

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10 - 24 JUNE 2015

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

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

- Congratulations to Parez Hanscombe-Stokes from Room 5 who was selected for the Year 7 Taranaki Netball Development Team from 100 girls around the province. Well done Parez.
- Congratulations to Poppy Richards who was presented with her Attitude for Excellence badge at Monday's assembly. Poppy has worked meticulously over the last 6 terms to gain this special award, demonstrating Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect at all times.
- All Hockey and Netball games were cancelled due to the appalling weather in the weekend. There were no basketball games for this week either.



HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

At Devon Intermediate School we try our best to get things right and make sure everyone is happy and well looked after. However, despite our best efforts, there are going to be times when we don't get it as right as we'd like. There will be times where a misunderstanding arises. Sometimes the wrong message is communicated and received, particularly if heard third hand from a child.

We strongly believe that to do the best for your child, we need to work together and that misunderstandings are best dealt with by talking issues through face to face. In this way we get to the heart of the matter and find the best solution. Talking about concerns in the community or posting onto social media without approaching the school, does nothing to solve the problem or create and maintain trusting partnerships between home and school.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact Jason Avery, Conrad Hailes or myself. We really want to do the best we can for your child.

MID YEAR REPORTS

These will be sent home with the students this Friday 26 June. Information regarding next term's parent or teacher requested Student Learning Conferences will be distributed at the beginning of next term.

We value your feedback about our Reporting to Parents and have included a link to a Survey Monkey survey with the report for your consideration.

As well as their report, your child will bring home a selection of their exercise books to share with you. Please take the time to talk with your child about what is in their books, what they are learning and what their next steps are. There will be a comment sheet for you to fill in and send back to school with the books.

Please ensure these exercise books are returned to school on Monday 29 June.

HAWERA SPORTS EXCHANGE

Unfortunately with the bad weather over the weekend, we were unable to hold the Sports Exchange with Hawera Intermediate School yesterday as our grounds were too wet. This exchange has now been cancelled.

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SPORTS EXCHANGE

By now those students who have been selected to attend the Sports Exchange with Mokoia Intermediate School in Rotorua, will have brought home permission slips to be completed and returned to school along with a deposit of \$25 by Wednesday 1 July. After this date any available places will be offered to those students identified as stand by players. If you wish to have the Mokoia fees added onto your existing account which is being paid via automatic payment, please get in touch with Marissa or Cathie in the school office.

MANA REWARD DAY

The next MANA reward day is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 2nd of July to reward those students who have met their MANA expectations. This day will be based at school where students will participate in an activity that they opt into at no cost. For your child to be eligible to attend this MANA reward day they will have to have met the MANA expectations at least 80% of the time (24/29 days). All eligible students are welcome to come to school in mufti on this day at no cost. A notice will be sent out on Friday of week 10 to inform you if your child is eligible for this exciting MANA reward day.

YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2015

On Sunday 14 June, 16 excited students from Devon Intermediate travelled to Wellington for the National Young Leaders Day 2015 (NYLD/15).

After stopping in Wanganui for lunch we drove for 3 more hours and arrived at the Wellington Top 10 Holiday Park, where we would stay for the next 2 nights. We had dinner that night at the Valentines restaurant, and then did some fun and exciting leadership activities before falling into bed for lights out at 10 o'clock.

It was an early start the next morning with a wake-up call at 6.30am. After breakfast we headed into Wellington city, all looking fabulous in our formal school blazers and ties. We attended the NYLD/15 conference, held at The Opera House, which had some very exciting and inspiring speakers. Some of the speakers were William Pike, Simon Gault and Jamie McDell. At the conclusion of the conference at 2.30pm we were able to spend some time at Te Papa to look at some very exciting exhibits. Dinner that night was at McDonalds followed by some more leadership activities and supper back at camp.

Tuesday morning we were allowed a sleep in until 7am, before packing up and leaving the camp. From camp we drove to Victoria University for a very informative tour. Lunch the final day was at Wendy's before a long drive home. Overall a fantastic 3 days! A big thank you to Mr Avery and Mr Murfitt for taking us and being great chauffeurs. If you have the opportunity to attend, it is very highly recommended.

From the Young Leaders of Devon Intermediate

WAITOTARA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Waitotara School was badly damaged during last weekend's flooding. A lot of furniture and equipment has been destroyed. It will cost a lot to replace this. Room 6 is holding a coin trail to raise money to help Waitotara School. This fits in really well with our MANA focus of 'Demonstrating Empathy towards others'. We are asking all students from Devon to show empathy by bringing a gold coin to Room 6 on Monday to help the children at Waitotara School.

HANGI FUNDRAISER

Hangi Fundraiser 5th July 2015 \$10.00 per meal, tickets must be pre-paid. Hangi includes 3 meat, potatoes, kumara and pumpkin.

Fundraising for Briana Latavao to travel with NZ Storm Basketball Team to Las Vegas.

Contact Nicola on 027 444 2755.

AGAPE DANCE FESTIVAL

This Saturday 27 June, 8.30am till late, at the 4th Wall Theatre in Baring Terrace, Strandon. Raising funds to fight child trafficking. Get along on Saturday evening from 6pm for a Gala event, to see up to 40 of Taranaki's finest ballet, jazz and tap dancers strut their stuff in aid of this worthy cause. Tickets can be purchased from Promenade Dance and Sportswear in King Street. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Limited seating so be in quick to support this event.

Together we can make a difference

J.S. Parkinson

Hiona Parkinson
Principal



DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA focus is:

Demonstrate Empathy towards others

- **Walk in someone else's shoes**
- **Appreciate others' way of learning**
- **Value others' right to learn**
- **Value the teacher's right to teach**

DATES TO NOTE

26 June	Student exercise books and school reports home
3 July	Last day of Term Two
20 July	First day of Term Three
5 August	Open Night at Spotswood College, 7pm