

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 6 – 25 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

STUDENT MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Daniel Fernandes (11), Ryan Flynn (11), D'onteigh Bunyan (13) and Seth Smith (16) who received their Bronze MANA badges this week for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Well done to all of you. This is a great achievement.

DEVON TIES

Devon ties were presented to the following students who are representing Devon at the prestigious Ross Brown Rugby Tournament coming up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Jason McGrath (5), Lachlan McCabe (11), Jone Rova (11).

NETBALL

Devon Gold	vs	SHGC8B	won	36-16
Devon Blue	vs	Highlands Totara	won	26-7
Devon Silver	vs	Inglewood White	won	14-12
Devon White	vs	Fitzroy B	won	8-4

BASKETBALL

Devon Blue	vs	Puketapu Servez	won	37-31
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A well-played game dedicated to Josh Henshilwood-Old who has been in hospital after an urgent operation.

Devon Fire	vs	Oakura Lasers	won	32-24
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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.

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.

STANDARDS CROSS COUNTRY

There has been a change of date: the Standards Cross Country will now be held on Monday 31st August. This event will be run in Houses with Adventure starting at 1:45, Endeavour at 2:05 and Discovery at 2:25. Whanau are most welcome to attend.

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.

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.

MOKOIA SPORTS EXCHANGE

Last Wednesday saw our sports teams return from their annual sports exchange with Mokoia Intermediate in Rotorua. A real highlight was the billeting experience, where the students spent two days and two nights with their host family. To see the emotional farewells that occurred on the Wednesday morning was a real tribute to the amazing hospitality of the Mokoia whanau and the strong friendships that were established. In terms of the sports results Devon Intermediate won the girls soccer in a thrilling shootout, drew the hockey, and lost rugby, boys' soccer and all three netball games. This meant that the overall trophy was returned to Mokoia after only a one year stay with Devon. Despite this all of the Devon students represented themselves, their families and the school with great pride, and certainly upheld our Devon MANA Values.

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.

SPCA CUPCAKE DAY

Over the last week students baked over 1000 cupcakes to sell as part of the SPCA Cupcake Day on Monday 24th August. Those students who were out selling were most successful in raising \$1017. Great effort!

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are very proud of our school uniform and expect students to wear it correctly **to**, **from** and **at** school. Please support us by ensuring that your child is wearing regulation shoes and sweatshirts and only blue or black outer jackets. We do not allow caps or hats to be worn with our winter uniform at any time. Thank you.

NEW JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE

Starting soon! Starts Friday 4th and Sunday 6th September. Action Indoor Sports, Katere Road, New Plymouth. \$6 per player, \$36 per team per game. To enter or for any queries phone 7585044 or email Taranaki@actionindoorsports.com

HELP FROM THE HATCH TRUST

Children 18 and under have the opportunity to apply for funding from the HATCH Trust (Help a Taranaki Child) in the areas of health, sport, academic and arts/music to help them progress towards their dream. HATCH was established to promote health and education of less advantaged Taranaki children and can provide funding to individuals with a tangible goal. Applications close 30th September. For further information and an application form visit www.hatchtaranaki.co.nz

SOPHIE'S STORY – WHAT WE MISSED

A presentation by Lesley Elliott MNZM and Bill O'Brien of THE SOPHIE ELLIOTT FOUNDATION, Tuesday 1st September, 7:00 p.m. NPBHS, Ryder Hall, Coronation Ave, New Plymouth. Gold Coin Donation please.

KELLY SPORTS SEP/OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

from Mon 28th Sep to Friday 9th Oct. Half days \$20.00 and full day \$40.00. NEW VENUE - held at MANGOREI SCHOOL HALL- 8.30am to 5.00pm. Lots of fun activities. Trip days....COOKING.....tough guy/girl challenges...Taste Testing with Cereal.....Rugby World Cup morning....arts/crafts and much much more! Head to our website for bookings www.kellysports.co.nz or email kelvin@kellysports.co.nz

AUGUST PASIFIKA COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday 27th August 2015, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Spotswood Primary School Hall

Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA focus is:
Show resilience when you are challenged:

- Cross country / PE
- Learning
- Dealing with others

DATES TO NOTE

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
25 September	Last day of term 3