

# DEVON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 2: 1 June 2016

Text 021 08299 278 or Ph. 758 5266 for Absences

### 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 the following students who received their Bronze MANA badge at Monday's assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets: Jolee Brougham (4), Tamatahi Goff (7), Stephanie Winstanley, Tegan King, Ethan McCall (9), Freyja Ray (11), Brodie Sculpher-Perry and Imogen Eru-Solomon (13). Congratulations also to Ishbel Black, Isabel Sarsfield and Kaylee O'Donnell (15) who received their Silver MANA Badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets.

##### ATTITUDE FOR EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Molly Ambrose (11) and Kate Bright (6) who received their Service Merit Badge at Monday's assembly, along with Sijenna Poole (4) who received her Arts Badge and Imogen Eru-Solomon (13) who received her Sports Merit Badge. These students are all well on the way to receiving their Attitude for Excellence Award.

##### MANUKORIHI SPORTS EXCHANGE

The Manukorihi sports exchange once again demonstrated the Devon student's ability to model our MANA values of Diligence, Integrity, Service and Respect. All Devon teams were excellent ambassadors for Devon and an enjoyable day was had by all.

Results were:

Rugby	won	38-31
Girls Basketball	lost	2-22
Boys Basketball	lost	7-23
Boys Soccer	won	10-0
Girls Soccer	won	11-0
Badminton	lost	165-193
Hockey	won	6-0
Indoor Bowls	won	24-12
7A Netball	won	17-13
8A Netball	lost	11-31
8B Netball	lost	3-21

##### 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

The next MANA Reward Day is fast approaching and will be held this week, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to reward those students who have met their MANA expectations. This day will be based at school where students will participate in an activity that they opt into at no cost. For your child to be eligible to attend this MANA Reward Day, they will have to have met the MANA expectations at least 80% of the time (20/25 days). All eligible students are welcome to come to school in mufti on this day at no cost.

##### NETBALL RESULTS

Due to the bad weather over the weekend, Netball was cancelled. Here's hoping for a much improved weather forecast for the weekend coming.

#### DEVON INTERMEDIATE FACEBOOK PAGE

Just a reminder that the school has its own Facebook page. To become a member of the closed Devon Intermediate group, please request membership through Facebook.

#### STUDENT ILLNESS

With the change in the weather, we are starting to have larger numbers of students and staff away.

We are still noticing however, that children continue coming to school even though they are quite unwell. We ask that parents keep sick children at home until they are completely well to prevent the spread of contagious nasties! Thank you for your support.

#### IS YOUR CHILD AWAY?

It is important to let the school office know if your child will be absent for the day. You can either phone the school or leave a message on the answer phone – 758 5266 or text 021 082 99278. Below are the guidelines which need to be followed:

- State your child's first and surname clearly
- State his/her room number
- State the reason for his/her absence
- If the absence is likely to be for more than one day, please indicate the length of time for the prozed absence.

Should you receive a message querying the absence please phone/text the office. If we do not receive a response from you, your child will be marked as being truant.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT MEASLES

Taranaki is surrounded in measles. Currently there are outbreaks in Waikato and Horowhenua and a high proportion of cases have been school-aged children. There is a chance that we may have cases in Taranaki in the near future. Measles is easily preventable as there is an effective measles vaccine (MMR) which is available free for all those who need it.

Measles is very disruptive for schools. It is a highly infectious disease and spreads quickly in people who are non-immune. It is a severe disease and most people need to spend several weeks off school or work because they are so sick. About one in ten needs to be hospitalised. It is most infectious just before people develop the rash.



**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

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