



Devonport Primary School

18 Kerr Street, Devonport, Phone: 445 0183

Newsletter

1st February 2012

Week 1, Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 1, 2012.

I hope you have all had lovely holidays and have stored away many precious memories. During the holiday break, there has been on-going work happening around the school. First of all, I hope you noticed the fulsome renovations to the lower half of the front steps. These steps were constructed around 1910 and have been extensively patched over the years. As a result they had become hazardous and it became increasingly clear that they would need to be extensively rebuilt.

This work was undertaken by Alan Michie and his team from North Harbour Concrete. Thank you guys. You have achieved a fantastic result.

The second half will get the same treatment later in the year. Please be extra careful on this section in the meantime.

The other work which is nearly complete, has been work on replacing and renovating the administration area roof. Soon we will be installing a new set of drinking fountains which will replace the existing ones.

In the holidays, staff were also at work, among other things writing and finishing our first National Standards report. You can access a précis of this by following the link below. www.devonport.school.nz/curriculum/studentachievement

We are proud of the results and look forward to continuing to strive for high achievement and progress for all of our students. The report will be published once it has been approved by the Board.

**Shirley Hardcastle,
Principal**

P.S. Apologies for so much information included in this first newsletter – there is so much happening at the beginning of each year.

Term Dates

Term 1 Events

Wednesday, 28 March
Class photos takes

Wednesday, 28 March
Individual portrait photos with Photo Life
In school hall
From 3.00pm onwards

Wednesday, 15 Feb
Tabloid Sports:
Picnic 6pm
Meet the Teacher 6.45

Tuesday, 21 February
New parents morning tea

27/28 February
Y4 to 6
Parent/Student Conferences

Thursday, 1 March
Open Morning

5 – 9 March
Y5 EOTC week

Thursday, 15 March
New Entrant Evening

19 March
Peninsula Swimming
At Birkenhead Pool

Saturday, 24 March
School Fair

Tuesday, 3 April
Y1-3 Student/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, 5 April
Last day of term 1 –
Finish at 3.00pm

Walking School Bus

We have three routes up and running for 2012 – Calliope Road, Church Street and Cheltenham Road. If you are interested in joining these routes, ring Camilla on 445 6262 or email: camillahope-simcock@xtra.co.nz to find out more.

We would like to see the Victoria Road bus start again. If you live along this route and would like to join, please ring Camilla.

Photo Life Photos

Photo Life will be in our school on Wednesday, 28th March from **3.00pm onwards** to take individual photos of your children. There is no booking schedule for this, just turn up. You will need to supervise your child/ren in the hall while waiting to have their photograph taken. Order forms will come home shortly.

Sick Bay Laundry

Each year we ask parents to help with washing the sick bay sheets. We ask one parent to do it for each week of one month. It consists of one sheet, two pillowcases and one duvet cover. If you can help with this, please let the office know. Thank you.

Rainbow Reading

If you would like to help as a tutor for our Rainbow Reading programme, please let the office know. The programme runs from Monday to Thursday from 9.00am until 9.30am. If you can help for one of those days, that would be great.

Term Dates for 2012

Term 1 – Tuesday, 31st January to 5th April
Term 2 – Monday, 23 April to 29th June
Term 3 – Monday, 16 July to 28th September
Term 4 – Monday, 15th October to Friday, 14 December

Swimming Timetable

Below is the swimming timetable for this year. Please ensure your child brings their togs, towel and goggles in a plastic bag, on their designated days. Children will not be able to ring parents to bring togs up during the day.

Ezlunch at School on Mondays

Below (on page 10) is some information for a lunch service at school for Mondays only, starting Monday, 13th February. You can order on-line or by text directly to Ezlunch.

Sushi at School

Sushi for lunch on Wednesdays begins next week, Wednesday, 8th February. You can order for the term or a one off. Orders need to be at school by next Tuesday, 7th February. Order forms at the office.

2012 SPORT TEAM - SIGN UP NOW!

In 2011, Devonport Primary School children were competitive in a number of sports, including netball, miniball, and hockey. If your child is interested in playing any of these sports (or others that we may not be involved in -- YET) in 2012, please either: complete the relevant expression of interest form, which you should find posted under each sport on the school Website, and submit to Linda in the school office; or send an email to Cory Rossignol, DPS Sports Coordinator at coryr@devonport.school.nz. Please include at least your child's name and school year. We are just updating the forms, so if you find a 2011 version, complete it anyway.

We'd like our children to be involved in everything, but unfortunately the week only has seven days. So, to help you plan, here are the approximate dates for each sport:

Netball (FunFerns, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6): May-November (registrations in Feb)

Miniball Season 1 (Yr 2 - 6): end of March to end of Term 2 (registrations in March)

Miniball Season 2 (Yr 2 - 6): Term 3 to November (registrations in July)

Hockey Winter Season (Yr 2 - 6): April to October

Hockey Summer Season (Yr 2 - 6): November/December

The approximate player fee per sport is \$70. Exact dates and fees will be posted on the Website as information is made available to us.

