

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MANA BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who received their Bronze MANA badge at Monday's assembly for gaining 50 MANA tickets: Bianca Liddington, Emily Hopkins-McGregor, Brody Thompson-McLachlan (11) and JC Smit, Joanna Quirante (13). Congratulations also to Felix Drake (11) and Reuben Nielsen (15) who received their Silver MANA badge for gaining 100 MANA tickets, well done to all of you.

MERIT BADGES

Congratulations to Bailey Cresswell (13) who received his Sports Merit Badge at Monday's assembly, another young man well on his way to receiving his Attitude for Excellence.

HAWERA SPORTS EXCHANGE

The Hawera 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. Thankfully the weather gods were in our favour.

Results were:

Rugby 1st XV	lost	12-41
Rugby 2 nd XV	lost	12-43
Girls Basketball	lost	2-13
Boys Basketball	lost	16-24
Boys Soccer 1 st XI	lost	0-3
Boys Soccer 2 nd XI	lost	1-9
Girls Soccer	won	4-3
Badminton	lost	8-10
Hockey	won	4-0
Indoor Bowls	lost	1-2
7A Netball	lost	9-27
8A Netball	won	19-17
8B Netball	lost	1-40
Chess	lost	9-22

MANA REWARD DAY

On Wednesday 6th July, we are having our last MANA reward day of the term. The highlight will be a Students vs Staff Soccer game like no other! \$5 pizzas will also be on offer. Details will be out soon as to how students can order their \$5 pizzas. All students must have their technology fees for terms one and two paid along with their diary to be eligible for pizza. Students must meet MANA expectations 80% of the time, (20/24) days to take part.

DEPOSIT FOR CAMP REMINDER

Please remember that all deposits (\$150) for Forest Lake Camp must be paid by Wednesday 6 July! Also Tech fees for the first half of the year are now overdue. All chocolates and money must be returned by Friday 1 July!

SPOTSWOOD COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Spotswood College will be holding an Open Evening, on Thursday 11 August, 6.30pm in their school hall. This is a great opportunity to get along and spend some time at the school your child could possibly be going to next year.

WHAT RESEARCH SAYS ABOUT PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN RELATION TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Where children spend their time

- School age children spend 70 percent of their waking hours (including weekends and holidays) outside of school.

When parents should get involved

- The earlier in a child's educational process parent involvement begins, the more powerful the effects.
- The most effective forms of parent involvement are those which engage parents in working directly with their children on learning activities at home.

Impact

- 86 percent of the general public believes that support from parents is the most important way to improve the schools.
- Lack of parental involvement is the biggest problem facing public schools.
- Decades of research show that when parents are involved students have:
 - Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
 - Better school attendance
 - Increased motivation, better self-esteem
 - Lower rates of suspension
 - Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
 - Fewer instances of violent behaviour
- Family participation in education was twice as predictive of students' academic success as family socioeconomic status. Some of the more intensive programmes had effects that were 10 times greater rather than other factors.
- The more intensely parents are involved, the more beneficial the achievement effects.
- The more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way, at every level – in advocacy, decision-making and oversight roles, as fund-raisers and boosters, as volunteers and para-professionals, and as home teachers – the better for student achievement.

Parent expectations and student achievement

- The most consistent predictors of children's academic achievement and social adjustment are parent expectations of the child's academic attainment and satisfaction with their child's education at school.
- Parents of high-achieving students set higher standards for their children's educational activities than parents of low achieving students.

Major factors of parent involvement

- Three major factors of parent involvement in the education of their children:
 1. Parents' beliefs about what is important, necessary, and permissible for them to do with and on behalf of their children;
 2. The extent to which parents believe that they can have a positive influence on their children's education; and
 3. Parents' perceptions that their children and school want them to be involved.

THE ART CLUB

Kids Holiday Art Classes, Monday 11th – Friday 22nd July 2016. The Art club will be hosting a series of awesome fun hands-on workshops for kids this coming holiday break. Sessions are two hours, cost is \$20 each. All materials provided. For a program text or call 021 102 1861, 753 3747 after hours, sandsfam@ihug.co.nz I am also taking bookings for after school and Saturday term time classes.

SPCA ANIMAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The SPCA is running a 10 week programme for Year 7 & 8 Students, after school each Wednesday from 27 July – 28 September at the North Taranaki SPCA from 4.30 – 5.30. The course involves lots of fun animal orientated learning and activities. The cost is \$100 for the 10 weeks and includes all craft materials. Be quick to book as there are only spaces for 10 students. For more information please phone (06) 7582053 and ask for Maria or email maria.npspca@xtra.co.nz

Jason Avery
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DILIGENCE - INTEGRITY - SERVICE - RESPECT

This week's MANA
focus is:
**Service-Be Caring and
Considerate**

- We, not me
- Affirm others
- Offer to help

DATES TO NOTE

Wednesday 6 July	MANA Reward Day
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