

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7 – 25 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

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Reuben Nielsen (5) and Hamish Salisbury (11) who received their Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets, and Poppy Richards and Amber Curtis (16) who received their Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets. You really do epitomise our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

MERIT BADGES

Well done to Reuben Nielsen (5) and Elisha Black who both received their Academic Merit badge at Mondays' assembly.

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Chalice Ratapu-Kahui (9) who received her Attitude for Excellence award on Monday. Another Year 8 student working very hard to achieve this award before moving onto high school. Well done Chalice!

MANA BIG DAY OUT

The next Mana Day is action packed full of many opportunities and will be held on Thursday 17th December week 10. This day will consist of activities out of school such as; Event Cinemas, The Aquatic Centre, Air Zone and fishing. There are also free activities at school that include a Card Competition, Multi Sports and Theatre Sports. Your child will get the chance to pick one of these exciting choices as long as they have met Mana Expectations at least 80% of the time (16\20 days). All eligible students are welcome to come to school in Mufti at no cost. We hope to see you there. Thank You, The Student Mana Team

DEVON INTERMEDIATE 2015 GRADUATION BALL – Thursday 10 December, 6.30pm – 9pm

Theme: 50's Monte Carlo Casino

Devon Intermediate is holding our Graduation Ball in the school hall on Thursday 10th 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. 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 on the MANA discipline plan, or 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 8:15pm, but if you are unable to attend this ceremony the evening concludes at 8:45).

Tickets will be on sale from the student reception area from 8:15 – 8:45 until Friday 4th December. Tickets cost \$20 and the attached permission form must also be returned when purchasing a ticket.

I give permission for _____ of Room ____ permission to attend the Graduation Ball on Thursday 10th 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: _____

2016 FOREST LAKES CAMP

One of the highlights for our students and staff has always been our bi-annual camp at Forest Lakes, Otaki. An exciting week of outdoor activities and trips into Wellington for city based adventures is planned for Term 3. The full cost for transport, accommodation, meals and activities is approximately \$350. We encourage you to start an automatic payment as soon as possible to go towards camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and we strongly encourage them all to participate. Below are the school bank details which you can pay into along with a reference of a student's name or alternatively you can collect an Automatic Payment form from the school office. Devon Intermediate School, TSB Bank, 15-3949-0276621-80

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.

WHANAU HUI - Thursday 26 November, 5.30pm

Kia or ate whanau o Te Kura Takuwaenga o Ngamotu. Nga mihi ki a koutou. Our last Whanau Hui for the year will be held this Thursday 26 November at 5.30pm in the staffroom. As always we would dearly love your input. The focus of this hui will be consultation for our Charter review. Activities will be provided for children. A pizza snack 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. A reminder to bring you togs and a towel as the school pool will be open for swimming at lunch time.

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, caregivers 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.

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.

NPGHS ORIENTATION DAY – Friday 4 December, 1pm – 3pm

New Plymouth Girls High School will be hosting an orientation day for those girls heading there next year. It is parent's responsibility to collect their daughter from Devon Intermediate and take her to Girl's High to meet in the hall at 1pm. There are currently a couple of parents going along who may be able to help out with transport for a small group of students who may have no way of getting there.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Join us for an afternoon of family fun! **Christmas Craft Fair @ Taranaki Cathedral** on Vivian St, **Saturday 5th December 2-4pm.**

WEST END SCHOOL TWILIGHT MARKET

West End School are holding their Twilight Market on Friday December 4th from 5pm - 7pm. Come along for a fun evening out.

Together we can make a difference

F.S. Parkinson

Fiona Parkinson
Principal

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA focus is:

Display a positive attitude

- Towards your learning
- Towards others (staff and peers)
- Make a positive impression
- Be positively engaged

DATES TO NOTE

26 November	Whanau Hui, 5.30pm
27 November	Taranaki Tough Kid Challenge
2 December	Arts Showcase, 5.30pm – 7pm
3 December	Orientation Day, 11am – 2pm
4 December	NPGHS Orientation Day, 1pm – 3pm
10 December	Graduation Ball, 6.30pm – 8.45pm
18 December	Prizegiving, 10am – 12pm
18 December	Last day of term