

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7 – 2 SEPTEMBER 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

BASKETBALL

Devon Blue vs Hi-Raptors won 35-13

CHAMPIONSHIP CROSS COUNTRY

Many thanks to those parents who offered their time to marshal for the Devon Standards Cross Country which was held on Monday. We were lucky to have all races run before the rain came through that afternoon.

The Championship Cross Country will be held on Friday 11 September, starting at 1:35pm. Whanau are most welcome to attend. Each House will have entrants in the following categories: Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Girls and Year 8 Boys. From the championships we will be selecting the team to represent Devon at the Taranaki Primary Schools' Cross Country in Hawera on Wednesday 23 September (Week 10). The categories for the Taranaki Champs are: 11yr old Girls, 11yr old Boys, 12yr old Girls, 12yr old Boys, 13yr old Girls and 13yr old Boys.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA

We are aware of a number of students who are using social media outside school. We are also aware of instances where students are posting information and photos online that may put themselves or other students at risk. In the interests of student safety we ask that parents discuss responsible use with them.

The following information may be useful.

Technology will only ever be used as well and as honourably as the motives of those pressing the buttons. Everyone needs to acknowledge its extraordinary power. The technology is out of the bag and we should respect it but not fear it. Any threat from social networks comes not from the technology, but from those who use it.

RISKS

Fitting in with peers is an important element of growing up. The main risks to young people online today are risks from each other, risk of improper use of technology, lack of privacy, sharing too much information, or posting false information about themselves or others. These types of behaviour put their privacy at risk, often for years as they leave behind evidence of which sites they have visited.

One of the biggest threats to young people on social media sites is to their *digital footprint* and future reputations. Youngsters who lack an awareness of privacy issues often post inappropriate messages, pictures and videos without understanding that "what goes online stays online". As a result, future jobs and opportunities may be put into jeopardy by rash clicks of the mouse.

WHAT CAN YOU DO

Parents are the best people to educate young people to be responsible, sensible and respectful digital citizens.

- Talk to your children about their online use and the specific issues that today's online user's face.
- Become educated about the many technologies your youngsters are using.
- Supervise online activities with active participation and communication, as opposed to remote monitoring with a net-nanny program.
- Educate your children about never giving away their passwords.

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.

FONO MEETING

We are holding a Fono here at Devon Intermediate on Thursday 10 September at 5.30pm in the staff room. Bring along the whole family. Your views are really important to us.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE PARENT LINK IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE HILARIOUS COMEDY 'WOT TO WEAR & NOT TO WEAR' STARRING SUZIE JOHNSON FROM OOSH!

The un-PC style night, quirky, funny & raw! This major fundraiser is being held in the Devon Intermediate Hall on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm, doors open from 6.30pm. Tickets just \$20 each, with a complimentary glass of wine on entry, and nibbles provided. Tickets are available from the school office. Bring your friends along for what promises to be a fantastic night! All proceeds will go toward our fabulous new Adventure Playground. Please support us to support your children.

TATARAKIHI FESTIVAL 2015

Kia ora te whanau o Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu. Last Friday our rōpu competed at the annual Tatarakihi Festival at City West Church. All of the extra practises certainly paid off. Our results on the day are as follows.

Manukura kotiro- Tuarua

Manukura tama- Tuatoru

Reo- Tuarua

Moteatea/ Waiata Tawhito- Tua toru

Haka- Tuarua

Kakahu- Tuatoru

OVERALL RESULTS

Tuatahi- Te Kāhui o Ngā Mātā Raukura

Tuarua-Te Pārekereke o Te Pīpī'inga Kākano mai i Rangiatea

Tuatoru- Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu

We are extremely proud of our achievements.

He mihi nunui kia Matua Clive for all of the extra time, support and effort that he put in to ensure we were ready on the day. Mauri Ora!

A very special thank you to Sacha Buckley for her tireless support of this group – particularly at the out of school practices.

TARANAKI GIFTED KIDS CENTRE

Applications are open for students with particular skills, strengths, gifts and talents who may meet the criteria for attending this program for intellectually and creatively gifted children. The Taranaki MindPlus programme will start at Devon Intermediate in 2016 for children aged from years 1 to 8. Application packs are available from Fiona Parkinson. Please contact her on 758 5266 should you require further information.

MATHS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to the following students who took away prizes from the Methanex Maths Fair which was held last week.

Ella Simpson, Merit, Computer Generated 2D Art Work

Isabel Sarsfield, Merit, Computer Generated 2D Art Work

Elana Nicholas, Merit, Computer Generated 2D Art Work

Ishbel Black, Merit, Computer generated 2D Art Work

Jason McGrath, Merit, Creative Writing and poetry

Kayi Erol Watt, 1st, Computer generated 2D art work

ROKOKARE TENNIS CLUB

has programmes for all levels of players. Registration times are 4.00 – 5.00pm on the 15th, 17th, 22nd and 24th of September. Racquets are available if needed, come along and give tennis a try. Enquiries to Steve Phelps, Rotokare Junior Convener, Ph. 7539601 or 021 137 2033.

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

6 – 11 September	AIMS Games
7 September	BOT meeting, 5.30pm
9 September	E-Learning with Stuart Hales, 7pm
10 September	Fono, 5.30pm
11 September	Devon Championship Cross Country
20 September	Taranaki Road Relays
23 September	Taranaki Primary Schools' Cross Country in Hawera
24 September	School Speech Competition
25 September	Last day of term 3