



# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3 – 28 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

### 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

#### MERIT BADGES

Well done to Pheobe Rangitonga and Pare’z Hanscombe-Stokes who received their Sports Merit Badges at Tuesday’s assembly.

#### 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.

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN THINGS GO WRONG AT SCHOOL

**1 We all want to spring to our children’s defence when they are upset or life seems unfair.** Before taking any action, it’s a good idea to sit down with them and let them tell you, without interruption, what has happened. Find out what has upset them. Ask them what they think would put things right. Children, like us, need the chance to unload to a sympathetic ear. Often children are prepared to fight their own battles and just want to vent. There’s nothing worse than charging into the fray and discovering your child has got over it and moved on.

**2 Help them think through what has happened.** Often, clearly thinking about events gets things into perspective or helps them see how they contributed to what happened. A good lesson for children is to learn which battles to choose. Life holds many irritations and we learn to take most of them in our stride. Erupting over minor incidents is no way to build sound relationships with classmates or teachers – or our own credibility.

**3 After you have slept on it, if you are still worried, or your child asks you to, contact the class teacher.** The teacher may be worried too and will be able to suggest the next step. Or you will be able to get a clearer picture of, for example, class dynamics or reassurance that the incident was a minor one with no consequences for your child.

**4 If you are still concerned, the principal’s door is always open to parents.** Schools really appreciate parents who want to find solutions rather than lay blame, especially when you show them you understand they have to take into account the interests of all the children in their care and cannot be pushed into punishing other children. The principal is your ally and will be able to help you and your children.

**5 Build on your relationship with your children’s teachers.** Being familiar with the school and the other children helps you put together a more complete picture of what goes on at school. When you and your child’s teachers keep communications open, trusting and positive your child is the one who will reap the benefits.

### WOT TO WEAR & NOT TO WEAR

Thank you to all parents, caregivers and friends of the school who supported last week’s fundraising event. Approximately \$2000 was raised towards our Adventure Playground project. A special thank you to the hard working Parent Link team: Annah McDonald, Deb Black, Sharon McGrath and Conrad Hailes with support from our wonderful office staff Marissa Hoyes and Cathie Askew. Thank you also to those parents who helped on the night and provide baking.

### 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.

### 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

Permission slips were sent home yesterday. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

### 2016 HEAD STUDENT APPLICATIONS

Those students interested in becoming a Head Student for 2016, please collect an application form from the school office. These are due in by Friday 6 November.

### SCHOOL FEES

As we are nearing the end of the school year it is time to ensure that Technology, Life Education, Diary and any outstanding fees are paid in full. If you have an automatic payment set up, please check that the payments will cover the outstanding amount owed by the end of term. Without parent support in meeting the cost of materials for our technology programmes they cannot be sustained.

### ZOMBIE FUN RUN

**VENUE:** Francis Douglas Memorial College Fields

**WHEN:** Saturday November 14th 2015

**TIME:** There will be 4 waves of running humans 4pm / 4.20pm / 4.40pm / 5pm. Check In from 2.45pm **PLEASE NOTE:** Runners advised to check in 1 hour prior to starting race.

**AGE OF RUNNER / HUMAN:** Runners must be aged 11 years old and up.

**COST:** \$20 per Adult Entrant. \$15 Students 11-18years.

**REGISTER:** Register at your school or go online to [www.athleticstaranaki.org.nz](http://www.athleticstaranaki.org.nz) or get an entry form from Shoe Clinic New Plymouth. Register by – November 6th as limited entries on the day.

**PLEA SE NOTE:** This is a fun run and the course is not a certified 5km and is not officially timed. There will be a timing clock present.

**Together we can make a difference**

*F.S. Parkinson*

Fiona Parkinson  
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week’s MANA focus is:  
Honour Your Commitments**

- Learning
- Right Place, Right Time
- Right Gear (including school hat)
- Represent the school with pride
- Fiscal Responsibility

### DATES TO NOTE

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