

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4: 12 October 2016

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Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngamōtu

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

Nau mai haere mai. Welcome to Term 4 at Devon Intermediate. We kicked off the term with a wonderful powhiri for our new principal Jenny Gellen and as always our students demonstrated their ability to model our MANA values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect. All Devon students were excellent ambassadors for Devon and we commend them on that. This term promises to be action-packed with many opportunities for students. Please ensure your child is using their student diary and that you are receiving our weekly newsletter. This newsletter is also emailed to families we have email addresses for, so please be sure to pass yours on to the school office if we don't have it already. Our school website www.devonint.school.nz also contains the school newsletter and other useful information.

Although we expect students to take increasing responsibility for keeping up to date with school events it is helpful if parents/caregivers can prompt them when necessary. Here's hoping for a very settled but exciting term.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CLASS MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have been award class merits for Term 3. These prestigious awards are given to student who meet strict criteria and who in the opinion of the staff exemplify our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

Room		
4	Ben Longstaff	Dawson Fernandes
5	Aria Reed	
6	Sienna Benefield	Bridgette Wilson
7	Ruby Taylor	
9	Jack Zimmerman	Tegan King
10	Emily Price	
11	Bianca Liddington	Jackson Magee
13	D'onteigh Bunyan	Chanthaila Somera
15	Harmony Te Waaka	Mariah Hunter

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who received their Bronze MANA badge at Tuesday's assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets: Austin Riordan (4), Kayla Flowers (5), Aria Reed (5), Esther Cocker, Tayne Lewis (7) and Heemi Ranapia (10). Also congratulations to Keisha Morgan (7), Jahsiah Phillips (10) and Faith Taula (13) who received their silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets. And finally a BIG congratulations to Ben Sherman (11) for receiving her Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets.

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Billy J Paora, Faith Taula (13), Esther Cocker (7) and Aisha Campbell (15) who received their Sports Merit badge, Stephanie Watson (7) who received her Academic Merit badge and Keisha Morgan (7) who received her Service Merit badge at Tuesday's assembly. Fantastic to see a mixture of Year 7 and 8 students working so hard to achieve their overall Attitude for Excellence awards.

Congratulations to Jasminelee Hope (6) and Amber Winch (7) who have worked consistently over the last 7 terms to achieve their overall Attitude for Excellence Awards. Well done to both of you for your ongoing commitment to the school values.

LEMONS REQUIRED

Mrs Allan is asking for anyone who has an excess of lemons, could you please bring some to her Food Technology room before school starts each day. Much appreciated.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

Just a gentle reminder, that students are to be dropped off and collected from Devon Street West or St Aubyn Street please. The school driveway is for use by staff only and is a very busy area with students making their way in and out of school. We have had a couple of near misses recently and the last thing we want is for an accident to occur. Thank you for your support in this matter.

SAFE PRACTICE IS BEST PRACTICE

School gates are busy places.

Remember to drive slowly near the school. Children can be unpredictable so be prepared for the unexpected.

Do not stop or park on yellow lines – they are there to protect your children.

Take care to look for cyclists before opening your door.

Always make sure your child exits onto the footpath.

Never wave or call to your child from across the road.

MANA REWARD DAY

On Tuesday 25th October, we are having our first MANA reward day for the term. We will be holding the Devon Daytime Dance Party with DJ Ash from D-Man Entertainment coming to raise the roof. Snacks and drinks will be available for a small cost, so save up your pocket money to bring along. Students must of met MANA expectations 80% of the time, (28/35) days. So if you would like to take part keep your MANA intact.

YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS

We are holding these interviews again for year 6 parents. These will be held at the student's **current contributing school**. Alternatively, for those Year 6 children feeding in from a school which is not one of our main six contributing schools, appointments can be made through our school office ph. 758 5266.

STUDENTS ENTERING THE HOSPITAL

The school has been informed that there have been a small number of our students entering the hospital on the way home from school to use toilet facilities and wander through the corridors. Please remind your child that it is important that we respect the hospital facilities and only utilise them for legitimate medical purposes.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS

We will shortly be having a new issue of our school's newsletters printed. The newsletters will be used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on the back of the newsletters for a year. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge. Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the back of our school's newsletter please contact Dennis or Jeanette Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph. (09) 817 3867, or email newsletters@xtra.co.nz. This a great way to keep your business in front of the local community and also help our school.

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 10 October to	
Wednesday 19 October	Life Education Programme
Wednesday 19 October	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 October	MANA Reward Day
Monday 7 November	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Tuesday 22 November	Intermediate Athletics @ Hawera
Thursday 1 December	Orientation Day @ Devon, 11am – 2pm
Monday 5 December	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Thursday 8 December	Graduation Ball
Friday 9 December	Thank You Morning Tea
Tuesday 13 December	MANA Big Day Out
Tuesday 14 December	Prize-giving, 10am with students finishing for the year at 12pm

Jenny Gellen
PRINCIPAL