

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10 – 16 DECEMBER 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

The end of the year has crept up on us very quickly, with this being our last newsletter of 2015. Students finish for the year this Friday 18 December at 12pm, following our Prizegiving assembly.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

TERM 4 MERITS

Congratulations to the following students who each received Class Merit at Monday's assembly. These prestigious awards are given to students who meet strict criteria and who in the opinion of the staff exemplify our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

4	Alexis Hintz	Taylor Adlam	
5	Philippa Bushell	Harry Bushell	Riley McDonald
9	Molly Ambrose		
10	Malakai Latavao	Tidaysha Maunsell	
11	Daysharne Ross		
13	Mathyus Patangata		
15	Jai Gleave (Term 3)	Juliana McDonald	
16	Logan Fawkner	Rachael Clarges	

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Oliver Hill (5) and Maria Phillips-Nassif (13) who received their Attitude for Excellence awards on Monday. We have had an unprecedented number of students receiving their badges this year.

NEW HORIZONS AOTEAROA

You may have noticed the very impressive structure that has appeared next to our adventure playground. A group of our students and mentors from the community have been working over the past 2 terms to construct a skate ramp. This project was initiated by Kere Ell who along with other members of the New Horizons Aotearoa Trust, has sourced funds to make the project a reality.

The following Devon Intermediate students gave up 1 ½ hours of their time every Thursday afternoon to work on the ramp. Thank you to: Ferris Ferris, Norman Mangu, Harmony Vedder, Phoenix Vedder, Aaron Casey, Shacaine Ridland-Enoka, Billy J Paora

A special thank you to Chris Pollard who not only supported the use of his workshop for the project, but also gave up his time to be available for advice and guidance throughout.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the excellent leadership shown by our Head Students; Jason McGrath, Emily Law, Sam Skinner and Savithi Gunasinghe. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such wonderful school ambassadors.

I never cease to be amazed and in awe of the fantastic talent of the students of our school. Each year I reflect on the many and varied accomplishments of the young people who really do exemplify our school MANA vision by demonstrating Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect. This has been demonstrated by the large numbers of students receiving Class Merits and Attitude for Excellence badges. We are so proud of you all and your achievements this year; in academics, sport, the arts and in service to the community.

None of these things would be possible without the commitment of our staff. Their support, loyalty and willingness to go the extra mile for students is so appreciated and really does make a difference for every student at Devon.

Finally a special thank you to you as parents, caregivers and friends of our school. Your support of your children and the school really does make a difference!

FORMAL PRIZEGIVING

Our end of year prizegiving is being held on Friday 18 December at 10am. As this is a formal occasion, we expect all students to be in full, correct uniform. Students not wearing the correct uniform will not be attending and will be supervised elsewhere in the school. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend prizegiving. Parents of students receiving awards will be notified. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms following the prizegiving.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office will close this Friday at 12.30pm and re-open on Monday 25th January 2016, resuming normal hours 8am to 3.30pm. For any queries please phone 758 5266.

PARENT LINK UPDATE

On behalf of the Parent Link group, many thanks to all those people who supported our Christmas raffle this year. We raised \$650 and the winner of the WOMAD tickets was our Executive Officer, Mrs Cathie Askew. Other prize winners were from tickets sold outside of school.

Saturday, five of our parents, braved the wet weather and held a BBQ fundraiser outside Noel Leeming, raising \$213. Many thanks to those who have helped sell both raffle tickets and running the BBQ. All funds raised go toward our new Adventure Playground which will be constructed in the New Year.

The week of 25th to 29th January, members of our Parent Link group, will be running a second-hand uniform shop for those parents needing uniform for the New Year. Opening hours will be posted on our Facebook group or alternatively please phone the school office, 758 5266.

Our first Parent Link meeting for 2016, will be held on Monday 15 February, 7pm in the staff room. We hope to see you there.

WAREHOUSE STATIONERY 2016

We are excited to be a part of the new version of Support Your School™ Programme with Warehouse Stationery. The new rebate scheme will help our School raise vital funds to purchase new resources for our children. All parents and members of the public can nominate our school either in-store at one of 66 nationwide stores, or you can enter our unique code BYSU3DR while shopping online.



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CAMPUS CLOTHING

Campus Clothing is the official provider of the Devon Intermediate school uniform. They will be closing at 5 pm on Monday, 21st December and re-opening on Monday, 4th January 2016.

NETBALL TARANAKI

School Holiday Programme 18-22 January 2016, 9.00am-3.00pm at Waiwhakaiho Courts. (\$150 - or \$35 casual rate per day) Register at <http://www.netballtaranaki.org.nz/collections/2015-Holiday-Programme>

2016 START OF SCHOOL

The 2016 school year begins for students on Monday 1 February at 8.40am. All students are to assemble on the courts please.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Devon Intermediate whanau a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

DATES TO NOTE

18 December	Prizegiving, 10am – 12pm
18 December	Last day of term, 12pm
1 February	First day of term one