

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 – 10 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

##### HOCKEY

Devon vs SHGC lost 0-2

##### NETBALL

Devon Gold vs SHGC 7A won 21-10

Devon Blue vs SHGC 8C lost 9-22

Devon Silver vs SHGC7 Chasers lost 3-12

Devon White bye

##### BASKETBALL

Devon Blues vs Puketapu Servez drew 53-53

Devon Fire vs Hi Liberty lost 29-32

#### WHANAU HUI

Tena koutou nga whanau o Devon Intermediate. You are invited to attend our Term 2 whanau hui on Thursday 11 June at 5.30pm in the Art Room. Your child should have brought home a newsletter regarding this hui earlier in the week. If by chance they did not, can you please phone the office and let us know if you are able to attend. Many thanks.

#### ROAD SAFETY

Devon Street is a busy State Highway. It is especially dangerous in wet weather and during both morning and afternoons when the commuter traffic is heaviest. These times coincide with when students are making their way to or from school. There are some students not currently using the Devon Intermediate School pedestrian crossing who have been observed crossing Devon Street in a dangerous and reckless manner, in the vicinity of the Treehouse and near the Seaview Road intersection. This is an extremely hazardous practise. Motorists often have very limited visibility and do not expect to encounter pedestrians either on the traffic lanes or emerging suddenly from between parked cars. Motorists cannot be expected to cope with students darting onto the road or walking down the middle of the road on the white line. We are extremely concerned for your child's safety. We would appreciate it if all parents/caregivers could speak to their child about road safety and reinforce the importance of using pedestrian crossings.

#### TECHNOBITZ

Over the last couple of weeks we have had Year 5 and Year 6 students from our contributing schools visit to experience a 'taster' of life at Devon. They had the opportunity to try one of our Tech programmes. This was a wonderful opportunity for prospective students to experience first-hand a sample of what we offer at Devon.

#### BUILDING PROJECT

As you will be aware, we have major build work happening at Devon at the moment. We are expecting to be back in the main office by the end of July and the library by October.

There are also old prefabs being demolished and classrooms refurbished. It is all very exciting and we are looking forward to the end result.

#### XTENSION PROGRAMME

This programme for Gifted students runs at Devon each Thursday morning. On Thursday 18 June 11am – 12pm there will be an opportunity for interested parents to come along to see the programme in action. All welcome.

#### RED PUPPY BIKKIE DAY

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of June it was Red Puppy Bikkie Day, a fundraiser for the Blind Foundation guide dogs. Over the past few weeks students have been baking and decorating dog shaped biscuits. On Monday, 10 students from room 5 went to the Warehouse and New World to sell these delicious biscuits. These kids raised \$585.90 for the Blind Foundation to train puppies into guide dogs for people in need. A very big thank you to everyone who contributed that day. From the Room 5 students

#### PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link meeting will be held on Monday evening, 15 June at 7pm in the Art Room. We hope to see you there.

#### AFTER SCHOOL BADMINTON CLUB

Badminton Club is on every Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm in the Devon Intermediate School hall. Cost is a one off payment of \$5 for the year – a bargain. All Devon Intermediate students welcome.

#### WHAT RESEARCH SAYS ABOUT PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN RELATION TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

##### Where children spend their time

- School age children spend 70 percent of their waking hours (including weekends and holidays) outside of school.

##### When parents should get involved

- The earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects.
- The most effective forms of parent involvement are those which engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities at home.

##### Impact

- 86 percent of the general public believes that support from parents is the most important way to improve the schools.
- Lack of parental involvement is the biggest problem facing public schools.
- Decades of research show that when parents are involved students have:
  - Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
  - Better school attendance
  - Increased motivation, better self-esteem
  - Lower rates of suspension
  - Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
  - Fewer instances of violent behaviour

- Family participation in education was twice as predictive of students' academic success as family socioeconomic status. Some of the more intensive programmes had effects that were 10 times greater rather than other factors.
- The more intensely parents are involved, the more beneficial the achievement effects.
- The more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way, at every level – in advocacy, decision-making and oversight roles, as fund-raisers and boosters, as volunteers and para-professionals, and as home teachers – the better for student achievement.

##### Parent expectations and student achievement

- The most consistent predictors of children's academic achievement and social adjustment are parent expectations of the child's academic attainment and satisfaction with their child's education at school.
- Parents of high-achieving students set higher standards for their children's educational activities than parents of low achieving students.

##### Major factors of parent involvement

- Three major factors of parent involvement in the education of their children:
  1. Parents' beliefs about what is important, necessary, and permissible for them to do with and on behalf of their children;
  2. The extent to which parents believe that they can have a positive influence on their children's education; and
  3. Parents' perceptions that their children and school want them to be involved.

**Together we can make a difference**

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona 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

11 June	Whanau Hui 5.30pm
14 – 16 June	Young Leaders Camp in Wellington
18 June	Year 8 Adventure to Spotswood College
23 June	Sports Exchange with Hawera Intermediate
26 June	Student exercise books home for parent perusal
3 July	Last day of Term Two
20 July	First day of Term Three
5 August	Open Night at Spotswood College, 7pm