

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 1: 13 April 2016

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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**

Term one comes to an end this Friday. We have found it a challenging term with staff illness and changes in the staffing structure. Thank you to those relievers who often drop everything at a moment's notice to come in to help out at our school. In particular thank you to Roseanne Sayles, who has been relieving for Geri Forde in Room 11 for this term and will continue to do so next term.

Sadly, we fare-welled Jo Wilkinson from Room 7 who worked every Wednesday for Glen Phillips. Mrs Wilkinson has gone onto work at Moturoa School in the junior section, and we wish her all the best. Gerry Taylor has been appointed in the 0.2 position in Room 7 each Wednesday and we hope you take the time to get to know Gerry as part of the staff here at Devon Intermediate.

Despite all of these things, students have been involved in a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities. A huge thank you to the staff for their ongoing commitment to providing high quality programmes and exciting opportunities for all students at Devon.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish to advise our School Community and wider community, that our Principal Mrs Fiona Parkinson is retiring from her position.

This retirement is effective as at the end of this term, therefore Mrs Parkinson will not be returning to school.

Mrs Parkinson has been Principal of our school for the past 8 years and her contribution to our school and the wider community has been significant.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Parkinson all the best in her next adventure in life.

Nicola Murdock  
 BOT Chairperson

#### ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE

BIG congratulations to Ben Sherman (11) who received his Sports and Academic Merit Badges on Monday. Ben is well on the way to achieving his overall Attitude for Excellence Badge.

#### MANA BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who each received their Bronze MANA Badges at Monday's assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets: Sarah Burton (4), Logan Fawkner (7), Kyle Campbell-Mansfield (10), Felix Drake, Ben Sherman and Tayte Wilkins (11).

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS TIMELINE

- All parents/caregivers identified as eligible to vote in the Board of Trustee elections are being placed on the Main Roll at present
- The Main Roll closes on Wednesday 4 May at non and will be available for your inspection from then
- The Supplementary Roll (for any additions to the Main Roll e.g. because of new enrolment to the school etc) opens Wednesday 4 May, after noon.
- Nomination forms and information on the Elections are posted to all eligible voters by Friday 6 May
- The Supplementary Roll closes on Wednesday 18 May at noon.
- Nominations close on Friday 20 May at noon.

#### URGENT NETBALL COACH REQUIRED

The Devon Blue Flames Netball team has been registered to play this season, however as yet does not have a coach. If you are able to coach the team, please let the office staff know BY **FRIDAY 15 APRIL**. If we are not fortunate enough to have a coach for the team, we will withdraw the team from the competition and children will be unable to play. If this is the case a full refund will be given to those students who are unable to play.



#### 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.

#### SUMMER SPORTS DAY

A great day was had by our students and staff at the Intermediate School's Summer Sports day held last week. Weren't we lucky with the weather?? Devon teams travelled to Hawera, Highlands and Manukorihi Intermediates for tennis, cricket, softball, volleyball, pater tennis, non-stop cricket and touch was hosted here at Devon.

Team	Result	Play of the Day
Y 7 Girls Touch	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Y 8 Girls Touch	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Y 7 Boys Touch	4 <sup>th</sup>	Koro Teteira-Taylor
Y8 Boys Touch	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Anderson
Y7 Girls Softball	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brooke Hoskins-Lefevre
Y8 Girls Softball	4 <sup>th</sup>	Eva Schuetze
Y7 Boys Softball	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Iti Nganga
Y8 Boys Softball	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cruze Lawrence
Cricket	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Curtis Hoeta
Girls Volleyball	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chanthaila Somera
Boys Volleyball	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joel Faga
Y 7 Non-Stop Cricket	4 <sup>th</sup>	Maree Dove
Y 8 Non-Stop Cricket	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sijenna Poole
Tennis	4 <sup>th</sup>	Aimee Tee
Patter Tennis	3 <sup>rd</sup>	



#### WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 (starting 2 May) will bring cooler and wetter weather and a change to our winter uniform. Our prospectus states: Flat, black polishable school shoes, either lace-up, buckled or velcroed, (no colour brand markings, slip-ons or canvas shoes) and Devon uniform socks. We will also accept blue opaque tights and navy knee high socks. Please support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform shoes and socks.

To clarify the winter uniform socks allowed at Devon – Navy Blue socks or the Devon uniform socks (with the blue stripes at the top (available from Campus Clothing in Gill Street)), are both acceptable. Girls may wear navy blue tights. Below the ankle socks are not acceptable.



#### 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)

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and whanau a safe and happy holiday. Term 2 begins with an assembly on Monday 2 May at 8.40pm.

**Together we can make a difference**

Jason Avery  
 Acting Principal