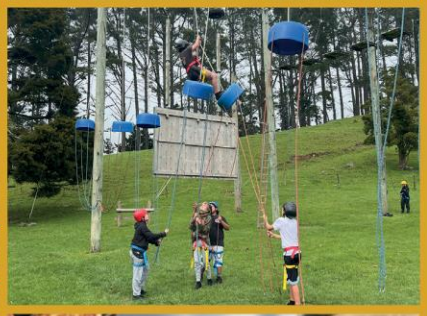
Devon Intermediate

Sailing towards an Attitude of Excellence











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Devon Intermediate School Newsletter

11th November 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We had so many amazing students to celebrate at assembly this week! It is an absolute privilege to recognise the hard work, talent, and incredible attitudes of our young people as we move through Term 4.

A massive congratulations to our Hip Hop Crew, Velocity, who performed at the World Hip Hop Champs in Tauranga! Our group was one of only 7 crews selected from across the motu to perform as local heroes. This was a huge honour and a fantastic recognition of their dedication and talent.

Our school hockey team recently travelled to Palmerston North to represent us at Toa Whakaihuwaka. I was incredibly proud to receive feedback from the staff who accompanied the team, highlighting how polite, well-mannered, and grateful our students were for the opportunity. Despite facing some tough competition, our players showed awesome resilience, continuously picking themselves back up and finishing the tournament on a high with a victory in their final match! This experience provides wonderful learning for future events, and we look forward to sending more teams next year.

Production week is officially here! Break a leg to all of our performers, stage crew, and supporting staff.

Show Times: Wednesday night & Thursday night at 6:30 PM.
Student Arrival: Please check the notice that went home last week carefully, as participating students have different arrival times depending on their roles.

We are looking forward to welcoming a packed house to celebrate our students' talent!

Assembly Awards
We had a bumper crop of awards at assembly this week. Congratulations to all our award winners!

Bronze MANA Awards (50 Tickets — MANA Drink Bottle)
Room 8: Mia-Rose Davidson-Hermanns, Jonah Roberts, Livya Bolledu, Theo Bland, Max Lazarus, Jukka Brickell
Room 9: Alexa Rose
Room 10: Luke Revell, Azriel Nair, Vivaan Karra, Charlie Smith, Teaohau Leilua
Room 14: Jess Martin, Maddison Lister
Room 15: Keirah Bright, Matthew Wai, Delilah Connolly, Ariyah-Rose Irving
Room 18: Fleur Sanders
Room 19: Mason Herbst, Jack Jones
Room 20: Ivy Williams, Kaius Johnson

Silver MANA Awards (100 Tickets — Burger King Lunch)
Room 10: Reef Owen
Room 11: Ly'shia Nicholls *(Bronze & Silver)*, Noah Korau *(Bronze & Silver)*, Lucy Martens

Devon Intermediate School
Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

DATES TO NOTE

12th November
School Production

13th November
Mana Rewards Day
+
2027 Head Student Applications due

Relay Finals

18th November
Orientation Day

19th November
Intermediate School's Athletics Championship
+
NPGHS/NPBHS School Visits

20th November
House Sports

27th November
Spotswood College Transition Day
+
House Sports

Room 12: Evan Williams, Cyrus Cooper
Room 13: Fine Nau
Room 15: Willow Finn, Maia Shipkov
Room 17: Shaan Kana, Aria Newsome, Jaxyn Fox
Room 20: Paige Iwikau
Room 21: Winnie Wang, Ayva Toutai, Khloe Newport, Kahlaan Parker, Claudia Loveridge Knox

Gold MANA Award (150 Tickets — Burger King Lunch)
Room 9: Mana Maraki-Munn
Room 12: Izaiah Paringatai-Rowsell
Room 17: Lucan Johnson

Attitude for Excellence Awards Recipients
Wilfred Shimmin (Room 8) — Academic Merit
Noah Korau (Room 11) — Sports Merit
Ayman Noureen (Room 12) — Service Merit
Nakesha Potroz (Room 17) — Academic Merit

Honours Recipients
Ashan Fox (Room 8) — Academic Merit & Honours
Libby Sangster (Room 9) — Sports Merit & Honours
Sophia Lorraine (Room 9) — Sports Merit & Honours
Lachlan Paterson (Room 9) — Sports Honours
Hunter Grey (Room 12) — Sports Merit, Academic Honours
Aria Newsome (Room 17) — Sports Honours
Estelle Hanscombe (Room 17) — Arts Merit, Service Honours

Overall Attitude for Excellence Recipients
Mackenzie Corlett (Room 11) — Arts & Culture Honours, Sports Honours, Overall Attitude for Excellence Honours
Ariana Waru (Room 11) — Arts & Culture Merit, Academic Merit, Sports Honours, Overall Attitude for Excellence & Honours
Jai Frank (Room 11) — Arts & Culture Merit, Academic Merit, Overall Attitude for Excellence & Honours
Krishiv Chetty (Room 11) — Arts & Culture Merit & Honours, Service Honours, Overall Attitude for Excellence & Honours
Ella Waterman (Room 12) — Overall Attitude for Excellence Honours
Mieke Beeslaar (Room 12) — Sports Merit & Honours, Service Merit & Honours, Overall Attitude for Excellence Honours
Nova Owen (Room 17) — Sports Merit & Honours, Overall Attitude for Excellence
Izzy Voullaire (Room 17) — Overall Attitude for Excellence & Honours

Our MANA Goal is Service — Serve your school with pride.
We are focusing on having a willingness to:

Positively participate
Be a self-starter
Support others

MANA Day Points Target
To participate in our end-of-year **MANA Reward Day**, students must earn **32 points**.
Points Eligibility Period: Monday of Week 5 through Friday of Week 8.
Points are awarded daily for demonstrating school values and coming to school prepared.

