

# 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

#### NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT – PARENT/CAREGIVER QUESTIONNAIRE

As you will be aware the Board of Trustees are in the process of appointing a new principal for our school and we would appreciate your feedback/input by answering the questions below.

Please note that this questionnaire is confidential and will be collated by an independent person who will report back to the board. There is a sealed box in the school office that you are able to put your questionnaire in. We would appreciate all feedback in by Friday 3 June.

**What are the desirable leadership qualities you would like to see in our new principal?**

**What are the desirable personal qualities you would like to see in our new principal?**

**What is it you see as important for the future of Devon Intermediate?**

#### STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Many thanks to all those families that came along to the Student Learning Conferences last week. If you were unable to see your child's teacher, please phone the school to organise another time to catch up with them to discuss your child's progress.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was few than the number of vacancies require to be filled, we congratulate Tracey Cocker and Andrew Pepper who were duly elected. Congratulations also to Dian Brookes who was nominated as the Staff Representative to the Board.

#### HEAD LICE

We have become aware of a few cases of head lice in our school community. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair weekly. Should you require further information please contact our Public Health Nurse, Ali Wisnewski on 753 7790 ext 7537 or 027 444 2108.

#### MANA REWARD DAY

Our next MANA Reward Day is fast approaching and will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. To be eligible students will have to have met MANA expectations 20/25 days. Hot chips and the option of board games or sports fun.

#### MANUKORIHI SPORTS EXCHANGE

We are looking forward to our next sports exchange against Manukorihi Intermediate at Devon on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. A reminder that in order to be eligible to represent the school, students need to have their MANA intact. It would be great to see parents/caregivers there if you are able. Timetable is below:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 9.30am  | Powhiri  |
| 10am    | Hockey at the Turf   |
| 10.30am | Soccer - Girls, Basketball – Boys, Netball – Year 7 & 8b combined, Indoor Bowls – In hall  |
| 11.30am | Basketball - Girls, Badminton (hall), Chess (library), Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> XV, Soccer 1 <sup>st</sup> XI, Netball - Year 7a, Year 8a |
| 12.30pm | Lunch  |
| 1.30pm  | Manukorihi and Devon teams meet in the hall  |
| 1.45pm  | Manukorihi depart  |

#### BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS

From time to time some students let the school down through their behaviour on the way to or from school. Invariably people in our neighbourhood bring these matters to our attention.

We as teachers and parents, share the responsibility for guiding students into being positive members of the community and behaving appropriately. Dangerous behaviour on the road, student's entering other people's properties and general silly behaviour in the community all reflects negatively on Devon Intermediate.

It would be appreciated if parents talked with their children to reinforce with them basic rules about pedestrian crossings and identifying the safest route to school for your own child.

#### YOUNG LEADERS 2016

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 19 excited young leaders from Devon Intermediate hopped into 2 vans to go down to Wellington for the National Young Leaders Day 2016 (NYLD.16). After stopping at Wanganui for lunch and a play we drove 3 more hours and arrived at Wellington Top 10 Holiday Park, where we would stay for the 2 night we were down there. That night we had McDonald's for dinner.

After that we went back to the Top 10 Holiday Park where we got our blazers ready for the big day ahead and lights went out at 10pm. Getting up the next day was hard for most of us, lights came on at 6.30am. After breakfast we headed to NYLD/16, where some of the speakers were Billy Graham, James Beck, Brylee Mills and Marina Alefosio. At the conclusion of NYLD/16 we got some time to look around Te Papa which was great. Dinner that night was at Valentine's with a leadership programme. Lights out that night was at 10.45pm.

The wake-up call the next day was at 7am, before we packed up and left the Wellington Top 10 Holiday Park. From camp we went to Victoria University for a very informative tour. Lunch the final day was at Wendy's before the long drive home, when most of us fell asleep in the vans. Overall a fantastic 3 days! A big thankyou to Mr Murfitt and Mr Neilsen for taking us. If you ever have the opportunity to go, it is very highly recommended.

From the Young Leaders of Devon Intermediate.

#### BASKETBALL RESULTS

|                 |    |            |      |       |
|-----------------|----|------------|------|-------|
| Devon Sharks    | vs | Manukorihi | lost | 17-30 |
| Devon Bluebells | vs | SHGC       | lost |       |

#### NETBALL RESULTS

|                |    |                   |      |       |
|----------------|----|-------------------|------|-------|
| Devon Force    | vs | Highlands Int 7A  | won  | 25-23 |
| Devon Hotshots | vs | Manukorihi Wairua | won  | 24-16 |
| Devon Flames   | vs | SHGC 8 Hotshots   | lost | 11-19 |

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

All Scholastic Book orders are due in at the office by this Friday 27 May. This is a great opportunity to purchase books at low cost and support our school to purchase more books for the school library.

#### MATHZWISE

Increase your child's confidence and see results fast! Mathematics tuition is our business. Call or text today. Debbie on 027 904 2655, [www.mathzwise.co.nz](http://www.mathzwise.co.nz) and [debbie@mathzwise.co.nz](mailto:debbie@mathzwise.co.nz)

**Together we can make a difference**

Jason Avery  
Acting Principal



DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

**This week's MANA focus is:**  
**Be actively involved in your learning**

- Know what you are learning
- Know how you will be successful
- Contribute meaningfully

#### DATES TO NOTE

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 23 – 26 May      | ERO visit Devon  |
| Tuesday 31 May   | Winter Sports Exchange with Manukorihi Intermediate at Devon |
| Friday 3 June    | MANA Reward Day  |
| Monday 6 June    | Queen's Birthday Holiday                                     |
| Thursday 16 June | Ripper Rugby Tournament                                      |
| Monday 20 June   | BOT Meeting, 5.30pm  |
| Tuesday 28 June  | Winter Sports Exchange with Hawera Intermediate at Devon     |
| Wednesday 6 July | MANA Reward Day  |
| Friday 8 July    | Last day of Term Two   |