



Devon Intermediate

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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

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Kia ora whanau

EOTC week has started with a hiss and a roar, and we are hoping the wild weather holds off so we can get through the week without having to move to Plan B. All students who are attending appear to be having a great deal of fun and are learning lots of new skills. Many thanks to all the parents and caregivers who are supporting this event. A reminder that we have enough staff to cover all EOTC events on Thursday and all events will continue including the overnight camp at school. Staff will be wearing black in solidarity with their striking colleagues and if your child would also like to wear something black to show their support for their teachers, that would be appreciated.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 27th for Labour Day. Our Kapa haka roopu will be performing at Puanga on Friday 31st at 10.30 am. The event is being held at the Waitara War Memorial Hall if anyone is interested in going to watch. Also, on the 31st we have our Championship Athletics event starting at 1.30 pm on the school field. Spectators are always welcome.

Our Orientation Day for incoming Year 6 students will be held on November 12th, and parents are welcome to attend with their Year 6 child on this day. Contributing schools have the information regarding times and organisation for this day. We are about to start compiling class lists for 2026 so that we can inform families of their child's teacher prior to the end of this year.

We were very pleased to see that following our recent school wide testing, 67% of Year 7's and 63% of Year 8 students made accelerated progress in Mathematics. 49% of Year 7's and 63% of Year 8's made accelerated progress in Reading and 63% of Year 7's and 64% of Year 8's made accelerated progress in Writing. Accelerated progress is when a child makes more than one year's progress in a calendar year.

We are in urgent need of second-hand uniforms and if your child is leaving Devon at the end of the year we would appreciate all donations of uniform. These can be dropped into the office before the office closes on December 17th.

Touch Rugby continues on a Monday evening at school, and it would be great to see whanau down here supporting our teams. We post the draw on our Facebook page, so whanau know when the games are being played.

Nga mihi



Jenny Gellen
Principal



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

20th – 24th October
EOTC Week

27th October
Labour Day

31st October
Puanga Festival

31st October
Championship
Athletics



EOTC Week: Resolutions Owae Marae Visit on Monday 20th October

ROAD SAFETY

It has been brought to our attention that some students are being let out of stopped vehicles at the lights on Devon St West and running across the road and not using the light crossing. Whilst we know that parking is limited, this is not safe for both students and drivers. Please speak to your children about using the crossing in the correct manner.

We have serious concerns about the number of cars coming down the driveway to drop students off and pick them up at the end of the day causing safety issues on the driveway and in the carpark itself. If there is a medical issue requiring your child to be dropped at the office or they need to be dropped for a safety reason which we know about, then that is fine.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property bin that is located in the student entrance way of the office is overflowing. Please can students check if any of the items of clothing are theirs. It would also be very beneficial to have all students school uniform items named please.



Adventure's Daniel Ruakere letting the discus fly at the School Athletics on Friday 17th October.

Support Our School & Get Your Christmas Shopping Done!

This year, we're partnering with the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce on a fun and easy school fundraiser with the new Taranaki Monopoly board game!

For every game purchased before the end of the school year using our school's unique code, our school receives a \$10 donation (you must use our schools unique code).

It's the perfect Christmas gift that encourages family fun, and every purchase directly helps us fund our school projects for next year.

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