

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 – 21 OCTOBER 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

#### TEACHERS ONLY DAY – THIS FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

This is a reminder of this Friday's Teachers Only Day. Teachers will be attending a one day workshop. We appreciate your support by making alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

#### HAVE YOUR SAY! EVENING – THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 6 – 7.30PM DEVON INTERMEDIATE HALL

At Devon Intermediate we believe that effective partnerships with our community and a strong link between home and school is a key component of our continued success. These partnerships involve consultation with our community to develop a shared vision and goals to underpin school direction and priorities.

We are due to review our current charter goals and set priorities for the next 5 years and would really value your input. The Board of Trustees are holding a **Have your Say** evening to provide all current and prospective parents and caregivers with the opportunity to have some input into the future direction of Devon Intermediate. There will be pizza, tea and coffee provided at the conclusion of the formal part of the evening. Children are most welcome. There will be supervision and activities provided for them.

#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

##### ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Congratulations to Toby Penno (5) who was presented with his Arts Merit and overall Attitude for Excellence badges at Monday's assembly. Toby has worked hard over the last year and a half to gain this special award and consistently demonstrates our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

##### MERIT BADGES

Well done to Ben Manktelow (6) who received his Sports Merit Badge; another student well on his way to achieving his Attitude for Excellence.

##### MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Niki Dewar (9) who received her Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets, and Shikain Corry (13) who received his Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Well done to both of you. You really do epitomise our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

##### MANA REWARD DAY

MANA Reward day is this Thursday, 22 October between 1pm and 2.30pm for those students who have kept their MANA intact. Those students eligible have a free mufti day along with a Dance Party. Students may bring a maximum of \$10 for snacks which will be available for purchase.

##### WOT TO WEAR & NOT TO WEAR

This fundraiser is being held in the Devon School Hall this evening. Doors open at 6.30pm and tickets can be purchased at the door for just \$20 each. This includes a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles. All proceeds go toward our new Adventure Playground.

##### LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

You will be aware that the Life Education mobile classrooms are currently based at Devon and all students are participating in this worthwhile programme. The cost of the workbook is \$3.00 per student. Please pay this to the school office. The cost of this high quality programme is heavily subsidized through fundraising by Taranaki Life Education Trust.

#### SCHOOL HATS

As part of the summer school uniform, all students are required to have a school navy, wide-brimmed or bucket hat. These hats are available from the school office for just \$10 each.

#### VISION SCREENING

Our vision and hearing technician Rochelle will be here on Wednesday 28 October to carry out vision screening for those who have not been tested this year. Those students will be called up from their class.

#### YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS

We are holding these interviews again for Year 6 parents. The will be held at the student's **current contributing school**. Appointments can be made through our school office on 658 5266.

#### PANUI KAPAHAKA/PASIFIKA ROOPU

The Taranaki Puanga Festival is just around the corner. Both our Kapahaka and Pasifika groups will be performing on the day. It would be great to see as many of our whanau there on the day to support us.

When: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Where: Waitara War Memorial Hall

Time: Kapahaka - 11:00am, Pasifika- Lunch time entertainment, anytime between 12:00pm-1:00pm

#### OCTOBER PASIFIKA COMMUNITY MEETING

**Mr Iani Nemani**, who is the Maori and Pasifika Manager for Competenz will be the guest speaker at this Pasifika community meeting being held on Thursday 22 October, Spotswood Primary School, 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Iani Nemani** will be speaking about Competenz and opportunities for Pasifika people here in Taranaki.

#### FITZROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 2015 - 2016

Our family friendly club would like to welcome new members and returning members to our registration evening and first Club Day. If you are interested in finding out what our club has to offer, come along and check us out. Our Junior Surf programme aims are to provide children with the opportunity to have fun, gain confidence and skills in beach and surf safety. **Registration Evening – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Fitzroy Surf Lifesaving Club, Fitzroy Beach.**

#### TARANAKI FANCY DANCING COMPETITIONS

Come along this long weekend to view some of the fantastic Taranaki ballet, jazz and tap dancers who will be competing at the 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Theatre, Baring Terrace, Strandon. Starting Friday at 5pm and running right through until Monday evening. Gold coin entry.

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WATTIES CAN'S FILM FESTIVAL

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 at Event Cinemas New Plymouth. There are 3 movie screenings, Jurassic World 6pm, Inside Out 6.15pm and AntMan 6.30pm. Join us to support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Donate a can of food for a ticket at any participating cinema from 21 October for a great night out.

**Together we can make a difference**

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

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

**Display a positive attitude at all times**

- Follow instructions immediately
- Have all stationery ready to use
- Right time, right place, right gear
- Use polite language – think before you speak

#### DATES TO NOTE

22 October	MANA Reward Day
23 October	Teacher Only Day
26 October	Labour Day
29 October	NPBHS Sports Performance Testing
2 November	BOT meeting, 5.30pm
6 November	Standards Athletics
9 November	Parent Link meeting, 7pm
10 November	NPBHS/NPGHS Testing at Devon
13 November	Championship Athletics
27 November	Taranaki Tough Kid Challenge
2 December	Arts Showcase
3 December	Orientation Day, 11am – 2pm
10 December	Graduation Ball
18 December	Prizegiving
18 December	Last day of term