

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1 – 22 JULY 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

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

#### HEAD STUDENTS

Congratulations to Savithi Gunasinghe and Sam Skinner who have been recognised by staff and their fellow students as being excellent role models and leaders by being elected as Head Students. We are all looking forward to working with them during the second half of 2015.

It is appropriate to acknowledge and thank Jason McGrath and Emily Law who were wonderful ambassadors for Devon during the first half of the year. They fulfilled their roles with Diligence, Integrity, Sense of Service and Respect.



#### CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to Nadia McKibbin, Tyrece Corrigan-Tuhaka, Kane Fabish, Heavenlee Edwards, Vaughn Te Huki, Madison Dombroski-Robinson, Jasminelee Hope, Samir Hughes-Youbi, Daniel Fernandes, Ashlyn Paniora-Stinson, Corban Harker, Amber Williams and Devlin Wells-Benton who each received Class Merit at Monday's assembly. 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.



#### ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Toby Penno who received his Service and Sports merits towards his Attitude for Excellence Badge. Great work Toby.

#### MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Lachlan McCabe and Billy J Paora who received their Bronze MANA badges at Monday's assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Well done to both of you. This is a great achievement.

#### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Shacaine Ridland Enoka, Tremayne Ngaia-Ratana and Norman Mangu who have been selected for the Under 13 Māori Rugby League team and also Tiaki Waru who has been selected for the Under 11 Māori Rugby League team. Great work boys!

#### TEACHER ONLY DAY, MONDAY 10 AUGUST

The Board of Trustees has approved a Teachers Only Day for Monday 10 August. The staff will be working with outside consultants to develop a future focused vision for our school based on our current programmes and integrating e-learning and teaching using our new library space. School will be closed for the day. We appreciate your support by making alternative arrangements for your children.

#### STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Student Learning Conferences are being held on Tuesday 4 August 3.30-8pm and Wednesday 5 August 1.30-5.30pm. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievement over the past two terms as well as their report and exercise books which came home last term.

We will be using an online booking system for these conferences although those parents without access to the internet will still be able to phone the office to make an appointment. Booking information has been distributed this week. **Please be aware that school will close at 1pm on Wednesday 5 August.** We ask that parents make alternative arrangements for their children on this afternoon.

#### MOKOIA SPORTS EXCHANGE – 17-19 AUGUST 2015

Yesterday all of the students who have paid their deposit received further information regarding the trip to Mokoia Intermediate in Rotorua. All LEOTC Permission Forms need to be returned to Mr Avery immediately, paying particular attention to any medication a child may take. The remaining balance towards the \$95 cost must be paid by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. If you have any questions regarding the trip please do not hesitate to contact Mr Avery.

#### MURAL

A group of Devon Intermediate students, TeAo McGuigan, Nadia McKibbin, Heavenlee Edwards and Brianna McCready-Scouller, with support from some students from Spotswood College have been working in the holidays with teacher Lynda Newman to create a mural on our handball courts. The mural focuses on what makes Devon Intermediate and our local environment so special. It is great to have a bare wall brightened up with this huge artwork. Thank you so much to all involved and especially to Lynda who accessed funding for the project and enabled it to happen.



#### HIGHLANDS SPORTS EXCHANGE

We are looking forward to our next sports exchange against Highlands Intermediate at Devon on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August (backup date Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August). A reminder that in order to be eligible to represent the school, students need to have their MANA intact. It would be great to see parents/caregivers there if you are able. Timetable is below:

9am	Devon Students to the hall
9.15am	Powhiri
10am	Soccer 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI, Girls' Basketball, netball – Year 7b & Year 8b, Indoor Bowls (in hall), Hockey (NPBHS turf)
11.15am	Girls Soccer, Boys Basketball, Rugby – Girl's 7s
12.30pm	Lunch
1pm	Netball – Year 7a & Year 8a, Soccer 1 <sup>st</sup> XI, Badminton (in hall), Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> XV
2.15pm	Presentation of trophies/speeches
2.30pm	Highlands departs

#### EXTENSION PROGRAMME

What is the eXtension programme? The eXtension programme is a half-day pull out programme specifically designed for gifted students of primary school age (between 6 and 12 year old). During these weekly sessions students are able to:

- Socialise and work alongside like-minded students, working on their social and emotional skills.
- Work at a fast pace, covering topics that they show a passion for in great detail.
- Challenge themselves to take risks and creatively think about and solve problems.
- Learn in an environment that is safe and understands their quirkiness.
- This term the programme runs at Devon on Thursday morning 9am – 12pm. If you are interested in the programme please contact Fiona Parkinson 758 5266 or Katja Eager of the Taranaki Gifted Community Trust on 021 170 2477.

#### LEMONS REQUIRED

Mrs Allan is in need of lemons if anyone has any going spare. Please drop them into Food tech before class. Thank you in advance.

#### BASKETBALL RESULTS

Devon Blue	vs	Hi Racketeers	won	42 – 10
Devon Fire	vs	SHGC 8A	lost	

#### DAYTON PRESTON'S FUNDRAISING DISCO

Dayton needs your help! To help make Dayton's dream come true of meeting his idol Optimus Prime at Universal Studios in Hollywood a fundraising disco is being held on Thursday 23 July at Chipmunks Playland, 6pm – 8pm. \$10.00 per child aged 1 – 11years. Food and raffles for sale on the night. Must wear socks and Chipmunks usual entry conditions apply. For ticket purchases or enquiries please contact Sarah Trinder on 755 1054.

Together we can make a difference

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

#### DATES TO NOTE

28 July	Open Night at NPBHS, 4pm – 6pm
29 July	Open Night at NPGHS, 5.30pm – 8pm
3 August	BOT meeting, 5.30pm
4 August	Student Learning Conferences
4 August	Highlands Sports Exchange
5 August	Student Learning Conferences
5 August	Open Night at Spotswood College, 7pm
6 August	Fono meeting, 5.30pm
10 August	Teacher Only Day
10 August	Parent Link meeting, 7pm
13 August	Parent Information Evening, 7pm
17-19 August	Mokoia Sports Exchange
20 August	NPBHS, NPGHS & Spotswood College interviews at Devon
27 August	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm