

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4 – 13 MAY 2015

### 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

#### MANA BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who received their Mana Badges at assembly on Monday: Janelle Boshier and Toby Penno who received their Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets and Sophia Malcolm-Black, Niki Dewar, Reubyn Clarke who received their Bronze MANA Badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Congratulations to Waiora Mataa who received her Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets. This is an amazing achievement Waiora, and a testament to your high levels of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

#### DROP OFF/PICK UP STUDENTS

With building construction underway at the school, we would ask that parents/caregivers **DO NOT drive down the school driveway to collect students at 3pm** as we end up with a congestion of traffic with students walking out of the school grounds, and trucks and cars trying to leave the area. Thank you.

#### HEAD LICE

We have become aware of a few cases of head lice in our school community. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair weekly. Should you require further information please contact our Public Health Nurse Kerryn Smith on 753 7790 ext 7800.

#### MANA REWARD DAY

The next Mana reward day is being held on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> and for students to participate, they must have met their Mana expectations at least 80% of the time – 18/22 days. This reward day will be held at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre. More information will follow over the next week.

#### SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

We are often donated good second hand uniforms to the school, and with winter approaching we have good school jackets for those students who may need one to wear whilst on the way to school and home again. Please come to the office and see either Mrs Askew or Miss Hoyes if you would like to buy one. We are selling these jackets for the bargain price of just \$25.00.

#### HOCKEY RESULTS

Devon vs Oakura/Coastal lost 1-2

#### BASKETBALL RESULTS

Boys – Devon Blues vs Hi Heat lost  
Girls – Devon Fire vs Inglewood Primary lost

#### NETBALL RESULTS

Devon Gold vs Inglewood Primary Y8 lost  
Devon Blue vs Highlands Intermediate 7C lost 9-14  
Devon Silver vs Highlands Intermediate 8C lost  
Devon White vs SHGC 8 Ferns lost 0-25

#### ENERGY CITY HARRIERS INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those students who participated in the Energy City Harriers Intermediate Challenge held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May.



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

Thank you to all parents, caregivers and friends of the school who supported last week's fundraiser at Noel Leeming Ltd. We will update you all on the profit our school made in next week's newsletter.

#### PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link meeting will be held on Monday evening, 18 May at 7pm in the Art Room. Conrad Hailes will be providing information about our I.C.T. and Maths programmes. Come along and join us.

#### NZ AIMS GAMES FUNDRAISER

Delicious Nachos and Drink combo \$5.00. Order and pay in the Food Tech Room BEFORE Friday. Numbers will be limited so get in ASAP!!

#### RELIEF TEACHERS

From time to time staff are involved in workshops and meetings where they are out of their classrooms and relievers are employed. The Board of Trustees recognises the importance of this professional learning to ensure our school continues to be staffed by effective professionals with knowledge of current teaching practice.

Since the start of term, there has been a tummy bug going through the school along with the general coughs and colds and these bugs also affect our staff. We always do our best to find relievers to cover our teachers when they are sick, however sometimes this is just not possible and as a last resort, we have to split the class across the school. Although not ideal, this is sometimes our only option. We appreciate your understanding when this happens.

#### FITNESS PROGRAMME

All classes are now participating in a 20 minutes fitness programme each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.20-10.45am. Students are involved in a range of activities designed to raise fitness levels. Please support us by ensuring your child has their correct PE gear each day.

#### FRAMEWORK FOR AUTISM

The Framework for Autism in New Zealand seminar is for family, whanau and caregivers, plus education and health professionals, to learn about the autism spectrum, practical strategies to support someone with autism, and increase interaction and manage challenging behaviour.

When: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015, 9.30am to 3.30pm each day.

Where: Venue details provided after registration although with be held in New Plymouth.

Cost: Normally \$250 - Now at no cost for Parents/whanau - Only \$50.00 for Professionals

For more information and to register, go to: [http://www.autismnz.org.nz/training\\_programmes](http://www.autismnz.org.nz/training_programmes), or contact Bridget Pafefika, Outreach Coordinator, (06) 769 5958, [taranaki@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:taranaki@autismnz.org.nz)

#### TAGOIL TOUGH KID CHALLENGE

Open to all year 5 – 8 students. Just \$3 each.

Challenge yourself around our course with over 20 obstacles!

Friday 27 November, 10.30am – 2pm, No 2 Field, Yarrow Stadium.

Register by contacting Terry Long 759 0930 ext 737.

[terry@sporttaranaki.org.nz](mailto:terry@sporttaranaki.org.nz)

*Together we can make a difference*

*Fiona Parkinson*

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Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA  
focus is:  
Respect

- Yourself
- Other people

#### DATES TO NOTE

18 May  
26 May

Parent Link Meeting 7pm  
Sports Exchange with  
Manukorihi Intermediate  
Queen's Birthday Holiday  
BOT Meeting 5.30pm  
Whanau Hui 5.30pm  
Young Leaders Camp in  
Wellington

1 June  
8 June  
11 June  
14 – 16 June

23 June

Sports Exchange with Hawera  
Intermediate

26 June

Student exercise books home  
for parent perusal

2 July

Last day of term two