



# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 – 29 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

#### MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Zach Smits (6), Madison Dombroski-Robinson (9), Daysharne Ross (11), Eva Schuetze (11) and Josh Henshilwood-Old (13) who received their Bronze MANA badges this week for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Well done to all of you. This is a great achievement.

#### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Peter Anderson and Tyrone Whitehead who were also selected for the Under 11 Māori Rugby League team along with Tiaki Waru. Great work boys!

#### MERIT BADGES

Well done to Baylee Hopkinson (5) and Nadia McKibbin (4) who both received their Service Merit Badges at Monday's assembly.

#### TEACHER ONLY DAY, MONDAY 10 AUGUST - REMINDER

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 are 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 was distributed last 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.

#### FONO

We are holding a Fono here at Devon Intermediate on Thursday 6 August at 5.30pm. We are looking forward to meeting you and discussing what you want for your children while they are at Devon and what you would like from this group. All of your family are most welcome to come along. For catering purposes, it would be helpful for us to have an idea of numbers.

#### STANDARDS CROSS COUNTRY

The Standards Cross Country will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. This event will be run in Houses with Adventure starting at 1:45pm, Endeavour at 2:05pm and Discovery at 2:25pm. Whanau are most welcome to attend. We are also looking for Parent Helpers to be Points People on the course. This will involve standing at one point on the course from 1:45pm until 2:45pm, making sure students know where to go and offering encouragement as the runner pass. Please let the School office know if you are willing to help out.

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

All outstanding 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.

#### BASKETBALL RESULTS

Boys Devon Blue vs FDMC won Girls Devon Fire vs SHGC 8B lost

#### 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

#### IS YOUR CHILD AWAY?

It is important to let the school know if your child will be absent for the day. You can either phone the school and leave a message on the answerphone – 7585266 or text –021 08299 278. Below are the guidelines which need to be followed:

- State your child's first and surname clearly
- State his/her room number
- State the reason for his/her absence
- If the absence is likely to be for more than one day, please indicate the length of time for the proposed absence.

Should you receive a message querying the absence please phone/text the office. If we do not receive a response from you your child will be marked as being truant.

#### BIG KIDS BOOK SALE

Big Kids Book Sale (2<sup>nd</sup> hand) coming up for the Taranaki Toy Library on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 5pm. Held at the hall of Knox Church in Fitzroy. Books from birth to 13 years of age, starting at 50c! Cakes and some toys too. Book donations welcome until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July to the Toy Library. Looking forward to see you there!

#### THE CAMERON CLOW TRUST

The Cameron Clow Trust helps young Taranaki sports people to reach their sporting ambitions by way of financial assistance. Year 7 – 13 students, residing in Taranaki are welcome to submit an application for funding to the Cameron Clow Trust during August 2015. Applications must be received on or before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Funding criteria applies. Criteria details & application forms are available from: [www.cameronclowtrust.co.nz](http://www.cameronclowtrust.co.nz)

#### TONGAN LANGUAGE COURSE

WITT are offering a Tongan Language and Culture for Beginners, 6pm starting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (8 week course) at WITT, B Block, Room 301. (Take the lift up to level 3 - classroom is on your right as you come out of the lift). This course is for absolute beginners, or those who may know a little and simply want to learn a bit more or brush up on the basics again! ALL are welcome :) This is a FREE course. If you wish to enrol for this course please confirm by email or contact Mataiva on 021 053 4894

Together we can make a difference

*Fiona Parkinson*

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Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA focus is:

Be prepared for the learning day

- Uniform
- Stationery
- Diary

#### DATES TO NOTE

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
28 August	Standards Cross Country