

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



WEEK 6 TERM 4 2024 PRINCIPAL'S KORERO

Kia ora

It has been great to see the sun appear again in our skies. It definitely makes everyone feel optimistic and that summer is on it's way. We still have a month of school before the summer break and we are wanting to keep the learning momentum to continue.

We have a very important talk coming up. West End Te Kura O Morere and Devon Intermediate have organised Filmmaker and Author Rob Cope to come and give a talk on the topic of **keeping our kids safe online**. - **Thursday 5th December 7.00pm-9.00pm**.

The talk will be held at the Devon Intermediate hall and please note this talk is for **adults only** and is **not suitable** for children or teens to attend.

This is such a big community issue and we need to tackle it as a community. We request that at least one representative from each family attend. Please check out HERO for more information.

HELP FOR OUR JAPANESE STUDENT TEACHER

In the last newsletter I asked if our community could support a Japanese teacher next year. We had Satoshi come this year and in 2025 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. You would be inviting this teacher into your whanau for the term. 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.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you for your support of our book fair last week. We had a great turnout of whanau coming in to check out the books. As a result of your purchases, we have earned \$900 for books to go into our library. We had a total of 16 prize winners across all classrooms. We also had four books donated by school families to go into our library. Thank you very much to those whanau.

We look forward to next year's book fair to coincide with a grandparents' day and a student dress-up day.



SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Social and Fundraising Committee met last week to discuss a gala in early 2025. keep an eye out for more information and ways you can support. The committee have funded new sports uniforms for our students. These have arrived and the students are excited to wear them.

JUNIOR SWIMMING

Our junior swimming is underway. We have secured funding from Toi and NZCT to pay for 9 lessons for our junior school students at the Aquatic Centre.



DATES AND EVENTS

2024

Term 4

7 November

13 November

19 November

20 November

5 December

18 December

20 December

2025

3 February

6 February

Book Fair

Junior swimming starts

Pack The Bus Collection

Devon Orientation

Safety Online for parents

Year 6 graduation

Last day of the term

Start of term 1

Waitangi Day

CAT IN THE HAT SHOW

During the summer holidays The Cat in The Hat showcase is coming to New Plymouth. The show is on the 18th January at the TSB Showplace. More information is below. Check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Catinthehatnz> or website <https://catinthehatlive.com/>



DANGEROUS DRIVING

The driveway behind the classrooms on the Davies Lane side of the school is NOT for parents to drop students off. Please drop off down Davies Lane and have your children walk into 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

Dr. Seuss's THE CAT IN THE HAT LIVE ON STAGE!



THE **WORLD'S NUMBER 1** CAT IN THE HAT SHOW IS TOURING
NEW ZEALAND IN THE JANUARY 2025 SUMMER HOLIDAYS

THE SHOW & THE BOOK...

Few children's books have stood the test of time quite like Dr Seuss's 200 word masterpiece 'The Cat in the Hat'. As the top selling chil-

dren's author of all time, the story is as popular now as it was in the 1950's when Oxford University educated Theodor 'Seuss' Geissel wrote the book. Now both children & adults alike are sure to be left in raptures by this zany and imaginative stage show, that will bring the story to life on stages throughout Australia.

The play was adapted for the stage in 2009 by the National Theatre of Great Britain, but tells the story consistent with the book, of a brother and sister, bored at home on a rainy day... (without their Mother!???) when they are visited by none other than 'The Cat' in his red and white striped Hat....(which they let in the door!???). Their outspoken and outraged pet Fish (yip the fish talks... and is the babysitter!!) is astounded and concerned, but this cat will not be deterred. He will teach us all to make our own fun with nothing but a little imagination.

"It's fun to have fun, but you have to know how." Along with his friends, Thing One and Thing Two (Hey we all have those types' of friend's), they turn the house upside down leaving mess everywhere but have no fear because The Cat brings in his red 'Picker-Up Machine' and all is back to normal before Mum walks back in the door.

The showcase version of the show has been credited by the Dr. Seuss estate as being the Number 1 version of the show worldwide with over 300 performances in over 60 cities. Over 2 years in the planning, The Cat in the Hat tour, features a full scale set of the house and over 70 props that the cast use to bring to life every detail of the well known book, we look forward to seeing you there!

