



# 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**

### 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.

### 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. You do not need to bring a computer or iPad. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Please call the 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

Parents, Caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate, are invited to support the Family and Friends fundraiser at Noel Leeming being held next week, 4 – 10 May. Our last Friends and Family fundraiser raised over \$800 towards a new adventure playground. It would be great to see if we can better this amount. We encourage you all to visit Noel Leeming at The Valley to make some great savings and support your school. A flyer was sent home with each child yesterday. Please call in at the office if you require more copies.

### BRENDA BALLINGER CROSS COUNTRY RACES

This is being held Saturday 9 May at 2pm at Highlands Intermediate. The Yr 7 & 8 Intermediate School Challenge consists of a 2 km run/walk and there is no entry fee for participating on the day. Prizegiving will be held at Highlands Intermediate at the conclusion of all events. Those students interested, please come to the office to collect a newsletter to register. This is an ideal opportunity to gain a Sports Merit point and we hope to have a large group participating from Devon.

### IS YOUR CHILD AWAY?

It is important to let the school know if your child will be absent for the day. Below are the guidelines which need to be followed:

- State your child's first and surname clearly
- State his/her room number
- State the reason for his/her absence
- If the absence is likely to be for more than one day, please indicate the length of time for the proposed absence.

Should you receive a message querying the absence please phone/text the office. If we do not receive a response from you your child will be marked as being truant.

**NB** You can either phone the school and leave a message on the answerphone – 7585266 or text –021 08299 278.

**It is important that you provide us with up-to-date contact details for your child, especially in cases of emergencies.**

### ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

If you know that your child is going to be late to school, e.g. a doctor's appointment, please inform your child's teacher, please call the office before 8.45am or write a note for them to hand when they sign into the office. If you do not do this, your child will be marked as late and unexplained. It also means they will be expected to complete a reflection at lunchtime and will not meet expectations for that day.

### SCHOOL ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Last Friday we were privileged to hold a very special Anzac Service to commemorate 100 years since the New Zealand and Australian troops landed at Gallipoli. The service was initiated by Zachary Smits, Room 6, with support from his granddad Roy Komene and was a very fitting tribute to the men and women who served in wars since 1915. Devon Intermediate was also strongly represented at Saturday's Dawn Parade with 55 students attending. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who came along in support of their children.

### 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 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.

### STRATFORD MOUNTAIN CLUB SKI & BOARD SWAP

When: Thursday 28 May, 6pm

Where: NP Yacht Club, Ocean View Parade, Ngamotu Beach

Entry: \$2 for buyers, \$10 for sellers\* - all go into the draw to win a free 2015 Manganui Season Pass. Also last chance to buy discounted Season Passes. Drinks and Nibbles will be available. Proceeds go to the Junior Race Training Programme.

\*Commercial sellers by arrangement please.

For further enquiries please phone Channa Perry on 027 446 0196 or email [octopus2nz@gmail.com](mailto:octopus2nz@gmail.com)

### NETBALL RESULTS

Devon Gold lost to Inglewood Country Red

Devon Silver lost to TPKMIR

Devon Blue lost to Manukorihi Aranga

Devon White bye

*Together we can make a difference*

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

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

- **Follow Instructions immediately**

### DATES TO NOTE

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