

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 5 – 11 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 the following students who received Merit badges at Monday's assembly:

Arts – Jasminelee Hope (10)
Arts, Academic – Amber Williams (15)
Academic, Sports – Oliver Hill (5)
Academic, Arts – Isabel Sarsfield (5)
Academic – Rachael Clarges (16)

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Elana Nicholas (5) our first Year 7 for 2015 to receive her overall Attitude for Excellence Award. There is always keen competition to be first Year 7 recipient and Ella Simpson was only a matter of hours behind Elana. Congratulations to both of you. It takes absolute commitment and focus to achieve such a prestigious award in such a short time. Well Done.

Congratulations to Philippa Bushell (5) who has also received her Attitude for Excellence award. Philippa has worked hard over the past 6 terms consistently demonstrating Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Bella Harvey-Karen and Bonnie Cook (4) who received their Bronze MANA badges for gaining 50 MANA tickets, Baylee Hopkinson and Philippa Bushell (5) who receive their silver MANA badges for gaining 100 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.

ROYAL VISIT

On Monday 9th November, Mrs Parkinson, Sam Skinner and Savithi Gunasinghe were privileged enough to attend 'Tea with Taranaki' in honour of Prince Charles and Lady Camilla's visit to New Plymouth.

Although it was a long wait as the Royals' plane was delayed, it was worth it in the end as Savithi and Sam were lucky enough to meet the Prince and Duchess themselves and get to talk to them. It was a great day out and hopefully gave the Royals' a good impression of New Plymouth. The feedback from the public was that Sam and Savithi did Devon proud! Well done.



ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

This week we have received \$5,000.00 from the Southern Trust towards our new adventure playground. The target of \$100,000.00 is clearly in sight. Please support all of our fundraising events to enable us to achieve this by the end of this year.

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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are always looking for donations of clean, tidy second hand uniforms. We would be grateful for any donations of uniform from Year 8 students who will not need them for next year. Thank you in anticipation.

PARENT LINK LUXURY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Parent Link team is organizing a luxury Christmas Raffle this term and are looking for your support. Any donations of Christmas goods and luxury items would be gratefully accepted. Donations for the raffle can be taken to Mr Hailes before school or delivered to the school office. Each item will earn students a ticket to go into a prize draw.

CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS – SPRINTS - Friday 13 November, 1.30pm – 2.45pm

200m, 100m, Interclass Relays Girls and Boys, Inter-house Relays, Class fun flag relay, Staff vs Pupils Relay. All whanau are welcome to come along and support the Devon students in what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon of athletics.

CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS – FIELD EVENTS – Monday 16 November, 1pm – 3pm

1pm Y8 Boy's Shot, Y8 Girl's High Jump, Y7 Boy's Long Jump, Y7 Girl's Discus
1.30pm Y8 Boy's High Jump, Y8 Girl's Shot, Y7 Boy's Discus, Y7 Girl's Long Jump
2pm Y8 Boy's Discus, Y8 Girl's Long Jump, Y7 Boy's High Jump, Y7 Girl's Shot
2.30pm Y8 Boy's Long Jump, Y8 Girl's Discus, Y7 Boy's Shot, Y7 Girl's High Jump

WHANAU HUI – Thursday 19 November, 5.30pm

Kia ora whanau o Te Kura Takawaenga o Ngāmotu. Nga mihi ki a koutou. We are having our next whanau hui on Thursday 19 November at 5.30pm in the staffroom. As always we would dearly love your input. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. All welcome.

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. All those students attending please bring your togs and towel as the school pool will be open this day.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION DAY – Thursday 3 December, 11am – 2pm

The Orientation Day for Year 6 students coming into Devon Intermediate next year will be held on Thursday 3 December, between 11am and 2pm. All whanau are most welcome to attend. There will be a limited amount of second hand uniform available for purchase over the lunchtime period.

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 conclude with presentation of Graduation Certificates.

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:
Sensible Transitions**

- In Class
- To Tech
- At Bell Times
- Around the School

DATES TO NOTE

13 November	Championship Athletics, 1.30pm
19 November	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
27 November	Taranaki Tough Kid Challenge
2 December	Arts Showcase, 5.30pm – 7pm
3 December	Orientation Day, 11am – 2pm
10 December	Graduation Ball, 6.30pm – 8.45pm
18 December	Prizegiving, 10am – 12pm
18 December	Last day of term