

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3 – 5 AUGUST 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 Isabel Sarsfield, Ishbel Black, Gordon Kava, Tyrone Whitehead (all from Room 5) who received their Bronze MANA badges this week for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Well done to all of you. This is a great achievement.

MERIT BADGES

Well done to Jade Parsons from Room 15 who received her Service Merit Badge at Monday's assembly.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected by their peers and staff as House Captains for the second half of 2015.

Adventure	Amber Curtis	Baylee Abrams
Endeavour	Daniel Fernandes	Chalice Ratapu-Kahui
Discovery	Kobi Hislop	Sophie Hill

CONGRATULATIONS

Over the weekend Amber Curtis took part in a Tae Kwon Do Tournament and was successful in taking home a Silver medal. Well done!



NETBALL RESULTS

Devon Gold	vs	Highlands 8B	lost 24-31
Devon Blue	vs	SHGC7 Chasers	won 24-6
Devon Silver	vs	Highlands Kauri	won 14-11
Devon White	vs	St Joseph's Pulse	lost 11-25

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Boys Devon Blue	vs	FDMC	lost 18-48
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REPORTING TO PARENTS SURVEY

Thank you to the 21 parents who took the time to complete this online survey at the end of last term.

A summary of the results are as follows:

1. At this year's Student Learning Conference did you gain a good understanding of your child's progress and achievement? Very much so 52%; Somewhat 33%; Not at all 14%.
2. Was the student-led part of the conference beneficial in understanding your child's progress and achievement? Very much so 33%; Somewhat 57%; Not at all 10%.
3. Did the Student Learning Conference give you an understanding of your child's next learning steps and how you could help them at home? Very much so 52%; Somewhat 29%; Not at all 19%.
4. Do you feel you can approach your child's teacher to discuss progress and achievement at times other than Student Learning Conferences? Very much so 71%; Somewhat 19%; Not at all 10%.
5. Do you feel you can approach the leadership of our school if you have an issue or concern? Very much so 86%; Somewhat 5%; Not at all 10%.
6. In your child's written report, the language was easy to understand. Very much so 86%; Somewhat 10%; Not at all 5%.
7. From my child's written report I have a clear understanding of my child's progress and achievement. Very much so 76%; Somewhat 19%; Not at all 5%.
8. What areas do you feel we should place emphasis on in our written reports? National Standards 0%; Teacher comments 33%; Student effort 24%; Test results 14%; Next learning steps 29%.

Full survey results are available in our school foyer.

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you to all parents who attended these conferences. There are still some appointments available this afternoon. Please ring Marissa at the school office on 7585266. We consider these conferences are an important part of our Reporting to Parents programme and encourage you all to attend.

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.

HIGHLANDS SPORTS EXCHANGE

Unfortunately Highlands have only just informed us that they are unable to field teams to play against us on the scheduled back up date tomorrow, due to a clash with the Kids Sing Festival. With great regret we therefore have to cancel the sports exchange.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

All parents/caregivers of Year 6 students are warmly invited to attend our PARENT INFORMATION EVENING on Thursday 13 August in our hall.

6.30 pm – Informal gathering and cup of tea/coffee with our Leadership team

7.00 – 8 00 pm – Presentation by the Principal, Associate Principal and students

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE SPORTS EXCHANGE - REMINDER

All outstanding fees for the Mokoia Sports Exchange must be paid by this **Friday 7th August**. These can be paid at the school office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS or alternatively paid directly into the school bank account. If you require any further details please call the school office.

TEACHER ONLY DAY, MONDAY 10 AUGUST - REMINDER

The Board of Trustees has approved a Teachers Only Day for Monday 10 August. School will be closed for the day. We appreciate your support by making alternative arrangements for your children.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SPORTS TEAMS

Our Devon Intermediate out of hours sports teams are coached by parents who volunteer their time to allow your child to play the sport they are passionate about. Often this will involve practices being after school or on weekends when parents are available at a time suited to them. We appreciate these parents taking time out of their busy schedules to accommodate the students. We would not be able to field teams without their support.

STANDARDS CROSS COUNTRY

The Standards Cross Country will be held on Friday 28th 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.

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

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