield match against Highlands Intermediate.

Unfortunately we didn't come away with the win but fought hard to score more tries in the second half than Highlands.

The team played with pride and at times showed pure brilliance. We are extremely proud of the team's progress and their sportsmanship on and off the field.



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