

Room 7 Year 7
Discovery
1st February 2018
Ms Glen Phillips
Mrs Debra Young

MANA
Diligence
Integrity
Service
Respect



Welcome to Room 7.

I trust you all had a wonderful holiday break and are ready and rearing to begin your Devon journey. I had a wonderful time catching up with my daughter and sister in Wellington during the holidays and have managed to get in some gardening.

I have been teaching at Devon for many years and are looking forward to another very successful, rewarding year with your child. New beginnings are always filled with excitement, tinged with a little anxiety, but I am sure we will all have a great year. As I do not work on a Wednesday Mrs Young our Deputy Principal will be in Room 7 then, and I know she will offer much to enrich your child's learning and enjoyment of Devon.

Please feel free to pop into the classroom to see how your child is going at any time. The students will have a copy of our timetable in the back of their Diaries.

I look forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher Evening BBQ.

Term 1 Events

Week 1

Wed—Powhiri

Week 2

Mon - Teacher Only Day

Tues—Waitangi Day

Wed—Technology starts

Week 4

Mon —School Photos

Fri - Swimming Championships

Week 5

Wed—MANA Reward Day

Thurs—Taranaki Intermediate Surf Championships

Fri - Standards Swimming

Week 6

Mon —Taranaki Swimming Sports

Fri - Summer Sports

Week 7

Mon—Taranaki Anniversary Day

Thurs - Immunisations

Fri - Summer Sports

Week 8

Fri—Summer Sports

Week 9

Wed—Weetbix Triathlon

Fri - Good Friday

Week 10

Mon—Easter Monday

Tues - Easter Tuesday

Fri - Duathlon

Week 11

Mon - Summer Sports Exchange

Tues - Kids Lit Quiz.

Home / School Communication

If you wish to discuss your child's progress or have any queries regarding our classroom programme, please do not hesitate to call me at school. I will endeavour to return your call as soon as possible.

My email is: gphillips@devonint.school.nz

It is our expectation that every member of Room 7 will strive to achieve their personal best. This includes their time both inside and outside the classroom. We all face challenges at times; it is our ability to overcome these challenges that shows our growth, learning and MANA.

In Brief: *Always do your best. Work as part of a team. Set achievable goals. Set high expectations for yourself. Every day is a fresh start. Start as you mean to continue. Take every opportunity.*

Homework

It is an expectation that your child will spend at **least 30-40 minutes, over three nights**, engaged in learning at home each week. Tasks will be set on Monday and are due in Thursday. Thursday night will be for completing any classroom tasks not finished during the week. They are also required to **read for 10-15 minutes each night** to reinforce learning and progress they make in class. A task related to the unit we are currently studying will usually be included as well.

I know this may seem a lot, but once routines have been established these tasks only need to take the 30-40 minutes each night.

If for any reason your **child is unable to complete these tasks please write a note in their Diary** and they can have an extension over the weekend or we can negotiate expectations.

They will have a Homework book to complete these tasks in.

We will frequently be using highlighters to help with identify key words in a text, so I wish for all students to purchase three colours (yellow, green and pink) please.

An Invitation

You are invited to:

School BBQ

Thursday 15th February
at 5:30p.m.

It will be an opportunity for you to meet some of the teachers who are going to play a major role in your child's education.

More details will be distributed later in the week

*Only as high as I
reach can I grow,
Only as far as I seek
can I go,
Only as deep as I look
can I see,
Only as much as I
dream can I be.*

Australasian Tests

All students are encouraged to enrol in at least one of the six Australian Tests available at Devon.

Details will be printed in the School Newsletter.