Along with Production this week, we have Orientation Day, Room 14's Mufti Day, and numerous athletics finals underway to determine who qualifies for the Taranaki Athletics Championships next week.

As we head toward the end of the year, it is crucial that we maintain our high standards across the school:
Year 8 Students: Transition visits to high schools are underway. Remember that first impressions count! We will soon be farewelling a group of Year 8s who have stepped outside their comfort zones and made the most of every intermediate opportunity.
Year 7 Students: Now is the time to think about the student you want to be in Year 8. The heart of Intermediate school is trying new things, saying "yes" to challenges, and pushing your boundaries.

By both Ministry regulations and school policy, students are not permitted to have cell phones in their possession during the school day. All phones must be handed in at the Student Office every morning. Please discuss this with your child to ensure they are following this process daily.

During Terms 1 and 4, all students must wear a hat when outdoors.
Hats must be plain navy blue or black (bucket hats or caps).
Plain hats are available for purchase from the school office if your child needs one.

2027 Updates
We are excited to share a reminder about our upcoming Tech rotation addition for 2027: Innovation Technology! Led by Miss Shaquille Titter (currently in Room 9), this course will blend STEM learning with practical skills like textiles, traditional sewing, and hands-on modules. Our staff have been visiting schools across Taranaki to gather inspiration as we design an exciting curriculum for our students.

In 2027, Devon Intermediate will align its schedule with Spotswood College's early finish day:
Start Time: 8:40 AM (Monday – Friday, unchanged)
Finish Time (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri): 3:00 PM
Finish Time (Wednesdays): 2:00 PM
Wednesday After-School Supervision (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM): For families relying on bus schedules or needing to coordinate sibling pickups, our school library will remain open every Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm under staff supervision. This is by prior arrangement only.

Students are strictly not permitted to leave school grounds to wait outside or enter neighbouring school grounds during this hour.
To register your child for Wednesday supervision, please email Marissa at office@devonint.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

Jenn Thorburn
Tumuaki/Acting Principal



Devon Hip Hop Crew Shines at the World Hip Hop Championship

On Friday, 30th October, the Devon Hip Hop Crew embarked on a momentous trip to Tauranga, Moana, after being selected as one of just seven schools nationwide to take part in the Local Heroes division at the World Hip Hop Championship.

The excitement began on Thursday as the team set off on their journey north. Thanks to the overwhelming success of their fundraising efforts—exceeding their target goal—the students were treated to a celebratory stop at McDonald's along the way.

Friday was an early start, but our dancers brought unmatched energy and reverence to the morning pōwhiri, standing proud as international competitors from across the globe were welcomed to Aotearoa. When their moment arrived to perform, our students poured their hearts into every move, delivering an incredible showcase of skill, passion, and stage presence.

Their dedication paid off in a big way! Devon Intermediate brought home two prestigious awards from the competition:

Energy Award

Choreography Award

This outstanding success would not have been possible without the leadership of our coach and choreographer, Miss Stella Taylor. A huge thank you to Miss Taylor for her talent, enthusiasm, and tirelessness in guiding our dancers to success on a world stage.

Congratulations to our talented team of dancers: Adele Jolly, Ariana Waru, Evie Richardson, Fleur Sanders, Hunter Grey, Izzy Voullaire, Lailah Hobson, Maia Shipkov, Merenia Matthews-Taipari, Misa Jones, Nova Owen, Tessa Takarangi, and Vyper Ngaia-Rawiri.

The group returned home on Saturday morning after an exceptional trip. Every dancer represented Devon Intermediate with utmost pride, discipline, and flair. Ka rawe, team!





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Last weekend Maddie Lister had a very busy weekend competing at the North Island Swimming Champs where she did extremely well.

Maddie's results included:
1st: 50m Breaststroke
1sr: 100m Breaststroke
1st: 200m Breaststroke
3rd: 50m Backstroke
3rd: 100m Medley
4th: 50m Fly
4th: 50 Free
4th: 100m Backstroke
4th: 100 Freestyle

Swimming Success



An amazing accomplishment and great results through her continued effort, diligence and dedication. Congratulations Maddie.

Toa Whakaihuwaka Tournament in Palmerston North

Congratulations to our Hockey team who competed in the annual Toa Whakaihuwaka Tournament in Palmerston North.
The team thoroughly enjoyed this experience, learning a lot on and off the turf. They finished the tournament on a high, winning their final game against tough opposition.
Well done to Emily Dawson who was presented the Whanaungatanga Ribbon for her defensive efforts.
A massive thank you to the teams coaches Nick Brickel and John Shimmin. Along with thanks to Lionel Haldane and Abbey Brown for travelling with the team and supporting them whilst away.





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