

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following students who received their Arts merit badge: Maree Dove, Joel Faga (6), Logan Fawkner (7) and Emily Price (10). Joel also received his Service Merit badge, and Molly Ambrose (11) received her Sports merit badge. Great to see these Year 7 and 8 children working so hard to achieve these badges.

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who received their Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets: Kyann Budgen, Geneviene Whatuira (6) and Blaze Kennard (10). Also the following student receiving their Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets: Sarah Fabish (5), Tiaki Waru (13) and Tyrone Whitehead (15). And lastly congratulations to Jasminelee Hope (6) who received her Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE 2016 GRADUATION BALL

Theme: Titanic – First Class - Thursday 8th December, 6:00 – 9:00pm

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Devon Intermediate is holding our Graduation Ball in the school hall on Thursday 8th December from 6:00pm. The event will be a formal evening, with a variety of structured dances, a sit down meal served by waiters and will be concluded by the presentation of Graduation Certificates. As the event is formal there will be a dress code:

Girls – Dress or skirt of appropriate length (below mid-thigh), no midriiffs showing, no low-cut tops.

Boys – Long pants (jeans must be dress jeans), collared shirt, no hoodies or low-riding pants.

We expect all students to be tidily dressed but strongly discourage the extravagance of highly expensive outfits, limousine rides, salon hairdos and makeup etc. The normal school rules apply which means no cell phones and cameras. Those students who breach any of these rules or dress codes will be refused entry to the Graduation Ball.

All students are to be escorted to the Ball by their parents, and are to be picked up from the hall at the conclusion of the evening (please note that we encourage parents to attend the graduation ceremony beginning at 8:00pm, but if you are unable to attend this ceremony the evening concludes at 9:00).

Tickets will be on sale from the student reception area from 8:15 – 8:45 from Tuesday 22nd November until Friday 2nd December (there will be absolutely no sales after this date due to the catering and certificate printing requirements). Tickets cost \$20 and the attached permission form must also be returned when purchasing a ticket. Due to the need to purchase food, decorations and tickets before the evening no refunds will be given.

Yours sincerely

Jason Avery - Associate Principal

I give permission for _____ of Room ____ permission to attend the Graduation Ball on Thursday 8th December. I agree that my child will abide by the normal school rules and will adhere to the dress code as established by the Graduation Ball Committee. I will take responsibility for ensuring my child is escorted to and from the Ball.

Parents Name: Parents Signature:

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE ORIENTATION – Friday 25 November – 8.45am – 2.30pm

The Orientation Day for those Devon students heading off to Spotswood College next year will be held on Friday 25 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 day.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE – Wednesday 30 November – 6pm – 9pm

Devon Intermediate are hosting their annual Creative Arts Showcase on Wednesday 30 November 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the School Hall. Pasifika performance, J Rock showing, Fashion Show and more. Parents, caregivers and friends of the school are warmly invited to attend this very exciting event. Bring the family and come for dinner, as fabulous food will be on sale too. Come and celebrate the talents and achievements of our amazing students. See you there!

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION DAY – Thursday 1 December – 11am – 2pm

The Orientation Day for Year 6 students coming into Devon Intermediate next year will be held on Thursday 1 December, between 11am and 2pm. Please see the outline of the programme for the day.

11:00 am	School groups arrive and assemble on the courts
11:05am	Programme in the Hall
11:15am	Orientation Activity
12:00pm	Lunch [bring your own lunch] followed by a Sausage Sizzle
12:45	Lunchtime Sports Programme
1:30pm	Arts Performances in the Hall
1:55pm	Principal's farewell

TARAWERA PLAY – Wednesday 7 December – 9.30am

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to see a play about the Tarawera Eruption Wednesday 7th December at 9:30 in the school Hall. The regular price would have been \$5, but we are able to see the show for a gold coin donation. Students are to give their donation their class teacher by Monday 5th December please.

About the play. The story of the buried village of Te Wairoa is an action packed, informative musical and visual play, with a perfect blend of fact and fun. We aim to enthuse your students through live theatre on the topic of the Tarawera eruption in 1886, an exciting and important part of New Zealand's history. The play was devised by us, the company, and encompasses Maori and European culture, looks at the world within the 1880s, explores the 7 Ancient Wonders of the World, compares the two very different (but not so different!) ways of life. There's an eruption, an earthquake. It really does have it all!

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS IN HAWERA

The Devon Intermediate students who went to Hawera yesterday had a great day and represented Devon well demonstrating the Devon student's ability to model our MANA values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect. Results will be published in next week's newsletter along with photos.

GOSPEL ROCKS CHOIR

It's time to sing – we want you! The Gospel Rocks Choir is beginning on Tuesday 29th Nov from 7.30 - 9.00 just \$5.00 and is open to all ages and abilities. It will be a great thing to do with family or school friends or workmates. So don't come alone if you are feeling shy, grab someone to bring with you. West Baptist Church, 144 South Road, New Plymouth.

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports Xmas School Holiday Programme Monday 19th December till Friday 23rd December! Mangorei School Hall - 8.30 till 5pm. \$25 half day/\$45 Full day. Visit our website www.kellyclub.co.nz to book now.



Jenny Gellen
PRINCIPAL

DATES TO NOTE

Friday 25 November	Spotswood College Orientation, 8.45am – 3pm
Thursday 1 December	Orientation Day @ Devon, 11am – 2pm
Monday 5 December	BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
Thursday 8 December	Year 8 Graduation Ball, 6pm – 9pm
Friday 9 December	Thank You Morning Tea
Tuesday 13 December	MANA Big Day Out
Wednesday 14 December	Prize-giving, 10am with students finishing for the year at 12pm