



Devon Intermediate

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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

19th November 2025

Kia ora Whanau

The term is absolutely whizzing by, and we are currently in the process of sorting class placements for 2026. Our current Year 7 students will receive a letter with their reports telling them who their 2026 teacher will be, and our incoming Year 7 students will receive a letter via their schools in early December, giving them their start of year information, including their class placement.

All library books need to be returned to the library by this Friday so we can begin our stock take. Can I ask that all students have a hunt under their beds, in their wardrobes and in various household places for any library or school resources they have so that they may be returned.

Thursday of this week sees our school athletics team compete in the inter school athletics championships at the TET stadium in Inglewood. My thanks to those parents who have offered to transport the team, and it would be great to see whanau there supporting our athletes. Our school championships saw a large number of school records broken with Condrake Cassidy-Nuku breaking 4 school records.

A reminder that we have a gold coin mufti day this Friday to support our Starship Hospital fundraiser. We also have ice blocks on sale for \$1 each with all profits also going to Starship.

Friday November 28th will see all students who have enrolled at Spotswood College attending their orientation day. Those students do not come to school on that day but go straight to Spotswood College. Students need to be at Spotswood College by 9.15 and are to wear full correct Devon Intermediate uniform. For all other year 8 students, i.e. those going to a different High School or those who are not enrolled, there is school as normal.

Rooms 19 and 10 head off to Goat Island on Sunday 30th November and return on Wednesday 3rd December, for what we know will be an amazing experience. I would like to acknowledge the amazing support we have had from the community with regards to fundraising for this event and also to the parents and whanau who are accompanying the students on this trip.

Our Year 8 Graduation Ball will be held on Thursday 4th December for eligible students, and permission slips need to be returned by Thursday 20th November so we can organise the catering for this event. After this date, no further permission slips will be accepted. We are in urgent need of second-hand uniforms and if your child is leaving Devon, we would appreciate all donations of uniform. These can be dropped into the office to Marissa before the office closes on December 17th.

Nga mihi



Jenny Gellen
Principal



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

24th November
Head student
applications due

26th November
Summer Sports
Day

28th November
Spotswood
College
Transition

30th Nov – 3rd Dec
Goat Island Trip

4th December
Graduation Ball

7th December
Beach Volleyball
Tournament

11th December
Minor Prize
Giving

12th December
Major Prize
Giving
End of Term

Devon Intermediate Whānau – We Need Your Voice!

We know there are so many people who absolutely **love Devon Intermediate** just as much  we do! We'd love to invite our **students and whānau** to share a short, **fair and honest testimonial** about your experience at our kura.

 You might like to mention:

Things your child has had the opportunity to participate in

 Experiences that made you proud

What makes Devon special for your whānau

Your testimonials will be proudly shared on our **school website** to help others see what makes our Devon community so unique.

If you'd like to take part, please send your testimonial to office@devonint.school.nz
We can't wait to hear your stories!



Graduation Ball

As the end of year fast approaches, so does the annual Graduation Ball. Grad ball is our year 8s' opportunity to celebrate their time at Devon and for their whanau to reminisce on how far they have come. It is a fantastic night of finger food, dancing, decor, and feeling a little bit grown up. We love the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful year 8s and all that they have achieved. Tickets are on sale now but will only be issued to students who have returned their filled in permission slips by **19th November**. If your child has misplaced their form, they can collect another one from their classroom teacher. Any questions please feel free to contact Mrs Roberts dpowell@devonint.school.nz See you there!

Cell Phones at School

Kia ora whānau,

A reminder that **all student cell phones must be handed in to the office every morning**. Phones are locked away safely for the day, which protects them and supports a focused learning environment. This is also a **government requirement**, and schools must follow it.

We are aware that some students are not handing in their phones. If your child does not wish to hand in their phone, **please ensure they do not bring it to school**.

Consequences for not handing in phones:

- **1st time:** Phone is collected from the office at the end of the day.
- **2nd time:** An adult must collect it from **Mrs Gellen** at the end of the day.

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