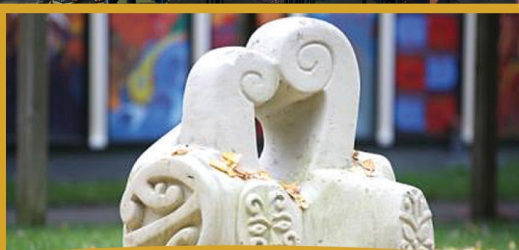




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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

8th October 2025

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Term 4 and we have another busy and exciting term ahead.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I inform our community that our Kapa haka roopu won the following sections at the Tatarakihi Kapa Haka competition held last term. 1st Whakaeke, 1st Whakawatea, 1st Moteatea, 1st Waiata Tira, 1st Poi, 1st Haka, 1st Waiata-a-ringa, 2nd Reo, 2nd Kakahu, 1st Manukura Tama- Rangi Te Kura, 1st Manukura Kotiro- Sierra Vedder. We also won overall. A powhiri was held on Friday 12th September to welcome the Taonga to the school and celebrate the group's performances.

Please be aware that our EOTC week **will be continuing** as planned despite the current talk of teachers striking on the Thursday of that week. We will be fully staffed to ensure that the events planned, including the overnight stay at school, will still take place. While we have sufficient staff to proceed with most activities that day, some adaptations are necessary. Specifically, Adventure House (Rooms 17, 18, and 19) will now attend the marae trip on Wednesday, October 22nd, alongside Endeavour House. This adjustment is due to key personnel participating in the strike who are essential for the original Thursday plan. Adventure will then complete their Survival Skills activities with Resolution on Thursday. The sleepover will continue as planned. We are very concerned about the current shortage of parent helpers for EOTC Week. If we do not meet the required adult-to-student ratios, we will unfortunately be unable to leave the school grounds for planned activities. If you are able to assist, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. We want to ensure all our tamariki have the opportunity to participate fully.

This is also a reminder that all outstanding payments are due by the end of this week. This can be paid in cash to the office or online.

Online payment:

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Whānau Information Meeting

We will be holding a Whānau Information Meeting ahead of EOTC Week on Thursday 9th October, 4.30–5.00 pm. All whānau helpers for the week are strongly encouraged to attend. This will be an opportunity to find out when and where you will be needed, and what your role will involve.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded their class merit badges at Mondays Assembly:

Room 8 Eric Lieng **Room 9** Toprak Medar

Room 10 Cruz Neill **Room 11** Leo King-Thurel and Noah Paringatai-Rowsell

Room 13 Razzaq Mohammed **Room 14** Ayva Toutai

Room 15 Marnie Johnson and Estelle Hanscombe-Whittaker

Room 17 Kura Te Awhe and Madiison Stowell

Room 18 Tyla Soffe **Room 19** Ariana Waru

Room 20 Kieran Sutton **Room 21** Alyssa Feek

Room 22 Mieke Beeslaar



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

6th—10th October
Life Education

9th October
EOTC Whānau Info
Evening

13th October
WPC Water Safety at
TOPEC

17th October
Championship
Athletics Day

20th—24th October
EOTC Week

25th—27th October
Labour Weekend

31st October
Puanga Festival

EOTC Week Timetable

| | Monday 20th October | Tuesday 21st October | Wednesday 22nd October | Thursday 23rd October | Friday 24th October |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Discovery Rooms 8, 9, 10, 11 | Survival Now & Then | Marae | Mountain Day | Puke Ariki | Sleepover at school Beach Day All students |
| Endeavour Rooms 13, 14, 15 | Puke Ariki | Survival Now & Then | Marae | Mountain Day | |
| Adventure Rooms 17, 18, 19 | Mountain Day | Puke Ariki | Marae | Survival Now & Then | |
| Resolution Rooms 20, 21, 22 | Marae | Mountain Day | Puke Ariki | Survival Now & Then | |

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Life Education teachers are in school at the moment and all classes will be spending time in the Life Education bus over the next week. We have our standards athletics event on Friday 17th October with our Championship athletics day being held on Friday 31st October. Our EOTC week is being held from Monday October 20th until Friday October 24th, and school will be closed on Monday 27th for Labour Day.

I would like to announce some Senior Leadership staffing changes for 2026. I have been seconded to the Ministry of Education for 2 years as a Regional Leadership Adviser, which will be an exciting challenge. While I am on secondment, Mrs. Thorburn will be Principal, Mrs. Brookes will continue as Deputy Principal and Mr. Haldane will join the Senior Leadership Team, also as Deputy Principal.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen
Principal



Congratulations to our Kapa Haka Roopu on their outstanding success at the Tatarakihi Kapa Haka event held in Hawera last term.

A reminder, that all sports uniforms are now due back. Please return them to the office.

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