

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5 – 19 AUGUST 2015

Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

Kia ora, Buenos dias, Bula vinaka, Namaste, Kia orana, Konnichiwa, Guten tag, Ni hao, Privyet,
Greetings to parents, caregivers and friends of Devon Intermediate

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

NETBALL

Devon Gold	vs	St Joseph's Waitara	lost	15-26
Devon Blue	vs	Highlands Bronze	won	22-11
Devon Silver	vs	Highlands Matai	won	14-10
Devon White	vs	Woodleigh Pulse	won	17-1

PARENT LINK MEETING

Our next Parent Link Meeting is coming up on Monday 24th August, 7pm in the Art Room (staff room). All whanau are most welcome to attend.

WHANAU HUI

Kia ora te 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.



IDENTIFYING GIFTED CHILDREN – A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER, DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HALL, 7-8PM

The Taranaki Gifted Community Trust will give a brief overview of the establishment of the Taranaki Gifted Cluster. Anna Meuli, Consultancy Manager for the New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education, will provide an overview of the MindPlus Programme, the curriculum that underpins it, and the entry selection process and timeline. Please attend if your child is currently enrolled in the eXtension programme, if your school is considering referring your child, or if you are personally interested in finding out more. Please RSVP to the Taranaki Gifted Community Trust contact@tgctrust.org.nz or phone 021 170 2477 by the 27th August.

PARENTS INVITED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION FORUMS

Parents and caregivers are invited to 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

MANA REWARD DAY

Our next Mana Reward Day is coming up on Thursday 27th August. A \$5 pizza day with free mufti, and watch the mighty staff rugby team take on the not so mighty student team. Students will need to have their pizzas ordered by Tuesday 25th August at the office. Order forms will be going home this Friday for all eligible students.

E-LEARNING PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

This year our teachers have been working with Stuart Hale, consultant on using iPads in the classroom. Stuart has offered to run a parent session on the evening of Wednesday 9th September, 7pm in our staff room. This will be a practical informative session. You do not need to bring a computer or iPad. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Please call the office to register your interest.

SCHOOL FEES

A number of families have outstanding payments due for the following:

- Technology \$75
- Diary \$9
- Life Education \$3

The school donation of \$60 per child (\$90 per family) is optional, although this donation enables the school to provide additional digital technology, sports equipment and teaching and learning resources to support your child's learning. Payments can be made at the school office (cash, cheque or EFTPOS). Alternatively payments can be made by Direct Credit to Bank Account No. 15-3949-0276621-80 or by Automatic Payment. **Please ensure that your payment description includes students name and what payment is for.**

DEVON INTERMEDIATE FACEBOOK PAGE

Just a reminder that the school has its own Facebook page. To become a member of the closed Devon Intermediate Group, please request membership through Facebook.

DROP OFF/PICK UP STUDENTS

With building construction underway at the school, we would ask that parents/caregivers **DO NOT** drive down the school driveway to collect students at 3pm due to students walking out of the school grounds, and trucks and cars trying to leave the area. Thank you.

PASIFIKA FINANCIAL LITERACY PRESENTATION

Presentation to help Pasifika people gain new skills about budgets and managing finances. Friday 21st August 2015, 6pm – 8pm, Fitzroy Methodist Hall, 505 Devon St East, Fitzroy. **Presenter:** Mr Pale Sauni (MANU KOLOA Financial Services). ALL ARE WELCOME. Please come along and bring someone with you. If you need a ride, please let us know. Refreshments will be provided :)

TARANAKI STEELFORMERS AROUND THE MOUNTAIN RELAY

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November 2015. This is a great opportunity to get a group of friends together and tough out the 150km course around our glorious mountain. It is a fantastic relay for a bit of team bonding, with some fabulous prizes to be won. Entries are now open; please see <http://www.mountainrelay.co.nz/home> for more information or alternatively entry forms can be collected from The Frontrunner or the Taranaki Mail Centre.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS

The school now has a new mailing address for all school correspondence. Our address is:

PO Box 927
Taranaki Mail Centre 4340

Together we can make a difference

Fiona Parkinson

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Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA
focus is:**

Adapting to change

- Environment
- Transition
- Different teachers
- Routines & expectations

DATES TO NOTE

20 August	NPBHS, NPGHS & Spotswood College interviews at Devon
24 August	Parent Link Meeting, 7pm
27 August	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
28 August	Standards Cross Country
7 September	BOT meeting, 5.30pm
9 September	E-Learning with Stuart Hales, 7pm
10 September	Fono, 5.30pm