



Devon Intermediate

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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

5 February 2025

Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to the 2025 school year. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many parents and whanau at our powhiri on Monday. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's time at Devon Intermediate is amazing.

This year we have welcomed Miss Taylor (Rm 14) and Miss Brown (Rm 8) to our staff. Next week, we welcome back Miss Mercer and Mr Pahi, who have spent the past year teaching in Japan.

Swimming is part of the current PE school programme, so could you please ensure that your child brings their togs and towels on their swimming day. Students will be told when they have their swimming day which corresponds to their PE time.

A reminder that school closes at 2.30pm on Tuesdays for staff to be involved in professional development. We also ask that students are not dropped at school before 8.00am. Classrooms will be open from 8.15am.

A reminder that tomorrow, Thursday February 6 is Waitangi Day. There will be no school. There is school as normal on Friday February 7.

Saturday cricket starts very soon. If your child would like to play for Devon Intermediate, can they see Mr K in Room 18 this week.

Also, a reminder that students need to bring a drink bottle to school with them daily, especially in the hot weather when they need to stay well-hydrated. All students are to be wearing school hats, especially during morning tea and lunchtimes. It is vital that all uniform clothing is named to ensure we can return it to your child should they misplace a piece of uniform.

If you need to see your child or your child's teacher, can you please come to the school office, and we will send for your child. Please do not go down to the classroom without seeing the office first.

Information regarding our school events, such as swimming sports and surfing championships, will be contained in our next newsletter in a fortnights time.

Can I remind you all that we have over 300 students leaving school via the Devon Street driveway at the end of school each day. I am concerned for the safety of the students, as over the last two days I have seen cars speeding down the drive to pick up their children. If you do need to come down the drive, as opposed to parking near to the school, can you please be considerate of the students and their safety.

We look forward to working with you all this year. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Nga mihi



Jenny Gellen, Principal



Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

February 6
Waitangi Day
School Closed

February 27
Te Matafini Trip

February 28
Swimming Standards

March 4
Surfing Champs

March 7
Teacher only day
School Closed

March 12
EMR Snorkelling

March 14
Swimming Standards

March 18
EMR Snorkelling

March 21
Swimming Standards

March 25
Weetbix Tryathlon

March 21
School Photos

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COMMUNICATION

Please join our private whanau facebook group "Devon Intermediate School" or download the Skool Loop app to stay up to date with what is happening at school. We post sports times, results, achievements and all sorts.

Please feel free to add grandparents and other caregivers but we do need you to answer the questions upon joining.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Devon Intermediate Board of Trustees removed the cost of the school donation in line with the 2019 Budget announcement, whereby the school is subsidised \$150 per student for school expenses.

The annual cost to cover, food tech, wood tech, art, digi-tech and Performing Arts take home consumables have been reduced to just \$20.00 per student this year. Additional costs for the year are:
School Diary \$12.00

Payments to be made to the school office Alternately, payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 153949 0276621 80 or by Automatic Payment. Please ensure that your payment description includes **students name and what payment is for.**

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