

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngamōtu

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

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

##### MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Malakai Latavao who is our first student of 2016 to receive his Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets. This is an amazing achievement Malakai and a testament to your high levels of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect. We also congratulate Eva Schuetze (13) who received her Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets and to these students who received their Bronze MANA badges for gaining 50 MANA tickets, Tiaki Waru (13) and Bailey King (7).



##### MANA REWARD DAY

As you might be aware, the next MANA Reward Day is coming up and it is an options based day. Your child will have the opportunity to choose between the Aquatic Centre and a Technology or Movie at school. If your child is looking at selecting the Aquatic Centre option, they will need to ensure that they have paid for their school diary, which is a cost of \$9.00; otherwise they will have to select one of the free options at school.

##### QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Come and join us for a fun and social Quiz Night to support Devon Intermediate's quest to raise funds to get our new Adventure Playground constructed. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May (Black Friday), 7pm at The New Plymouth Club. Teams of up to six people or come on your own and be placed in a team! Just \$10 p.p. Prizes up for grabs, meat raffles, and why not dress up just to make for a more fun evening ☺ For more information, please email Marissa: [mhoyes@devonint.school.nz](mailto:mhoyes@devonint.school.nz)

##### DUATHLON

On Friday 1 April a small team of 18 students competed in the interschool duathlon held at Waitara. The event was extremely challenging with a 1.5km run followed by a 6km bike (mainly on grass) and then a final 3km run to finish. The students all represented our school with pride and showed determination to finish the event. Special congratulations go to Esther Cocker who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 8 girls and Brooke Hoskin-Lefevre who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 7 girls. The whole team showed a lot of comradery as they supported and cheered on their team mates through the 40 minute event. They certainly lived up to our MANA value of Diligence – do your personal best. Well done team.

##### PIZZA LUNCH DAY

Tomorrow, Thursday 7 April, is Pizza Lunch day. Students can order slices of Domino's pizza, for just \$2 per slice. Orders can be placed right up until Thursday morning at the student reception area by completing an order form and handing in with appropriate cash please.

#### DEVON INTERMEDIATE PIZZA ORDER FORM

Just \$2 per slice for Domino's pizza

NAME:..... ROOM: .....

FLAVOUR NUMBER OF SLICES

Hawaiian .....

Meat Lovers .....

Vegetarian .....

Orders will be delivered to your classroom, at lunch eating time!



#### TERM 2 LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Student, Parent and Teacher Learning Conferences will take place in Week 3 of next term on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Please note that school will finish early at 12:45pm on both of these days. All parents will receive further information, including booking forms in the first week of next term.

#### ANZAC DAY PARADE

Last year more than 40 students represented Devon at the ANZAC Dawn Parade and it would be great to see a strong contingent again this year. Interested students are to meet in full, tidy school uniform at the New Plymouth Clock Tower at 5.45am on Saturday 25 April. They can be collected from here at the conclusion of the parade. Each student who attends gains a point towards their Service Merit Badge.

#### CRAZY CONTRAPTION NO. 1

On Thursday last week 47 students came to school with some amazing machines they had created to putt a golf ball 6 meters into a hole. Each student had two attempts to get as close to the hole as they could. The big challenge proved to be getting the ball to stop before it rolled off the "green".

The designs were amazing and we have some talented students and parents with incredibly creative thinking. The contraptions ranged from ramps to sling shots to mechanical marvels with self-locking cogs. In the end five students were able to get a hole in one and another six students were able to get the ball to stop within a meter of the hole. The overall winner was Ben Sherman from Room 11 whose machine was so incredibly accurate he ended up with two holes in one from his two attempts. Special mention must go to Tai and whose machines were amazing works of engineering. We look forward to even more students participating in the next Contraption Challenge in Term 2.

#### FAREWELL TO DEAN JAMIE ALLEN

Dean Jamie Allen from the Taranaki Cathedral is being farewelled at a service this Sunday at 10am in the Cathedral Space in the St Mary's Peach Hall, Vivian Street, New Plymouth.

Jamie is our School Chaplain supporting our staff, students and wider school community, and as part of the farewell from the Cathedral our School Kapa Haka group will be performing. Families are most welcome to join us on Sunday morning.

#### BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS

From time to time some students let the school down through their behaviour on the way to or from school. Invariably people in our neighbourhood bring these matters to our attention.

We as teachers and parents, share the responsibility for guiding students into being positive members of the community and behaving appropriately. Dangerous behaviour on the road, a student entering other people's properties and general silly behaviour (i.e. constantly pushing the button on the traffic lights and holding up traffic) all reflects negatively on Devon Intermediate.

It would be appreciated if parents talked with their children to reinforce with them basic rules about pedestrian crossings and identifying the safest route to school for your own child.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Every state and state integrated school in New Zealand is currently undergoing a trustee election process. At our school we will be looking for **three parent trustees** although you do not need to be a parent to stand for election. You could be a grandparent or a caregiver who would like to sit on our Board. The Board is part of the leadership team alongside the Principal and board's role is one of Governance.

If you are interested in knowing more about becoming a Board of Trustee member, please speak to Nicola Murdock, Chairperson of the Board. She will be only too happy to answer any questions you may have! Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving further information in regards to the election.

*Together we can make a difference*

Jason Avery  
Acting Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA focus is:**

**Be positively involved**

- In your learning programme
- At break time activities
- When representing Devon

#### DATES TO NOTE

Friday 15 April  
Monday 2 May  
Friday 13 May

Last day of Term One  
First day of Term Two  
Quiz Night Fundraiser