

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3: 27 July 2016

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Te Kura Takawaenga 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

Nau mai haere mai. Welcome to Term 3 at Devon Intermediate. This term promises to be action-packed with a wide range of exciting opportunities for students including the Forest Lakes Camps later this term. Our school website www.devonint.school.nz also contains the school newsletter and other useful information. Although we expect students to take increasing responsibility for keeping up to date with school events it is helpful if parents can prompt them when necessary. Please note that we also have a Facebook page. Please email the office at office@devonint.school.nz if you want access to this closed group.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Niki Dewar (9) and Pare'z Hanscombe-Stokes (15), who received their Gold MANA badge at Monday's Assembly after gaining 150 MANA tickets. These young students really do epitomise our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

Congratulations to Leighton Morrison, Zayck Petersen, Sarah Fabish, Austen McDonald (5), Jessica Grey (9) and Nathan Bright (11) who received their Bronze MANA badge at Monday's Assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Congratulations also to Troy Ross (11), Imogen Eru-Solomon (13) and Elana Nicholas (15) who received their Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets.

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Brooke Hoskins-Lefevre who received her Sports Merit badge and Alysha Pickering-Casey who received her Arts Merit Badge at Monday's assembly.

A very BIG congratulations to Sijenna Poole who received her Service and Sports Merit badges along with her overall Attitude for Excellence. Sijenna has worked consistently over the last 6 terms to achieve this award.

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Class Merits for Term 2. These prestigious awards are given to students who meet strict criteria and who in the opinion of the staff exemplify our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

Room

4	Sarah Burton	Alysha Pickering-Casey
5	Skye Collier	Shakira Southey
6	Olivia Wong Too	
7	Stephanie Watson	Erryn Feehan
9	Hamish Salisbury	
10	Jahsiah Phillips	TeAo McGuigan
13	Mishka Rosa	
15	Oliver Hill	Ella Simpson

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jody Luke (Hatch Cup Team), Riley Peters (Curtis Cup Team) and Aaliyah Crofskey (Collier Cup Team) who have all been selected for the Taranaki U13 Hockey Rep Teams. We enjoy hearing and sharing these good news stories, so please get in touch if your child has something they have achieved outside of school.

WINTER UNIFORM

Just a reminder about our school Winter uniform. Our prospectus states:

Flat, black polishable school shoes, either lace-up, buckled or velcroed, (no colour brand markings, slip-ons or canvas shoes) and Devon uniform socks. We will also accept blue opaque tights and navy knee high socks. Please support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform shoes and socks.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

The Board of Trustees has approved a Teachers Only Day for Monday 8 August. The staff will be completing their First Aid certificates. School will be closed for the day. We appreciate your support by making alternative arrangements for your children.

TERM 3 STAFFING

With confirmation that the new Principal will not be starting until Term 4, the Board have Eric Shaw (ex-principal Highlands Intermediate) here supporting Jason Avery at various times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

We welcome back Geri Howard (previously Forde), teaching in Room 11. We all hope that both your wedding and honeymoon was all that you wished for.

Matt Goodwin returns from his exciting overseas adventures to a 0.4 position teaching in Room 15 to provide Conrad Hailes with release for his Associate Principal position on both Thursday and Friday each week. Deborah French joins us from Woodleigh School to take up an Art position on Thursdays. As part of this position, Deborah will be taking an art extension group for Devon students in the middle session on Thursdays.

PARENT LINK FUNDRAISING – ANDERSONS PIES

This term the Parent Link Fundraising team have organised for students to sell Andersons Pies. A separate notice has been sent home today with students outlining all relevant information along with order forms. If you require another order form please ask your child to come to the school office. This can be a very profitable fundraiser for our school which will allow us to carry on with other projects we have in the pipeline for the school. To ensure we are getting the most out of this fundraiser, we have an incentive prize for the student who sells the most \$ value of pies. This prize will be on display in the office area. All orders must be in at the school office by Thursday 18 August, 8.45am. We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser.

PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Some of you may have seen that the Playground redevelopment is well underway. Due to the conditions of the school field, unfortunately the final preparations were unable to be fully completed over the holidays, hence the playground will remain out of bounds until we are notified further.

VAIMOANA PASIFIKA MEETING

**Thursday 28th July, 6:30pm - 7:30pm,
Spotswood Primary Hall.**

Some refreshments will be provided. Some of the topics to be discussed will include: Update on our new Pasifika Playgroup building renovations that is almost complete, update re Maori & Pasifika Trade Training programme and update on Feats/Taranaki Rugby Maori & Pasifika Academy programme & more.

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

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

**Follow all Devon uniform
expectations**

- Black polishable shoes and navy socks.
- Undergarments are not to be visible.
- Only wrist watch, and a single small stud in each ear.

DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 28 July	Adventure Free Mufti Day
Tuesday 2 August	NPBHS open afternoon/evening, 3.30pm – 6.30pm starting in Ryder Hall
Wednesday 3 August	NPGHS open afternoon/evening, 1pm starting in the school hall
Friday 5 August	Ross Brown Rugby @ Hawera
Monday 8 August	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 10 August	Taranaki 7's Rugby & Yarrows
Thursday 11 August	Spotswood College open evening, 6.30pm in the Spotswood College School hall
Thursday 18 August	Anderson Pie orders close
Thursday 18 August	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
Friday 19 August	LEAD conference @ City West Church
Monday 22 August	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Tuesday 23 August	Winter Sports @ Highlands
Thursday 25 August	Parent Information Evening
Friday 26 August	Championship Cross Country
Friday 2 September	Standards Cross Country
Monday 5 – 9 September	AIMS Games
Monday 5 – 9 September	Forest Lakes Camp – Rooms 9, 10 & 11
Monday 12 – 16 September	Forest Lakes Camp – Rooms 4, 13 & 15
Tuesday 13 September	Year 8 Immunisations
Monday 19 – 23 September	Forest Lakes Camp – Rooms 5, 6 & 7
Wednesday 21 September	Taranaki Cross Country @ Hawera