



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4 – 4 NOVEMBER 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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MERIT BADGES

Well done to Rachel Clarges (16) who received her Academic Merit at Monday's assembly.

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Bella Harvey-Karen (4) who received her Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets, and Toby Penno (5) who received his Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets. Toby is only the 9th person to receive the Gold badge this year. You really do epitomise our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

YEAR 6/7 SUMMER NETBALL ACADEMY

Congratulations to Eva Schuetze, Jahsiah Phillips, Imogen Eru-Solomon, Pare'z Hanscombe-Stokes and Pheobe Rangitonga who trialled for the Year 6/7 Summer Netball Academy and were successful in making the team. Well done girls, your dedication to the game is fantastic!

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.

ACADEMIES FOR 2016

Any Year 7 student considering changing Academies for 2016 need to collect a Change of Academies Application form from either the school office or Mr Avery. These forms are due back by Friday 13 November.

NON-UNIFORM

We are increasingly concerned about the number of students who need constant reminding to remove non-uniform items when they arrive at school. We have a high expectation that students wear full, correct uniform to and from school and public perception of Devon is often based on how our students look and behave out in the community. Please support us by reinforcing.

PASIFIKA DAY 2015

On Saturday 31st October, the Devon Intermediate Pasifika group was lucky enough to perform at the annual Pasifika Day at Sanders Park.

The fantastic group of 30 students put on a great show for the crowd and entertained with 5 amazing dances. Well done Devon Pasifika group.

HAVE YOUR SAY EVENING

Thank you to the parents who attended last week's Board of Trustees Have Your Say evening. We were very pleased with the constructive feedback we received. This will be collated along with feedback from other sources including staff and students.

We are aware that some parents and caregivers were not able to attend the evening and we would value your input too. Please go to the link below which will take you to a short survey where you too can have your say! Thank you in anticipation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XG93Z2Q>

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

We are still taking bookings for enrolment interviews at Marfell School (11 November, 1.30pm – 2.30pm), Spotswood Primary School (12 November, 3.45pm – 5.30pm) and Frankley School (19 November, 2pm – 3.30pm). Please phone the school office 758 5266 and speak to either Marissa or Cathie who can book in a time for you.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

We are thrilled with the response from TSB Community Trust who have granted us \$50,000.00 towards our new adventure playground.

We now have \$75,000.00 toward the \$100,000.00 we need and are hopeful we will achieve this by the end of the year. Thank you to all parents, caregivers and friends of the school who have supported this very cause through fundraising activities and events. **Together we make a difference.**

PARENT LINK MEETING – Monday 9 November, 7pm

Our next Parent Link meeting will be held in our staffroom on Monday 9 November, 7pm. We will be planning events for next year and all input would be appreciated. All whanau are most welcome to attend.

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE ORIENTATION DAY – Friday 27 November, 8.45am – 3pm

The Orientation Day for those Devon students heading off to Spotswood College next year will be held on Friday 27 November. All students are required to be in full Devon uniform, and will be travelling by bus at 8.45am to Spotswood College and returning at the end of the school day.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING – Friday 18 December, 10am – 12pm

Parents, caregivers and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend our celebration prizegiving on Friday 18 December at 10am. Parents of students receiving awards will be advised.

CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE – Wednesday 2 December, 5.30pm – 7pm

The Creative Arts Academy is holding their annual Arts Showcase on Wednesday 2 December in the Devon Intermediate Hall from 5.30pm – 7pm. Parents, caregiver and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend this very exciting celebration. The Kapahaka and Pasifika groups will be performing on the night as they are a part of the performing arts programme here at Devon. Your child will need to be at school at 5.20pm. There will be food available for sale on the night. Further details to follow.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE 2015 YEAR 8 GRADUATION BALL - Thursday 10 December, 6.30pm – 8.45pm

Devon Intermediate is holding our Graduation Ball in the school hall on Thursday 10 December from 6.30pm. The event will be a formal evening, with a variety of structured and social dances, finger food and drink being served by waiters, a photo booth, and will be concluded by the presentation of Graduation Certificates.

MIMI SCHOOL 'OLD SCHOOL GALA'

Pukearuhe Road, Waiiti. Saturday 21 November, 10am. Drive a Digger, Laser Tag, Paintball and lots more. Come enjoy a fun affordable day for the entire family! Be into win a helicopter flight on the day!!

CAROLLING COLLECTORS

The Devon Hotel New Plymouth Brass Band will be playing Christmas Carols around the city streets during December.

We need the help of collectors to run along and collect money while the band is playing. This involves being at the Band Rooms in Rogan Street by 6.15pm each night that you are collecting, and you will arrive back no later than 8.45pm each night. You are paid 15% of the money that you collect, on your last night. There is an adult supervisor each night with you.

If you are interested in helping the band, please collect a notice from the school office. The permission slip must be filled and returned to the school office by Friday 13th November.

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

6 November	Standards Athletics
9 November	Parent Link meeting, 7pm
10 November	NPBHS/NPGHS Testing at Devon
13 November	Championship Athletics
19 November	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
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