

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4 – 12 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 Riley McDonald (5) who received his Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets and Pare's Hanscombe-Stokes (5) who received her Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Well done to both of you. This is a great achievement.

MERIT BADGES

Well done to Darcy Collins (10) who received her Service Merit Badge and Riley McDonald (5) who received his Academic and Service Merit Badges at assembly on Tuesday morning.

BASKETBALL

Devon Blue	vs	Bell Block Blitz	lost	37-38
Devon Fire	vs	SHGC 7A	lost	22-60

SECONDARY SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

For those parents considering sending their child to NPBHS, NPGHS or Spotswood College, senior staff from these schools will conduct enrolment interviews for Year 8 pupils on Thursday 20th August in the Devon Intermediate School hall. In regards to booking an interview time, your child brought booking information home back in Week 2 as to how to book via our online booking system. If you don't have internet access, please call Marissa at the school office (phone 758 5266) between 10am and 3.30pm. She will be able to make a booking for you.

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. Thank you to the two parents who have offered to help out as point's people on the course, we appreciate any help you can give.

BIKE HELMETS

All students who ride bikes to and from school MUST BE WEARING A HELMET!! Your heads are very precious and it is also against the law!!

COMPOSITE CLASS PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all those parents who took part in our Composite Class survey. The results are as follows:

I support composite classes	36
I do not support composite classes	3

We appreciate your feedback. There will be no change to our current year 7 and year 8 composite class structure.

WHANAU HUI

Kia ora whanau o Devon Intermediate. Nga mihi ki a Koutou.

We are having a whanau hui on Thursday 27 August at 5.30pm. As always we would dearly love your input. Light refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

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

FONTERRA TARANAKI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes at last week's Fonterra Taranaki Science and Technology Fair. As you can see Devon Intermediate won a significant number of awards. Thank you to the teachers who worked with the students leading up to the fair, in particular, Geri Forde whose passion for and commitment to Science is making a real difference to learning and teaching programmes at our school.

Emily Nield	1st Year 7 & 8	Water Rockets
Riley Peters	Merit Year 7 & 8	Water Rockets
Madison Dombroski-Robinson	Merit Year 7 & 8	Water Rockets
Kobi Hislop	Merit Year 8	Scientific Investigation
Sam Skinner	Merit Year 8	Scientific Investigation
Sophie Hill and Emily Law	Merit Year 8	Scientific Investigation
		Dairy NZ Special Prize for Scientific Endeavour
Emily Law		Dairy NZ Special Prize for Scientific Endeavour
Toby Penno		Dairy NZ Special Prize for Scientific Endeavour
Elisha Black	Merit Year 8	Advertising Poster
Jason McGrath	Merit Year 8	Scientific Investigation
		Special Prize Fitzroy Engineering
	Merit Year 8	Advertising Poster
Ella Simpson	Merit Year 7	Advertising Poster

STUDENT ILLNESS

Since the beginning of term we have been hit hard by winter bugs and have had large numbers of students and some staff away.

We have noticed that some children continue coming to school even although they are quite unwell. We ask that parents keep sick children at home until they are completely well to prevent the spread of these very contagious nasties! Thank you for your support.

PARENTS INVITED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION FORUMS

Parents and caregivers are invited to additional Special Education Update forums to discuss improvement ideas. These forums build on recent discussions with representative groups, professionals and some individuals (including parents). All forum contributions are being fed into an analysis of key themes and will inform decisions about priority improvements. Tuesday, 1 September 2015 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Quality Hotel Plymouth International, Cnr Courtenay & Leach Streets. For more information contact Debbie.Hughes@education.govt.nz

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOES

Well done to the majority of our students who continue to take pride in wearing the correct school uniform. We continue to have an issue with soft canvas and basketball type shoes. These are not **"flat, black, polishable school shoes, either lace-up, buckled or velcroed (no colour brand markings, slip ons or canvas shoes)"**, as outlined in our school prospectus. We appreciate your support with this.



Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA focus is:

Adapting to change

- **Environment**
- **Transition**
- **Different teachers**
- **Routines & expectations**

DATES TO NOTE

13 August	Devon Intermediate 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
7 September	BOT meeting, 5.30pm
10 September	Fono, 5.30pm