



## **DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL** **NEWSLETTER**

**TERM 3 : No 5 –18 August 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.

### **NPGHS AND NPBHS ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

Reminder that these take place on Friday August 20 in Devon Library between 9.00am and 12.30pm. Parents of students who have not yet made an appointment should ring the office on 758 5266.



### **TATAKAKIHI PRIMARY SCHOOLS CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2010**

Our apologies for not including this in last week's newsletter. In Week 3 Te Rangitahi O Devon and our Pasifika group travelled to Hawera to perform in this prestigious festival.

Not only did the students put on very high quality performances, they were also excellent ambassadors for Devon. I had a number of people comment on their excellent behaviour. Many thanks to Matua Clive and his whanau for tutoring Te Rangitahi o Devon and to Laura Webster-Kumeroa for the time and effort she has put into both groups. Thank you also to Jason Avery and Kylie Hale for their support leading up to and during the festival. Photos available to order at \$15.

### **METHANEX MATHS FAIR**

Congratulations to the following students who gained awards at last week's Math's fair:

Ebony D & Renee M Merit 3-Dimensional Artwork  
Room 14 1st Prize Class Project Year 7-8  
Montana B - Merit Hand Drawn 2-Dimensional Artwork  
Samantha N - 3rd Prize Poetry and Creative Writing  
Graceyn P - Merit 3-Dimensional Artwork  
Olivia E - 1st Prize Hand Drawn 2-Dimensional Artwork  
Rosie C - 1st Prize Poetry and Creative Writing

### **STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES**

It is not too late to make an appointment for next week's conferences. Please contact the office for a time. We consider these to be a very important way for parents to engage with their child's learning and an opportunity for the student to talk about next learning steps. We strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to attend.

### **NEWSLETTER WINNER Week 4**

Newsletter winner - Canteen voucher Nikita R , Rm 10 - Please collect your voucher from the office).

### **MID-YEAR REPORT**

Mid-year reports will be issued to all students this Friday. This report will form the basis of next week's Student Learning Conferences.

The report will outline the teacher's assessment of your child's progress and achievement for the year to date. It will contain details about progress and next steps in reading, writing and maths as well as information about Physical Education, Science/Social Studies, Academy Expectations and Attitude.

There will also be a teacher judgement of your child's achievement in relation to the National Standards. Please take time to discuss your child's report with them and bring it to the Student Learning Conference.

### **ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Congratulations to Michael O who was awarded his Attitude for Excellence badge at last Monday's assembly. Michael has worked consistently during his time at Devon and has proven that he is well on the path towards life-long learning.



### **ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE WITH HONOURS**

It was with real pleasure that we celebrated the achievements of Jihye S and Caitlin O who were presented with their Attitude for Excellence with Honours trophy at our school assembly. Jihye and Caitlin gained this prestigious award by first completing their Attitude for Excellence and then a comprehensive service project involving more than 20 hours of out of school time.

Both awards are very well deserved by two very diligent, committed students who exemplify our school vision of "Setting Sail towards an Attitude for Excellence".

### **PARENT LINK**

In conjunction with the Life Education Programme, the Parent Link group is fortunate to be hosting Detective Senior Sergeant *Grant Coward* at their next meeting on Monday 13 September.

### SPCA ONE OF THE FAMILY PROGRAMME

It was a pleasure to host Norm Hewitt and representatives from the SPCA at a special assembly yesterday. **Norm Hewitt, ex- All Black and Dancing with the Stars winner, is the face behind the Royal New Zealand SPCA education initiative: One of the Family.** This highly entertaining programme is aimed at intermediate-aged children and is designed to teach that animals have feelings and needs, that humans have a responsibility to respect those feelings and meet their needs, and that the rewards for doing that are the loyalty and love that the animals return.



### MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SPORTS EXCHANGE

Last week's sports exchange with Mokoia Intermediate proved to be a real highlight for all involved.

The longstanding success of this exchange is dependent on the support, commitment and hard work by large numbers of people.

Thank you to Richard Thompson and Jason Avery for organising the programme, making sure that billets were well matched and liaising with the Sports Coordinator from Mokoia Intermediate to ensure that the whole exchange ran smoothly.

Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to coach teams over the past few weeks. Special thanks also to the parent coaches who have also given up their time for practices.

It was great to see a number of parents, caregivers, grandparents and friends of the school who came to support their children from the sidelines.

A huge vote of thanks to all host families. One of the unique features of this exchange and one of the reasons for its lasting success has been the willingness of families to open their homes to billets. I know that for many students over the years, this has been a highlight of their time at intermediate school and it is our sincere wish that this aspect of the exchange will continue to be a feature.

Congratulations to all sports teams. They demonstrated excellent sporting skills, sense of fair play and support for each other.

### HIGHLANDS SPORTS EXCHANGE

This is being hosted by Devon on Tuesday 24 August. This is our final winter sports exchange for the year, parents/caregivers are welcome.

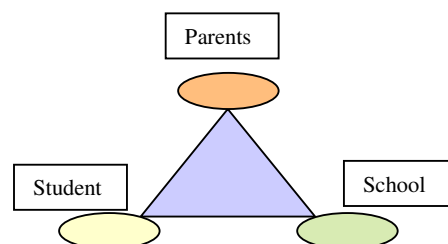
- 10.45 Soccer - Girls  
Netball - Girls 7C, 8C  
Indoor Bowls - in Hall  
Rugby - 2<sup>nd</sup> XV
- 11.45 Soccer - 2<sup>nd</sup> XI  
Basketball - Yr 8 Boys  
Netball - Yr 7B, Yr 8B  
Hockey - Devon Field  
Chess - in Library
- 1.15 Soccer - 1<sup>st</sup> XI  
Basketball - Yr 7 Boys  
Netball - Yr 7A, Yr 8A  
Badminton - in Hall  
Rugby - 1<sup>st</sup> XV

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Once again it is time for the scholastic book fair. This is being held 23, 24, 25, 26 - 9am - 3pm and 27 August - 9am - 2pm. Late night Tuesday 24 August - 8.30pm. We encourage children and parents to visit the great selection of books that will be on sale. The school will benefit from the sales by receiving free books for the library

### MUSIC LESSONS

There are still places available for any students wanting to learn keyboard, flute, violin, guitar, drums or a brass instrument. The lessons are subsidized and cost \$10/year. Please pick up the information sheet and enrolment form from the office.



**Together we can make a difference**

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

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### TERM 3. WEEK 5 NEWSLETTER

I have read this newsletter.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room no. \_\_\_\_\_