

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEEK 4 TERM 4 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Kia ora

Welcome back to term 4 2024. Sorry for the delay in our newsletter.

We have had a great start to this term and our students are really appreciating the good weather.

The teacher only day last week was an opportunity for our staff to investigate the new changes to the English and Mathematics refreshed curriculum. We worked mainly on the changes to the maths curriculum and evaluated our current teaching practice. Thank you for your understanding on this day. The changes are going to take some time to embed and we want to make sure any changes we do will benefit our learners. Our book fair begins this week. We have a wide range of books on display in the library from Thursday. Please come in and support our book fair.

We are co-hosting a very important event on December 5th called Keeping our kids safe online. This will be held at Devon Intermediate and is a must see presentation. More information is in this newsletter. All whanau must attend as the content is very relevant to everyone of us.

ESOL CELEBRATION DAY

Last week we held our ESOL celebration day. Families of our ESOL students were invited into school to share some food, tell stories and celebrate the hard work of our students. ESOL is our program for students where English is their second language.

Edwina has been supporting our ESOL students for a few years and does an amazing job in giving the students the best start to schooling in New Zealand.

Thank you to all the families who came in and made the beautiful food.



SPORTING

ACHIEVEMENTS

During the school holidays Maddison Lister took part in the New Zealand Taekwondo Nationals.

Maddison came second in her division and took away a silver medal.

Congratulations Maddison.



BOOK FAIR 2024

Our school book fair begins this Thursday in the library. There will be a wide range of books available to purchase. More information further down this newsletter.

JAPANESE TEACHER

This year we had Satoshi come from Japan to teach at our school. It was wonderful to have him with us for a term. The students really enjoyed learning about Japan as much as Satoshi enjoyed learning about us. Next year we have another teacher coming to New Zealand to spend a term with us. We are looking for a host family to support our Japanese teacher.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact me or Mary Pollard (027 5512 113) our local coordinator for more information. There is a weekly accommodation allowance paid to you from the Japanese University.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The social and fundraising committee have currently got a seed fundraiser happening. If you would like to make an order please bring the order form and money to the office.

DATES AND EVENTS

2024

Term 4

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| 7 November | Book Fair |
| 13 November | Junior swimming starts |
| 19 November | Pack The Bus Collection |
| 20 November | Devon Orientation |
| 5 December | Safety Online for parents |
| 18 December | Year 6 graduation |
| 20 December | Last day of the term |

2025

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| 3 February | Start of term 1 |
| 6 February | Waitangi Day |

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION DAY

The Devon Intermediate Orientation day is on Wednesday 20th November.

All year 6 students who are transitioning to Devon Intermediate next year will be involved in this. It is a good chance for these students to become familiar with the school before starting in 2025.

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

On the 5th of December West End Te Kura Ō Mōrere and Devon Intermediate are hosting the ultimate parents guide to keeping kids safe online. **This is a compulsory presentation** for all our whanau as the content affects all of our tamariki. This presentation is funded by the two schools and is strictly adults only. The information about this is attached to this newsletter.

We are all responsible to making sure our tamariki are safe users of technology and we as parents are the crucial part of this. There is a free parent course available after the presentation and the school also receives a teaching program for the school.

West End Te Kura O Mōrere School and
Devon Intermediate presents:

The Ultimate Parents Guide to...

Understanding our kids ***Online World***
and how to keep them safe.

Cyberbullying
Social Media
Gaming
Online Predators
Online Porn
Smartphones
Filters
Boundaries

Come and hear Filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in
what promises to be a hilarious, straight talking
Parent to Parent talk

Watch the promotional video here - [Our Kids Online Parent Evening.](#)

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024 | 7PM - 9PM

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL

400 DEVON STREET WEST, NEW PLYMOUTH

West End Te Kura o Mōrere

BOOK FAIR

Our school book fair will take place on
Thursday 7th November to Tuesday 12th November.
this will be set up in the school library.
All students will be able to view the books during school
visits and parents can come in and order books from
8.30am-9.30am and then from 1.00pm-3.30pm.

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