

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7 - 3 JUNE 2015

### Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

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 ACHIEVEMENTS

##### MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Harmony Vedder who received his Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Well done Harmony. This is a great achievement for a Year 7 student.

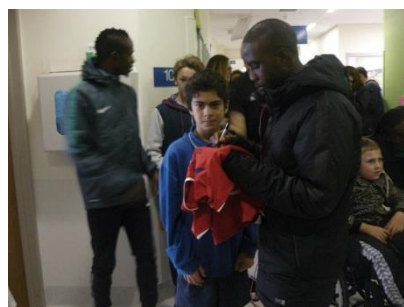
##### MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to Bex Bishop from Room 4 who received her Arts Merit Badge.

There were no Netball or Basketball games this past week, all students participating are back into it from this weekend forward.

##### VISIT WITH THE NIGERIAN SOCCER TEAM

Samir Hughes-Youbi was lucky enough to be invited to meet the Nigerian soccer team while they were at Taranaki Base Hospital. He is photographed having a shirt signed by members of the team.



##### HELICOPTER FLIGHT

Maeghan and Janelle Boshier were fortunate to have a unique opportunity through the Mallowpuff Trust to have a scenic helicopter flight to the mountain and down the coast. Both girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are very grateful to Terry Long and the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter Trust for making this happen.



##### PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION (From STA News, April 2015)

Although most parents do not know how to help their children with their education, with guidance and support, they may become increasingly involved in home learning activities and find themselves with opportunities to teach, to be models for, and to guide their children.

When schools encourage children to practice reading at home with parents, the children make significant gains in reading achievement compared to those who only practice at school.

Parents who read to their children, have books available, take trips, guide TV watching, and provide stimulating experiences contribute to student achievement.

Families whose children are doing well in school exhibit the following characteristics:

- **Establish a daily family routine.** Examples: providing time and a quiet place to study, assigning responsibility for household chores, being firm about bedtime, and having dinner together.
- **Monitor out-of-school activities.** Examples: Setting limits on TV watching, checking up on children when parents are not home, arranging for after-school activities and supervised care.
- **Model the value of learning, self-discipline, and hard work.** Examples: Communicating through questioning and conversation, demonstrating that achievement comes from working hard.
- **Express high but realistic expectations for achievement.** Examples: Setting goals and standards that are appropriate for children's age and maturity, recognising and encouraging special talents, informing friends and family about successes.
- **Encourage children's development/progress in school.** Examples: Maintaining a warm and supportive home, showing interest in children's progress at school, helping with homework, discussing the value of a good education and possible career options, staying in touch with teachers and school staff.
- **Encourage reading, writing, and discussions among family members.** Examples: Reading, listening to children read, and talking about what is being read.

#### SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE: Looking forward and looking back

Spotswood looks forward to 2016 and proudly invites all year 7 and year 8 Devon students to our Open Night on Wednesday the 5th of August at 7pm in the school hall. This is a great opportunity for all parents to learn about:

- What makes our school so special.
- The success we have had and the journey we are on.
- Our teaching and learning program.
- The student support and the wide variety of opportunities available at the school.

Looking back to the class of 2014 (year 13 students in 2014), we are proud of many of the achievements of our students as they enter their first year at University. In particular students that are attending Victoria University in 2015 we congratulate the following ex-Devon Intermediate students for receiving the following scholarships:

**Tane Leong (ex head boy at Devon and Spotswood) is recipient of the RESERVE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND award:**

The RBNZ offers two scholarships for students studying Economics, Finance and Banking at a New Zealand University. They are the RBNZ University scholarship and the Maori & Pacific Islands scholarship. Each is valued at \$7,500 (\$1,500 in the first year, \$2,500 in the second year and \$3,500 in the third year). Our 2013 Head Boy Tane Leong has been awarded the RBNZ Maori & Pacific Islands scholarships for 2015.

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY: Four Ex-Devon students receive scholarships at Victoria University (Darcy, George, Hayley and Jessica)**

Six 2014 Spotswood College leavers have won 2015 Victoria University scholarships worth \$5,000 each. This year's winners are from two categories:

**Victoria Excellence Scholarships** for students who have their NCEA Level 2 Certificate endorsed with Excellence were awarded to: - Darcy Corrigan, George Harris, Hayley Mapley, Sarah Messenger and Corey Vickers.

**Victoria Achiever Scholarships** are offered to academically able students who are of Maori or Pacific descent, have a disability, can demonstrate financial hardship or were educated at a Decile 1-3 secondary school. This was awarded to Jessica Cooper.

Many of other ex-Devon students are attending a range of other Universities in a variety of subjects.

We look forward to seeing you at the Open Night on Wednesday the 5th of August at 7pm in the school hall.

Martyn Knapton  
(Deputy Principal)

#### MUFTI DAY FOR NEPAL

Many thanks to all those who took part in the Mufti Day on Friday 29 May. We raised \$257.00.

#### TARANAKI TOY LIBRARY

Taranaki Toy Library is holding a KIDS BOOK SALE on August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 to 5 pm at the Hall of Knox Church in Fitzroy. We are currently collecting any good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand children's books up to age of 13. If you have some unwanted books that you are willing to donate, could you please drop these off to us at 524a Devon St East, behind Knox Church. We ask that you don't include colouring-in or activity books unless they are in new condition. To find out more about this book sale please browse our Facebook site under 'Taranaki Toy Library'.

*Together we can make a difference*

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA focus is:  
**Integrity**  
(Cope with change in a positive way)

- Wet weather routines
- Split classes and relievers
- Visiting new environments

#### DATES TO NOTE

8 June	BOT Meeting 5.30pm
11 June	Whanau Hui 5.30pm
14 - 16 June	Young Leaders Camp in Wellington
23 June	Sports Exchange with Hawera Intermediate
26 June	Student exercise books home for parent perusal
2 July	Last day of term two
5 August	Open Night at Spotswood College, 7pm