



# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2015

### Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

**Kia ora, Buenos días, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, Konnichiwa, Guten tag, Ni hao, Privyet,**

**Greetings to parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate**

Term 3 comes to an end this Friday. We have found it a particularly challenging term with the high level of staff and student sickness and with the ongoing construction work around the school.

Despite this, students have been involved in a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities. A huge thank you to the staff for their ongoing commitment to providing high quality programmes and exciting opportunities for all children at Devon.

#### **ADMINISTRATION AREA UPGRADE**

We are very excited to have begun the process of moving back into the upgraded administration area. The main office, Principal's and Associate Principal's offices are complete with the staffroom and other administration areas being ready by the holidays. Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will be moving back into their refurbished classrooms on Friday. Our transformation is almost complete!

#### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

##### **MANA BADGES**

Congratulations to Vaughn Te Huki (9) who received his Gold MANA badge at Monday's assembly for gaining **150** MANA tickets; Hugh Avery (6) Shakyah Ruakere and Baylee Abrams (13) who received their Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets and to these students who received their Bronze MANA badges for gaining 50 MANA tickets, Alexis Hintz, Tiana McNair (4), Riley Peters (6), Aurelius Openshaw-Klenner (9) and Sophie McEldowney (13). Well done to all of you. You really do epitomise our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

##### **MERIT BADGES**

Well done to Jade Parsons (15) who received her Academic Merit Badge; Niki Dewar (9) and Phoenix Crofskey (13) who received their Service Merit Badge, Maria Phillips-Nassif (13) who received her Service and Arts Merit Badges and to the following students who received their Sports Merit Badge: Arnika Prentis, Eva Schuetze (11), Tiaki Waru, Zak Chitty, Mathyus Patangata, Baylee Abrams, Josh Hislop-Tylee and Meadow Spencer (13). A fantastic end to Term 3 with so many students receiving their badges toward their Attitude for Excellence.

##### **NZ AIMS GAMES**

At Monday's assembly the boys who played sevens rugby at the prestigious NZ AIMS Games were acknowledged with participation awards. It was an extremely challenging week with the team playing against some outstanding teams. Throughout the week the team played 13 games, winning 5 and losing 8. Individual Players Awards were:

Most Improved Forward – Tyrone Whitehead

Most Improved Back – Mathyus Patangata

Best Forward – Norman Mangu

Best Back – Jone Rova

Best Team Member – Jason McGrath

Most Valuable Player – Jone Rova

The team would like to thank Mrs Allan for all of her fundraising efforts, Craig Jones for managing the team, and Paul and Sharon McGrath for the wonderful team training singlets. A very special thank you to Jason Avery who co-ordinated the team's trip.

##### **LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

The Life Education mobile classrooms will be based at Devon for 3 weeks from the beginning of Term 4. All students will be participating in this very worthwhile programme. The cost is \$3.00 per student which is payable to the school office. The cost of this high quality programme is heavily subsidized through fundraising by the Taranaki Life Education Trust.

#### **DEVON INTERMEDIATE PARENT LINK IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE HILARIOUS COMEDY 'WOT TO WEAR & NOT TO WEAR' STARRING SUZIE JOHNSON FROM OOSH!**

The un-PC style night, quirky, funny & raw! This major fundraiser is being held in the **Devon Intermediate Hall** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm, doors open from 6.30pm. Tickets just \$20 each, with a complimentary glass of wine on entry, and nibbles provided. Tickets are available from the school office. Bring your friends along for what promises to be a fantastic night! All proceeds will go toward our fabulous new Adventure Playground.

#### **MANA REWARD DAY**

The next MANA reward day is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to reward those students who have met the MANA expectations. This day will be based at school where students will be showing off their best dance moves at the MANA Dance Party which will be held in the school hall at no cost. For your child to be eligible to attend this MANA reward day they will have to have met the MANA expectations at least 80% of the time (24/30 days). All eligible students are welcome to come to school in mufti on this day at no cost. A notice will be sent out on Friday of week 1 to inform you if your child is eligible for this exciting MANA reward day.

Thank you, Student MANA team

#### **NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS**

We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the back of the newsletters for a year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge. Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Dennis or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or email [newsletters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:newsletters@xtra.co.nz). This is a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

#### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

The beginning of Term 4 signals the change to summer uniform for all of our students. Our summer uniform is as follows:

- Navy drill shorts. Additional options for girls – blue and yellow tartan wool polyester skirt or culottes.
- Royal blue polo knit shirt with school logo and lemon pinstripe on collar and sleeve (short sleeved).
- Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school logo.
- Black Roman sandals.
- School navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hats – available from the school office.

Students may wear Roman sandals from now on if their winter shoes are broken or lost.

#### **TARANAKI HOCKEY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SESSION**

Taranaki Hockey will be holding a "Schools Holiday Session" for 3 hours in New Plymouth 5 October, 8.30am – 11.30am. As keen hockey schools we were hoping you could support us in promoting the session/s appropriate to your school plus the registration link in your next newsletter.

To register please go to [www.taranakihockey.org.nz/registrations](http://www.taranakihockey.org.nz/registrations). The Hockey Holiday Session will be delivered by our Development Officers, Brooke Wyllie and Joanna Scott.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their whanau a safe and happy holiday. Term 4 begins will an assembly on Monday 12 October at 8.40pm.

**Together we can make a difference**

*J.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

**DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT**

**This week's MANA focus is:  
Think Before You Do**

- **Stop – what's the problem?**
- **Think – what are some solutions?**
- **Do – the best solution**

#### **DATES TO NOTE**

23 September	Taranaki Primary Schools' Cross Country in Hawera
24 September	School Speech Competition
25 September	Last day of term 3