

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**

Kia Ora Whanau

What an amazing term this has been and it is wonderful to see our amazing students making the most of the opportunities Devon Intermediate offers them. The Arts Showcase tonight looks like being truly spectacular and my thanks to Mrs Buckley and the incredible staff of Devon Intermediate for organising this. On Tuesday 6th December at 2 pm we will be having a powhiri to welcome Mrs Debra Young who will be our Deputy Principal next year along with Ms Danielle Hill who will be teaching in the Year 8 Team for 2017. I would like to welcome you to attend this occasion if you can make it. A reminder that we have the Graduation Ball, Mana Big Day out and Prize giving on the horizon and I look forward to you joining us for these occasions.

Nga mihi

Jenny Gellen

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:

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following students who received their Arts merit badge: Gypsy Edwards (7), Aria Reed (5), Olive Wong Too (6) and Madison Dombroski-Robinson (4). Olivia also received her Service Merit badge along with Bridgette Wilson (6) and Tylar Spicer (7). Well done to all of you.

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who received their Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets: Christian Heta (6), Nesta-Rain Haddon and Sayla Farmer (4). Congratulations also to Olivia Wong-Too (6) who received her Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets and lastly congratulations to Sijenna Poole (4) who received her Gold MANA badge for gaining 150 MANA tickets.

MANA BIG DAY OUT

The final exciting MANA Reward Day will be held on Tuesday 13th December and it is action packed full of exciting opportunities. This day will consist of activities which are located out of school such as; Air Zone, The Aquatic Centre and Bowlarama. There will also be a range of fun activities to choose from at school. All eligible students are welcome to attend school in mufti for this day. To participate in this event your child should have met the MANA expectations 80% of the time (23/29 days). A notice will be sent home on Monday to all students who have met this expectation.

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.

DEVON INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS IN HAWERA

Results from Athletics down in Hawera last Tuesday 22 November. Congratulations to all students that participated, you represented Devon well.

100m Final	Year 7 Girls	Aisha Campbell	5 th
100m Final	Year 7 Boys	Kiyaan Manukonga	2 nd
100m Final	Year 7 Boys	Koro Teteira-Taylor	5 th
200m Final	Year 7 Girls	Aisha Campbell	1 st
200m Final	Year 7 Boys	Koro Teteira-Taylor	4 th
200m Final	Year 7 Boys	Kiyaan Manukonga	6 th
1500m	Open	Pare'z Hanscombe-Stokes	3 rd
400m Final	Year 7 Boys	Koro Teteira-Taylor	1 st
800m Final	Year 8 Girls	Pare'z Hanscombe-Stokes	1 st
School Relay Team			3 rd
Shot	Year 7 Boys	Tyler Haupapa	3 rd
Discus	Year 7 Girls	Joey Shen	3 rd
Discus	Year 7 Boys	JC Smit	1 st

ONLINE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Become your own music producer with *Activate Music Academy's* Online Holiday Program! We'll workshop your songs, make new friends in the community forum, and get creative to win awesome prizes. Complete beginner? Been making beats for a while? We're going to have a great time making music together! Register and find out more at:

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Jenny Gellen
PRINCIPAL

DATES TO NOTE

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