



DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 8 – 2 DECEMBER 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

PARENT LINK LUXURY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Many thanks to all whanau who donated items for our Christmas raffle. We have 6 fantastic prizes up for grabs as listed below. As well as selling tickets outside local supermarkets, tickets are available from our school office at just \$2.00 each. Please support us to support your children and help us achieve our fundraising target to proceed with our Adventure playground redevelopment. Ticket sales finish on Monday 14 December with the raffle being drawn 15 December.

1st prize:

2 x 3 day WOMAD passes donated by TAFT, Chilly bag donated by Methanex, Long Johns donated by RD1 and various food items

2nd prize:

Russell Hobbs Colour Control Multi Processor donated by Noel Leeming

3rd prize:

Robot Sweeper donated by Godfreys, Thin Lizzy products, Chelsea Sugar cookbook, various food items and a candle donated by Robertson's Pharmacy

4th prize:

Grocery Hamper donated by whanau from Devon Intermediate and a clock donated by Robertson's Pharmacy

5th prize:

\$100 Brunch voucher for 6 donated by The Bach and a Lumiere lamp donated by Trish McDonald

6th prize:

Canterbury Child's Shirt and Cap donated by Tenderlink, \$20 voucher donated by Paper Plus, Drink bottle donated by Robertson's Pharmacy and various food items.

We would love some parent helpers to assist with selling raffle tickets outside Countdown in Spotswood on the 7th, 10th & 14th December. If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time, please register your interest with Marissa or Cathie in the office, 758 5266. Many thanks in advance.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MANA BADGES

Well done to Alysha Pickering-Casey (4), Grace Netani, Emily Nield and Devon Wipatene (6) who all received their Bronze MANA badge for gaining 50 MANA tickets. You really do epitomise our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

MERIT BADGES

Well done to Travis Smillie (5) and Waiora Mataa (9) who received their Academic Badge this week, along with Keisha Morgan who received her Arts Badge and Joanna Quirante (13) and Rachael Clarges who received their Sports badges.

ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Harry Bushell and Riley McDonald (5) who received their Attitude for Excellence awards on Monday. This is a significant achievement for both boys who have demonstrated a commitment to their learning and involvement in the school right until the end of Year 8. Well done boys. Tino pai.

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

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

The Creative Arts Academy is holding their annual Arts Showcase tonight 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. Your child will need to be at school at 5.20pm. There will be food available for sale. Gold coin donation.

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 tomorrow, 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 GRADUATION BALL – Thursday 10 December, 6.30pm – 9pm

Information has been distributed to all Year 8 students. Please see office staff for further copies.

EDUCATION ACT REVIEW – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

Our current Education Act became law in 1989, and a lot has changed since then. It's time to bring it up to date and reflect New Zealand now, and for the future. This consultation presents ideas for change to help us get there. This public consultation is now open and closes at 5pm on Monday 14 December 2015.

Education is a partnership between early learning services, schools, family, whanau, aiga, communities, organisations, and government. Everyone has a role to play. By taking part in this consultation, you'll be helping to strengthen the education system that all our children and young people deserve.

THE FOCUS OF THIS CONSULTATION

One of the biggest changes suggested is to make it clear in our law that children and young people, and raising their achievement, comes first. The law should also make it easier for schools, kura, Communities of Learning and early learning services to work together more to deliver the best education for every child and young person and to try out great ideas. It's important for parents, whanau and communities to know how schools are helping their children and young people achieve and what their role is. They should also be helped to understand why certain decisions are made about education.

We want to hear your views on the following 5 proposals:

1. Making sure everyone knows the goals for education – What the goals for education should be, and how national priorities for learners aged 0 – 18 years could be set out.
2. Supporting school and kura boards to focus on what's important – How the responsibilities of boards can be made clearer, unnecessary red tape can be removed, and boards can respond more effectively to lift student and school performance.
3. Enabling collaboration, flexibility and innovation – How resources can be better focused to get the best whole-of-community education outcomes.
4. Making every school and kura a great one – How a graduated range of responses could be developed to better support schools when difficulties arise.
5. Making best use of local education provision – How local arrangements can support choice and diversity.

HAVE YOUR SAY

There are 3 ways you can make your submission:

1. Go to the [consultation website to make your submission online](#). Here you will find a video from Education Minister Hon Hekia Parata talking about the consultation, and a copy of the full discussion document.
2. email your submission to education.update@education.govt.nz
3. write to: Education Act Update, Ministry of Education, PO Box 1666, Wellington 6140

All submissions must be received by 5pm on Monday 14 December 2015.

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

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