



# Devon Intermediate

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# Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

19 February 2025

Kia ora whanau

We have had assessment week this week which gives our staff a chance to evaluate the strengths and "work-ons" of the student body. The information the teachers get will help inform their teaching practice going forward into the year.

Monday's first formal assembly was amazing. We announced our new student leaders for the first half year. While we announced our Head Girl and Head Boys at the end of 2024, it gives me great pleasure to announce the following student leader positions.

**Head Girl:** Gracie Wood

**Head Boys:** Thomas More and Milan Bhaskar

**Pasifika:** Te Hana Knuckey and Blakey Stewart-McDonald

**Kapa Haka:** Sierra Vedder, Rangi Te Kura and Crewso Kaimoana-Falconer

**Adventure House Leaders:** Jenna Eleleimy-Yin and Nancy Mayor

**Discovery House Leaders:** Mason Takarangi and Anjali Bhaskar

**Endeavour House Leaders:** Akilah Yee and Freya Bouterey

**Resolution House Leaders:** Quinn Bell and Alesana Tuavao

Upcoming events include:

- Our Te Ara Taiao group being involved in a kiwi release at York Road on Tuesday 25 February
- Selected Year 8 members of our Kapa Haka roopu attending Te Matatini on Thursday 27 February
- Standards swimming sports event being held on Friday 28 February. We would love to see whanau and friends at the swimming which starts at 1pm.

Next week will be amazing with Te Matatini occurring at Pukekura Park. Please be mindful that with the influx of visitors to our region, this will also mean increased traffic, so travel times might need to be extended for the week. It is also important that if your child is attending Te Matatini at all during the week, that the school is notified that that is where they will be.

Justin Lowcay from St Johns is working in our school running our wellbeing course for year 7 classes and we know students will learn a lot in these classes.

A reminder that if your child is riding a bike to school, they must be wearing a helmet which needs to be done up. It is concerning to see several of our cyclists without helmets when they ride to and from school.

A lot of our news and updates for school can be located on Skool Loop and the Devon Intermediate Facebook group. This is a private page so please request access to the page. Skool Loop is an app which can be downloaded then add Devon Intermediate as the school.

Nga mihi

**Jenny Gellen, Principal**



Devon Intermediate School  
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## DATES TO NOTE

**February 27**

Te Matatini Trip

**February 28**

Swimming Standards

**March 4**

Surfing Champs

**March 7**

Teacher only day  
School Closed

**March 10**

Taranaki Anniversary  
School Closed

**March 12**

EMR Snorkelling

**March 14**

Swimming Champs  
and  
Inter-Intermediate  
Duathlon

**March 18**

EMR Snorkelling

**March 21**

School Photos

**March 25**

Weetbix Tryathlon

**March 26**

Inter-Intermediate  
Swimming Champs

# Whānau Pakari



## Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

Whānau Pakari is a community-based, no cost, whānau-centred programme for children and adolescents aged 4-15 years (inclusive), wanting to improve their lifestyle.

Whānau Pakari uses an expert team to support children and their whānau to make long term changes to activity, food and lifestyle choices, in a respectful and non-judgemental way.

Activity sessions in Hāwera and New Plymouth for 4-10 year olds, two half-day workshops for adolescents 11 years and over, and a term of physical activity sessions twice per year.

The Whānau Pakari team includes:

- dietitian
- clinical psychologist
- paediatrician
- physical activity specialist
- healthy lifestyle coordinator.

### To access the service or information:

Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator:  
whanaupakari@tdhb.org.nz or  
753 6139 extn 8729

### For information or to self refer:

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**NEW PLYMOUTH**  
**TUESDAY**  
**25TH MARCH 2025**  
**NGAMOTU BEACH**

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The Public Health Nurse team are offering the **Bootrix (Tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough) vaccination** to year 7's and the **HPV (Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine)** to year 8's.

These are both part of the NZ immunisation schedule. Some children may have already received these immunisations at their GP or other medical centre.

Your child will be bringing home a form with all the information. Fill in Section A if you **DO consent**. Section B if you **DO NOT consent**.

**Return the form to school by Monday 3 March.** If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Ali.

Ali, Public Health Nurse, Ph 027 281 6439  
[Alison.judd@tdhb.org.nz](mailto:Alison.judd@tdhb.org.nz)

Entries are open for the Weetbix Tryathlon on 25th March at Ngamotu Beach.

The TRYathlon is all about giving it a TRY and is a rewarding and fun day out for you and your child.

Participants need to be aged 7-15 years old on event day, and can complete the TRYathlon as an individual or in a team of two. Participants need to be aged 6 years old on event day to complete the Splash&Dash

To enter the TRYathlon visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz) Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. Search for Devon Intermediate School when prompted. By linking to our school group it will give us the chance to win some great prizes.

If someone you know requires financial assistance to enter the TRYathlon, should it be subsidised entry fees or funding for necessary equipment, then you can apply to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation for assistance. Visit [www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz/foundation) for details.

If you have any school related questions please contact Jenn Thorburn at [dp@devonint.school.nz](mailto:dp@devonint.school.nz) or otherwise contact the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team; email [angela@smcevents.co.nz](mailto:angela@smcevents.co.nz) or phone 0800 WEET BIX (0800 9338 249).

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