Our goal is to give every child interested in playing the opportunity to be on a team. With players and teams comes the need for coaches and managers. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out in either of those positions.

Safe at School

Our school participates in a Travelwise programme. Our aim is to ensure your children arrive at school and back home safely. To this end, Travelwise will be focusing on safety at the gate. With some lovely days ahead, we hope you will encourage your children to work or bike to school in the knowledge that we are doing our best to make this a safe choice.

If you must bring your children by car, do park safely and wisely.

It is also a thrill to see that we now have three of our Walking buses up and ready to roll. Do follow up on these and join in. Many parents have found that not only does this take pressure off in the mornings but the buses also provide a great way to get to know other parents.

Helping keep our kids safe before and after school

This term, your child's school is participating in Auckland Transport's, Safety at the School Gate programme.

Safety at the School Gate is helping to improve safety as well as traffic flow around schools.

Parking officers are on patrol outside your child's school this term to observe non-compliant behaviours and issue infringement tickets to those who are not complying with the rules.

The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance'

Stopping even momentarily to drop off passengers can compromise children's safety. You will get a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway - as well as other vehicle safety offenses.

Please park appropriately to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Find out more: 09 355 3553
or visit www.aucklandtransport.govt.nz

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00	Rooms 3 + 6	Room 4	Room 5	Room 2	Free Slot
9:40	Rooms 4 + 5	Room 13	Room 6	Room 12	Room 8
10:20	Rooms 1 + 2	Room 15	Room 3	Room 1	Room 7
11:20	Rooms 12 + 13	Room 12	Room 15	Room 6	Room 3
11:55	Room 15	Room 7	Room 4	Rooms 11 and 14	Room 5
1:30	Rooms 11 and 14	Room 1	St. Leos	Room 8	Rooms 11 and 14
1:55	Rooms 7 + 8	Room 2	St. Leos	Singing Practice or School Assembly	Room 13
2:30					

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Extra-Curricular Activities at Devonport School

Peaches and Pickles Performing Arts has arrived in Devonport! After School Classes in Performing Arts start on Wednesday 8th February in the School Library. A fun packed combination of Dance, Drama and Singing for the budding Performer, to boost confidence or just to have heaps of fun! To find out more or to register for Classes contact Sophia, 094280559 or check out our website www.peachesandpickles.net and fill out our online enrolment form. See you there!

[Italian classes here at Devonport School on Thursdays from 3.15 to 4.15](#)

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After School Care available at Devonport Primary School Hall



SKIDS Devonport provide a safe, structured and fun after school care and holiday programme for your children.

- ✓ A safe environment – not leaving the school grounds
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 - A healthy, nutritious afternoon tea
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 - Educational activities throughout the week
 - Supervised use of the school fields and playgrounds to burn off some energy!
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After School Care Fee Structure

	per session
Full time (3 - 6pm 5 days per week)	\$15.50
Full time – early pickup (3 - 4:30pm 5 days per week)	\$12
Part time (3 - 6pm 1-4 days per week)	\$17
Part time – early pickup (3 - 4:30pm 1-4 days per week)	\$13
Casual (3 - 6pm as needed)	\$20
Casual – early pick-up (3 - 4:30pm as needed)	\$14

Afterschool Computer Programme at Devonport Primary

Bubble Dome is back with the exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Devonport Primary in term one. This is an 8 week programme open for all students aged 6-13 years interested in Computers, Art, Design, and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! Spaces strictly limited. Dates to be announced early 2012.

To book Tel: 09-622-0670 or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz

Learn Music at School

We are most fortunate in being able to offer specialist music lessons at our school. Your child will be receiving an enrolment form for the "Music In Schools" Programme this week. Enrolments close on 13 February. Please make sure the form is returned to the office by this date so that your child does not miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

GUITAR LESSONS

Musiqhub, formerly 4Front School of Guitar, have been running Guitar Lessons at Devonport School for 4 years. Over that time many students have enjoyed developing the ability to play the guitar. Guitar lessons are available on Fridays at the School. If you are interested for your child to start guitar lessons in term 1, 2012 please contact Dave Gatman on 021 222-1456 or email dave@musiqhub.co.nz. Or for more information, visit www.schoolofguitar.co.nz

Swimsation Summer Programme

Swimming lessons held at Devonport Primary School Pool over the summer season 2 week and 1 week block courses available, starting term 4, 2011 through to March, 2012. \$70 per child for 1 week (Private lessons also available)
Phone 480 8914 or email devonport@swimsation.com



LUNCHTIME TENNIS

www.smashtennis.co.nz

Smash Tennis currently runs a successful juniors programme at Belmont Park Racquets Club and a number of local schools. The Smash Tennis aim is to introduce as many children as possible to the healthy and fun sport of tennis and they are bringing this opportunity to Devonport Primary School this term.

