

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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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

Kia ora Whanau

Welcome to Term 4 and I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break. We have an incredibly busy term and would welcome you to join us for the many events and activities we will be holding.

We have interim Board elections coming up and I would urge our parent body to consider coming on to the Board of Trustees. While this is not an onerous task, it is a vital part of the governance and direction of the school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

We will be holding a teacher only day on **Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>** therefore there will be no classes on that day. Staff will be working on further PB4L development as well as assessment.

We are currently accepting enrolments for the 2018 school year and will shortly be sorting out classes for 2018. If you know of someone who is yet to hand in their enrolment forms, or who needs to have one sent, can you urge them to do this as soon as possible so we can ensure their child has a class placement. **Our Orientation day is Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-2.**

Congratulations to our awesome students who have been involved in the ICAS tests, Attitude for Excellence and MANA programmes, the inter school Road Relay teams, Touch rugby teams and various other in school and out of school activities. We have heard of some wonderful results and look forward to watching our students excel in the upcoming athletics programme including the inter school athletics champs which will be held in Hawera on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

We are fortunate to have Mike King coming to speak to the students on December 4<sup>th</sup> and my thanks to the Rotary Organisation for supporting this event.

My thanks also to TSB Community Trust for their support in the form of our Literacy and Numeracy Grants and supporting Whaea Jan's position as Community Liaison.

Congratulations to Lochie Burwell for winning our school speech competition and we are so proud of all the finalists as the standard was exceptionally high this year.

A reminder that we have our Spell-a-thon running now organised by Annie Larsen as her Attitude for Excellence Honours project. All students are hopefully gathering sponsors, learning their words in anticipation of the testing day which happened on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nga mihi Jenny Gellen, Principal



#### TARANAKI ROAD RELAY

Congratulations to all those students who took part in the Taranaki Road Relay earlier this week. We had some fantastic results as below:

Year 7/8 Girls (1.5km Laps)	Year 7/8 Boys (1.5km Laps)	Year 7/8 Boys (1.5km Laps)
Devon Intermediate Girls G2 14 <sup>th</sup>	Devon Intermediate Boys B1 5 <sup>th</sup>	Devon Intermediate Boys B4 17 <sup>th</sup>
Devon Intermediate Girls G1 17 <sup>th</sup>	Devon Intermediate Boys B3 10 <sup>th</sup>	Devon Intermediate Boys B6 20 <sup>th</sup>
Devon Intermediate Girls G4 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Devon Intermediate Boys B5 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Devon Intermediate Girls G3 26 <sup>th</sup>	Devon Intermediate Boys B2 12 <sup>th</sup>	

#### ATTENTION PARENTS! DEVON INTERMEDIATE SPELL-A-THON COMING NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2017

Devon Intermediate is having a Spell-A-Thon school fundraiser for the school van. Students will study a 100-word spelling list, at their level (as chosen by teachers), and collect sponsor money for all the words they spell correctly on the test, or a total amount of money. On Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, all students involved brought home the following items: a spelling list, sponsor form, and an introductory letter. Thank you for helping and supporting my honours project and your school! Annie Larsen

#### ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to all those students who took part in the ICAS tests over the course of the year.

Digital Technologies	Writing	Spelling	English	Mathematics
Zara Erol-Watt Credit	Lochie Burwell Credit	Alastair Abdulin Credit	Lochie Burwell High Distinction	Lochie Burwell Distinction
Tyler Lay Credit	Freya Coates Distinction	Lochie Burwell Credit	Freya Coates Credit	Kyran Fawcner Credit
Winiata Rangī Credit	Zara-Erol Watt Credit	Kyran Fawcner Credit	Esther Denholm Credit	Azyah Lokeni Credit
	Izabella Hancz Distinction		Zara Erol-Watt Credit	Cailin Ward Credit
			Izabella Hancz Credit	Annie Larsen Credit
			Bella Hopkinson Credit	Ari McGlone Distinction
			Sienna Benefield Credit	

#### ORIENTATION VISITS

Year 8 students and their families are welcome to attend an exclusive orientation visit of New Plymouth Boys' or New Plymouth Girls' High Schools on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 12pm. This visit is exclusively for students from Devon Intermediate and will depart from the main office of NPBHS or NPGHS.

#### PUANGA

A fantastic day had by all our students who attended Puanga last Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.



#### SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination forms and information on the Elections have been posted out this week. Please take the time to read through the information and consider whether this could be something for you. We require three parent representatives for the Board this year. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact our Board of Trustees Chairperson, Nicola Murdock, or our Principal, Jenny Gellen, who would be only too happy to answer any questions you may have. Nominations close at noon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

#### CAROLLING COLLECTORS 2017

The Devon Hotel New Plymouth Brass will be playing Christmas Carols around the suburbs of the city during the Christmas period. Helpers are needed for the collection. If your child is interested in helping out, please ask them to collect a permission slip and information from the school office.

#### DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 7 November	Standards Athletics
Tuesday 7 November	BOT meeting, 5.30pm
Wednesday 8 November	NPGHS Testing @ Devon
Thursday 9 November	Spell-a-thon Test day
Friday 10 November	Field Championships
Monday 13 November	<b>TEACHER ONLY DAY</b>
Tuesday 14 November	Mobile Dental Clinic @ Devon
Wednesday 15 November	Mobile Dental Clinic @ Devon
Wednesday 15 November	HPV immunisation catch-up
Thursday 16 November	MANA Reward Day
Friday 17 November	Sprint Championships
Tuesday 28 November	Taranaki Athletics @ Hawera
Wednesday 29 November	Spotswood Transition Day
Thursday 30 November	Devon Orientation Day, 11am – 2pm
Friday 1 December	Tough Kids Challenge
Monday 4 December	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Wednesday 7 December	Graduation Ball
Friday 8 December	Thank You Morning Tea
Thursday 14 December	MANA Big Day Out
Friday 15 December	Prizegiving, 10am