

# 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**

Nau mai haere mai. Welcome to Term 2 at Devon Intermediate. This term promises to be action-packed with a wide range of exciting opportunities for students. Please ensure that your child is making the most of their student diary and that you are receiving our weekly newsletter. Our school website [www.devonint.school.nz](http://www.devonint.school.nz) also contains the school newsletter and other useful information. Although we expect students to take increasing responsibility for keeping up to date with school events it is helpful if parents can prompt them when necessary. Please note that we also have a Facebook page. Please email the office at [office@devonint.school.nz](mailto:office@devonint.school.nz) if you want access to this closed group.

#### CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded class merits for Term 1. These prestigious awards are given to students who meet strict criteria and who in the opinion of the staff exemplify our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

Room

4	Sijenna Poole		
5	Emily Law	Jason McGrath	Sam Skinner
6	Grace Netani		
9	Niki Dewar		
10	Darcy Collins	Jennaya Barnes	
11	Jone Rova	Ashley Taula	
13	Joanna Quirante	Shakyah Ruakere	
15	Jade Parsons		
16	Esther Cocker	Keisha Morgan	



#### ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Sophie Hill and Jade Grey who were presented with their Attitude for Excellence badges at Monday's assembly. These students have worked consistently over the past 5 terms to gain this special award.



#### STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Each term we collate attendance figures to identify patterns and trends within the school. This information contributes to an overall picture of student achievement at Devon Intermediate. In Term 1 overall attendance rates were 87%. Parents and caregivers have a legal responsibility to send their children to school. A missed day at school is a lost opportunity for them to learn. Students who are absent for 3 or more days due to sickness, are required to provide a medical certificate. In the case of extended absence (e.g. overseas travel) a letter must be written to the Principal requesting permission for leave. Students are required to be punctual and be at school by 8.40am.

#### ANZAC DAY SERVICE

This year we will be holding a formal Anzac service at school. Parents and caregivers and friends of the school are warmly invited to join the students and a number of guests to this service of remembrance being held from 11.15am - 12.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April in the school hall. Thank you to Zach Smits and his granddad Roy Komene for initiating this special event at Devon.

#### TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Board of Trustees has approved a Teachers Only Day for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Neil Mackay, an expert in the area of catering for different ways of learning, will be working with our staff and teachers from other schools. We ask that parents and caregivers make alternative arrangements for their child(ren) on that day.

#### 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### E-LEARNING PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

This year our teachers have been working with Stuart Hale, consultant on using I-Pads in the classroom. Stuart has offered to run a parent session on the evening of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in our staff room. This will be a practical informative session. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Please ring the school office to register your interest.

#### FONO

Ni sa bula vinaka, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, and warm Pasifika greetings to you all.

We are holding our first Fono for 2015 at Devon Intermediate on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm. All Pasifika families are most welcome to come along. Further information to follow.

#### NOEL LEEMING FAMILY AND FRIEND'S FUNDRAISER

The next Family and Friends fundraiser at Noel Leeming will be held the week of 4 – 10 May. Details will follow. Please get along and support this fundraiser for Devon Intermediate.

#### WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 brings 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 navy opaque tights and navy knee high socks. Please support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform shoes and socks.

#### UKULELE CLASSES 2015

Learning ukulele is a great introduction to music. Following on from Term 1, classes are at 8.00am on Fridays, starting again 24<sup>th</sup> April. There are 10 weeks of "Ukulele-Fridays" in term 2, and its \$8 /class. That's \$80, or \$70 if your child starts on Friday May 1st. Devon has 25 ukuleles that children can use at school.

To book in, contact Tony Hansen [aranakitonyhansen@gmail.com](mailto:aranakitonyhansen@gmail.com) or Ph. 022 1840720

*Together we can make a difference*

*Fiona Parkinson*

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Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

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

**Right Place, Right Time, Right Gear**

- Stay away from all construction areas
- Go to class immediately on the move bell
- Wear the correct Devon uniform with pride

#### DATES TO NOTE

Monday 20 April	First day of Term two
Friday 24 April	Anzac Service 11.15am – 12.30pm
Monday 27 April	Anzac Day Commemoration Holiday
Friday 1 May	Teachers Only Day
4 – 10 May	Friends & family promotion at Noel Leeming
7 May	Fono meeting 5.30pm
11 May	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
18 May	Parent Link Meeting 7pm
26 May	Sports Exchange with Manukorihi Intermediate
8 June	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
11 June	Whanau Hui 5.30pm
14 – 16 June	Young Leaders Camp in Wellington
26 June	Student exercise books home for parent perusal