Smash Tennis are offering Basic Tennis skills coaching on **Tuesday lunchtimes** at school starting on **14 February** and running for 6 weeks. There is an emphasis on fun and coaching is tailored to the age of the students involved.

Tennis is known as 'the sport for life'. It has the advantage of developing skills important for learning and life:

- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Self-confidence
- Fitness
- Agility
- Concentration and (eventually) mental stamina
- Self-control and self-discipline

Along with experienced coaches, age-appropriate tennis equipment, including racquets and balls, will be provided by Smash Tennis and all your child needs is appropriate footwear, i.e. sneakers.

Sessions will be 40 minutes long – once a week starting TUESDAY, 14 February

Cost of the course is \$60 and payable by cheque made out to Mark Nielsen

Please place the cheque in an envelope with the student's name on it along with the permission slip below and hand to the school office by **Monday, 13 February**.

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I give permission for my child _____ to participate in Lunchtime Tennis for 6 weeks starting on Tuesday, 14 February and finishing on Tuesday, 20 March 2012

Parent's/caregiver's signature _____

Parent's/caregiver's name (print) _____

Email address (optional) _____

Interested in further information from Smash Tennis, e.g. Junior tennis programmes, holiday camps, etc? Yes/No

Local Community Notices

Bayswater Auto Show & Family Fun Day:

Sunday 4th March 10am-3pm, Bayswater School, only \$5/person or \$15/family

Are you looking for someone wonderful to care for your children?

After 11 years with Devonport families, their children are now grown up and I am looking for full or part time work. I am a mature nanny, with excellent references, who also enjoys evening babysitting. If you are seeking quality, reliable, care help with your children, please call Winsome 410 5157 (evenings).

Violin Lessons

Experienced and patient violin teacher, able to teach all ages for both exam and leisure purposes. I am able to travel to your place for convenience. Phone/text: 021 021 88007

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Piano Lessons in Devonport

Piano and theory of music lessons available from experienced and registered teacher. Ph John Mercer (M Mus LTCL) 445 6471

Rental Property Wanted in Devonport

Reliable double-income couple with 5 year old looking for a LONG TERM rental property that is sunny, has 2 bedrooms and wooden floors and is in the Devonport school zone. We can afford \$400/week. If you own such a shangri-la and are looking for hassle-free renters, please contact Lila on 968 8000 ext. 7340.

St Francis & All Souls Catholic Parish of Devonport Sacramental Programme for 2012:

The programme of formation for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist** begins with an introductory evening for parents on Tuesday 14th Feb., 7.30pm. Instruction classes for the candidates begin at 8.45am on Sunday 19th Feb.

The minimum age / level for enrolment is Yr 4 and above. Enrolments close on Friday 10th Feb.

For further info. or for an enrolment form please phone Kim 445 9087, or Stephen 021 0608561, or email the parish: stfrancis@inspire.net.nz

Cooking Classes for Children



Cooking is an essential life skill, however with the pace of family life frenetic, there is little time these days to teach our kids how to cook, not to mention having to clean up the mess afterwards!

Let the team at LittleCooks help. We have developed a cooking programme that is simple and jam-packed with fun. We also know how important it is for children to learn about nutrition so the nutritional aspects of our programme have been developed in consultation with Dr Clare Wall – Nutritionist, University of Auckland.

Register your Little Cook by the 2nd of February and go in the draw to win a \$30.00 Hayward's Paper Power voucher!

LittleCooks afterschool programme starts 9th February

LittleCooks Classes Term 1 (7 weeks)

From lunchbox ideas and smoothies, to kiwi favorites like scones, just watch as your Little Cook blossoms in the kitchen!

(Ages 5-7) **Thursday**
9th Feb - 22nd March
3.30 - 4.30pm

(Ages 8-10) **Friday**
10th Feb - 23rd March
3.30pm - 4.30pm

\$126 x 7 classes
(all ingredients included)

LittleCooks GLUTEN FREE Easter Workshops

Thursday 29th March
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 30th March
3.30pm - 4.30pm

\$20 per workshop

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Ezlunch healthy school lunches and hassle free ordering is available on Mondays this term

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For those days when life's a bit too busy... join www.ezlunch.co.nz. Convenience without compromise.

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MONDAY lunches.....5Loaves

From the 13th February you will be able to order a lunch for your child from 5 Loaves on Mondays and have this delivered to your child at school. In order to do this, you go to the website advertised to place your order. 5Loaves will deliver this to the school.

For now, this option is only available on Mondays. Sushi will still be available on Wednesdays as it is now.



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