DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura Takuwaenga o Ngamōtu

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

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES These are being held on Tuesday 17 March, 3.30-5.30pm and 6.30-8pm and on Thursday 19 March 1.30-5.30pm. Further information and a booking form is included with this newsletter. Please note that school will close at 1pm on Thursday 19 March.

WHANAU HUI Kia ora te whanau o Devon Intermediate. A detailed newsletter with return slip was sent home on Monday. Please contact the school office if you did not receive one. Thank you.

WEETBIX FUNDRAISER Thank you to all of you who supplied the Weetbix codes. The competition is now over. Unfortunately we didn’t win but we were 6th overall from 901 schools.

MANA REWARD DAY Last year, the Student MANA team, guided by Brook Murfitt and Jason Avery, initiated MANA badges as a reward for students who worked hard to maintain their MANA, gaining MANA tickets along the way; bronze for 50 MANA tickets, silver for 100 tickets and gold for 150 MANA tickets.

Congratulations to those who were awarded their badges at a special celebration assembly yesterday morning. We had 37 students who received their Bronze badges along with the following students who received their Silver badge, Rebekah Bishop, Kobi Hislop, Maegan Boshier, Wairoa Mataa, Chalice Ratapu-Kahu, Ben Johns, Shacaine Riland-Enoka, Carlida Te Awehe, Nateisha Hana-Wetere, Michelle Moataamilo, Jade Parsons, Poppy Richards, Amber Curtis, Devlin Well-Bention and Jade Grey, and the one Gold badge went to Ails Lay.

Following the assembly, those Students eligible for MANA Reward Day, headed down to Ngamōtu Beach to participate in a range of beach activities. It was a very successful day, with students making the most of the beautiful summer weather and warm sea temperatures.

A special thanks to Craig, John and Heather Dent, from East End Surf Club, who took on the role of lifeguards as well as providing surf and body boards for the students to enjoy in the water.

SIGN UP FOR MUSIC LESSONS! Mike Gordon from Musiqhub is now offering lessons at our school. The lessons cost $160.00 per term ($16.00 per lesson). Classes have a maximum of four students per class and lessons will be held in school hours. The following subjects are offered.... VOCALS KEYBOARDS GUITAR Unlock your child’s potential and watch their confidence grow whilst they have great fun. For more information please call Mike on 0279321947 or visit musiqhub.co.nz You can also email mike at mike.gordon@musiqhub.co.nz Enrolments close Wednesday 11th March.

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS Sarah Cotching, our part time art teacher, requires a lot of plastic bottle tops for an art project she is planning. Please leave in the plastic bag outside the art room.

BIKE BUS A detailed newsletter was sent home yesterday with students who have expressed an interest in taking part. The office has copies of this newsletter if your child didn’t receive one.

NETBALL Calling all netball parents! We are looking for any mums or dads who would like to coach a netball team for Devon this year. Please email me at gforte@devonint.school.nz or phone the school office on 758 5266 and ask to speak to Julie. Thank you.

NEIL MACKAY – PARENT EVENING Taking the Hell out of Homework Come and hear an inspiring speaker who is a world renowned expert on supporting children with learning difficulties. Neil is an international consultant to the Dyslexia Foundation of New Zealand. He will be sharing tips on how to boost your child’s confidence; banish the tears and end the battle over homework.

When: Thursday 30 April, 7-9pm
Where: The Blenheim Room, Quality Hotel Plymouth International
Cost: $40 per person, Tickets available from our school office.

AUTISM NEW ZEALAND – WAY TO PLAY This one day workshop is designed specifically for parents, caregivers, whanau, health and education professionals directly involved with a young child on the Autism Spectrum. Please contact training at autismnz.org.nz for more information.

LA DANCE TOUR “Want to dance at Disney Land? Amazing opportunity for Taranaki dancers to travel to Hollywood on the LA Dance Tour 2016. Dance Classes, Seminars, Shopping, Shows, perform at Disney Land and much More!! Information meeting Thursday 5th March, 7.30pm at Bideford Hall, 21 Bideford Street. See you there!!”

Together we can make a difference

J.R. Paterson
principal

TWILIGHT GALA Our world famous in New Plymouth Twilight Gala is on Thursday 26 March 4.30pm -7pm. The focus will be on providing a range of delicious food options so families can come and have dinner at the school while enjoying a range of other stalls, activities, rides and games; as well as the very popular White Elephant, Dress for Less and second hand books. Donations can be brought to school anytime and taken to Conrad Hailes in Room 11.

Students are kindly asked to provide items which will enable us to make up our fabulious prizes; Grocery items for raffle, Lucky bucket items (items suitable for girls and boys aged 8 to 13 years), Lucky bucket items suitable for the kitchen and laundry and Mystery Bottle items (Students are NOT to bring alcohol).

DATES TO NOTE

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DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week’s MANA focus is: Treat others as you wish to be treated
• Use appropriate language
• Speak the truth with kindness
• Respect all adults at school and in the community

If you require any more information please contact培训 at training@autismnz.org.nz for more information.

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Thank you.

Devon this year. Please email me at gforte@devonint.school.nz