

Mrs Sacha Buckley

#### Welcome to Room 6

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to embark on your new, exciting journey here at Devon Intermediate.

I had a fabulous time catching up with my family over the holidays and even managed to get some fishing in between storms and rough seas.

I have been teaching at Devon for six years, and am looking forward to another very successful and rewarding year.

Please feel free to pop into the classroom to see how your child is going at any time. The students will have a copy of our timetable in the back of their Diaries. I look forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher Evening BBQ next week.

Home / School Communication If you wish to discuss your child's progress or have any queries regarding our classroom programme, please do not hesitate to call I me at school. I will endeavour to return your call as soon as possible. My email is: sbuckley@devonint.school.nz

Devon Intermediate School Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

## **Term 1 Events**

Week 1 Wed-Powhiri

MANA

Service

Respect

Week 2 Mon-Waitangi Dav **Tues—Technology Starts** Thur-Meet the Teacher BBO 5:30

Week 3 Fri—Standards Swimming Sports

Week 4 Fri-Championship Swimming Sports

Week 5 Wed-MANA Reward Day

Week 7 Mon-Taranaki Anniversary Day

Week 8 Wed—School Photos

Week 11 Wed-MANA Reward Dav Thur—Last Day of the Term.

It is our expectation that every member of Room 6 will strive to achieve their personal best. This includes their time both inside and outside the classroom.

We all face challenges at times; it is our ability to overcome these challenges that shows our growth, learning and MANA.

In Brief: Always do your best. Work as part of a team. Set achievable goals. Set high expectations for yourself. Every day is a fresh start. Start as you mean to continue. Take every opportunity.



engaged in learning at home each week. Tasks will be set on Monday and are due in Thursday. Thursday night will be for completing any classroom tasks not finished during the week. They are also required to read for 10-15 minutes each night to reinforce learning and progress they make in class. A task related to the unit we are currently studying will usually be included as well.

I know this may seem a lot, but once routines have been established these tasks only need to take the 30-40 minutes each night.

If for any reason your child is unable to complete these tasks please write a note in their Diary and they can have an extension over the weekend or we can negotiate expectations.

They will have a Homework book to complete these tasks in.

We will frequently be using highlighters to help with identify key words in a text, so I wish for all students to purchase three colours (yellow, green and pink) please.

### An Invitation

You are invited to:

#### School BBQ

Week 2 Thursday

9th February at 5:30p.m.

It will be an opportunity for you to meet some of the teachers who are going to play a major role in your child's education.

More details will be distributed later in the week

Only as high as I reach can I grow, Only as far as I seek can I go,

Only as deep as I look can I see,

Only as much as I dream can I be.

# **Australasian Tests**

All students are encouraged to enrol in at least one of the six Australian Tests available at Devon.

Details will be printed in the School Newsletter.