



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

TERM 2 : No 1 – 20 April 2010

Kia ora, Buenos dias, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, Konnichiwa, Guten tag, Ni hao, Privyet, **Greetings to parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate.**

Welcome back to the new term to all of our students, their families and friends of the school. I hope the holiday break with your children was an enjoyable one. Again we look forward to working with you and your children as we "Set Sail towards an Attitude for Excellence."

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that tomorrow, Thursday 22 April is Teachers Only Day. We ask that parents make alternative arrangements for their children for the day. Thank you for your support.



WORLD MATHS DAY

Congratulations to Alana Glentworth and Room 14 students, in particular Jihye S and Lucy P, for their outstanding achievements during this year's World Maths Day.

Jihye and Lucy were placed 7th and 8th respectively in **New Zealand** for their performance.

Room 14 were placed 46th in the World Hall of Fame in the 9-13 Year old category. They were also placed 1st in **New Zealand** in their category and the **top performing class** in this country.

Well done -what fantastic results!

ANZAC PARADE

Each year Devon Intermediate has a strong contingent of students at the Anzac Day Dawn Parade. Interested students are to meet me in full, very tidy, Devon uniform at the New Plymouth clock tower at 5.45am on Sunday 25 April. Students can be collected from here at the conclusion of the parade.

Each student who attends gains a point towards their Service Merit badge.



UNIFORM NOTES

All students are expected to be in winter uniform for Terms 2 and 3. This includes regulation footwear. Girls are to wear either lace up, T-bar or velcroed polishable shoes with Devon socks. Boys are to wear lace up or velcroed polishable shoes with Devon socks. Devon uniform socks are navy blue; ankle or knee length. Campus Clothing stock our new uniform sock which will be phased in during 2010. Girls also have the option of opaque navy blue tights

ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS FOR 2010

Each year schools are required to develop targets for improving teaching and learning based on student achievement data. Our 2010 targets are:

By the end of 2010:

MATHEMATICS

65% of students to be achieving at *Stanine 5 or above in PAT Mathematics. All current Stanine 4 students at Stanine 5 or above in PAT Mathematics

READING

75% of students to be reading at or above *Stanine 5 using the STAR test. At the end of the year we will report to the Ministry of Education as to how we have achieved in these areas.

* What is a stanine?

A stanine indicates a student's rank in comparison with other students who took the same test. Stanines are expressed as a scale of nine units with a low of one and a high of nine. The scale follows a bell-shaped curve, where 20 percent of the students fit in stanine 5, four percent in stanine 9, and four percent in stanine 1.

Visit

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/assessment/parents/index_e.php for assessment information for parents and whanau

ICAS

University of New South Wales - I.C.A.S. Tests
Please ensure that entries for I.C.A.S. papers are returned to the school office no later than Friday 23 April. Specific details were sent home yesterday giving costs and dates for each test paper. Students earn credits towards an Academic Merit through participation in this programme.





Ji Hye S Room 14, came 7th in New Zealand for World Math Day 2010. She did very well and has made us very proud. Well done Ji Hye.

SEA WEEK MARCH 2010

Congratulations to the following Devon students who were winners of the recent Sea Week Art Competition. Thank you to all students who took part. Kameron M R14; Darius T, R15; Rosie C, R14; Samantha H, R15; Rachel M, R15; Sam E R14.

NETBALL RESULTS

Devon Gold vs Matapu Panthers - 23/5
 Devon Gold vs Highlands Yr 8A - 10/14
 Devon Gold vs Inglewood Country 8A - 8/20
 Devon Gold vs Hawera Intermediate 8A - 8/13
 Devon Gold vs SHGS 8A - 7/21
 Devon Silver played 5 games on Saturday and won 4 of them, to come runner up in their division. It was a fantastic day and the coaches were very impressed by the girls attitude.

BASKETBALL - 2010

Basketball games for this season commence next week, from Monday 26 April, at the TSB Stadium. Students have been issued with team singlets and a copy of the draw for the first rounds of games. Please ensure all individual fees have been paid, to the school office. Full fee for the season in \$50.
 NOTE : U 13 Girls trials @ FDMC gym; 3-5pm this Sunday, 25 April.

PARENT LINK

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 May at 7pm.



BOT ELECTIONS

All current parents and caregivers of students at Devon have been invited to stand (or nominate someone) for three vacancies on our Board of Trustees. Nominations close on **Friday 23 April**. The list of candidates will be available for inspection at the school with the poll closing on Friday 7 May. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

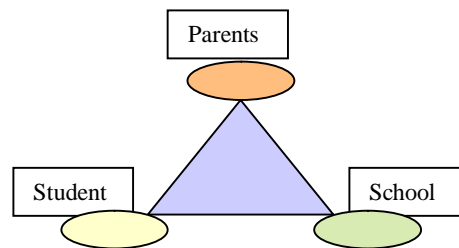
MOTHER'S DAY MARKET - Sunday May 9th

A Charitable Fundraising Event organised by the Rotary club of NP West. Location: Devon St , between Currie and Egmont Streets. Time: 9am through to 1pm Stalls, music and entertainment, Carnival Atmosphere. All welcome. Bring your Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers. Keep it in the Family.



UNIFIED 2GETHA IN DANCE

Start dates for Street Sessions Term 2 - 22 April 2010. Juniors 6-10 yrs Thursdays 4pm-4.45pm; Seniors 11-17 yrs Thursdays 5pm-5.45pm. Contact 758 3666 or 0220 429093



Together we can make a difference

Fiona Parkinson
 Principal

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I have read this newsletter.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Child's name: _____ Room no. _____