

DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2: 6 July 2016

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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 ACHIEVEMENTS

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to Madison Dombroski-Robinson (4) and Kate Bright (6), who received their Gold MANA badge at Monday's assembly after gaining 150 MANA tickets. These young ladies really do epitomise our school values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect.

Congratulations to Amber Williams who received her Bronze MANA badge at Monday's assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets. Congratulations also to Tidaysha Maunsell (4), Jasminelee Hope (6), Emily Nield, Lucy Rowland, and Rome Gulliver-Mundt (11) who received their Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets.

TERM HIGHLIGHTS

- The amazing J Rock performance
- The excellent participation, high level of sporting skill and fair play demonstrated by our students during the recent winter sports exchanges with Manukorihi Intermediate and Hawera Intermediate
- The fabulous Wellington Leadership Camp organised by our student leaders with encouragement and support from Brook Murfitt. A huge thank you to Greg Nielsen for helping out with the camp this year.
- We were pleased to announce our first ever cultural leaders, for Pasifika – Faith Taula and Malakai Latavao and for Kapa Haka – Daysharne Ross and Joel Faga.
- We held a very successful Quiz Night Fundraiser at the NP Club, raising a further \$837 towards the new playground.
- Work has begun on the new Playground! We all look forward to the finished product.
- Congratulations to the many students who have received MANA badges and also those students who have received Merit badges towards their Attitude for Excellence.

A huge thank you to our staff who work tirelessly to help your children to be the best they can be. It is through staff willingness to go the extra mile that we have been able to offer such a wide range of fabulous opportunities to the students. Thank you also to parents and caregivers for your support of your children and the school.

STAFF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Sadly, this Friday we do farewell Roseanne Sayles who has been relieving for Geri Forde in Room 11 for the last two terms, and also Kay Power who has been relieving in Room 15. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours, and you will be sorely missed by all staff and students.

HEAD STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A big thank you to Malakai Latavao and Sijenna Poole for representing Devon as Head Students for Terms One and Two. You have both been great ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to the following students who were shortlisted for the Head Student positions coming up for the second half of the year:

Amber Winch	Reuben Nielsen
Bella Harvey-Karen	Oliver Hill
Pare'z Hanscombe-Stokes	Logan Fawkner

The new Head Students will be announced at a special assembly which will be held this Friday afternoon at 2.15pm.

MRS PARKINSON'S FAREWELL

On Tuesday 5 July, staff, Board of Trustees, friends and whanau, held a formal farewell for Principal, Fiona Parkinson to acknowledge her long spanning career in the education sector upon her retirement.

Led by Nicola Murdock, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, a short procession of speeches from former colleagues and a beautiful song sung by our very own Sacha Buckley followed in what was a fantastic afternoon to farewell a much-loved member of the school community.

We wish Fiona all the very best in her future endeavours.



WAITARA GYMSPORTS

Pukekohe Domain, cnr Cracroft & Cameron Street, Waitara. www.waitaragymsports.co.nz Ph 06 754 8292, Hayley Jury - Mobile 027 867 1806. Come along and give gymnastics a go. We have classes for beginners to experienced gymnasts.

Our classes are on Monday through to Saturday, have a look at the website above and you can find a time suitable for you or call the numbers listed above and we can help you.

We have fun filled classes with fully qualified coaches. We do incentive award badge work, have mini competition in the classes and treat each gymnast as an individual.

Gymnastics teaches many things; co-ordination, fitness, strength, flexibility, how to work together as a team and how to have fun.

Come along and check us out at the above address, if you are keen we can enrol you in a class that suits your ability so you feel right at home.

NETBALL CLINIC

New Plymouth Girls' High school – Netball Clinic, Wednesday 20 July
Held at New Plymouth Girls' High School. Netball drills/games and other fun games will be the focus for ages 7 – 12

Coaches: Leigh Laurence (NPGHS Premier coach)

Session time: **am:** 9 – 1 pm (includes registration) Cost: **\$15**

Concession of **\$25** for family of two

Please bring: own snack food (morning tea), drink bottle, sweat towel (optional), sweater.

Term Two comes to an end this Friday. A challenging term with staff and student illness, however we seem to of come out the other side of this. A huge thank you to the staff for their ongoing commitment to providing high quality programmes and exciting opportunities for all students at Devon.

Here's wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all back for Term Three which begins on Monday 25 July at 8.40am

Together we can make a difference

Jason Avery
Acting Principal

DATES TO NOTE

Friday 8 July	Last day of Term Two
Monday 25 July	Term Three begins
Tuesday 2 August	NPBHS open afternoon/evening, 3.30pm – 6.30pm starting in Ryder Hall
Wednesday 3 August	NPGHS open afternoon/evening, 1pm starting in the school hall
Monday 8 August	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 11 August	Spotswood College open evening, 6.30pm in the Spotswood College School hall

DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA
focus is:**

**Follow all Devon uniform
expectations**

- Black polishable shoes and navy socks.
- Undergarments are not to be visible.
- Only wrist watch, and a single small stud in each ear.