

*House: Adventure*  
*Mrs Sacha Buckley*  
*Room 12*  
*Team Leader*

**MANA**  
*Diligence*  
*Integrity*  
*Service*  
*Respect*



*Kia ora whanau,*

*Here we are again ready to begin another amazing year here at Devon. I hope you enjoyed the Summer break and had a chance to refuel, refocus and re energise.*

*I am looking forward to this year as we have already organised many exciting activities and opportunities to get involved in. The highlight will be our school camp. You will begin to receive information regarding cost and fundraising in the near future.*

*We have made a few changes to the way we do things in our Team this year and I am really looking forward to the freshness change can bring.*

*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 class timetable in the back of their Diaries.*

*Nga mihi*

**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.*

**Term 1 Events**

**Week 1**

*Thurs — Powhiri*

**Week 2**

*Tuesday — Technology starts*

*Wed — Waitangi Day*

**Week 4**

*Mon — School Photos*

*Fri — Swimming Championships*

**Week 5**

*Wednesday — Epro8*

*Fri — Standards Swimming*

**Week 6**

*Wednesday — Taranaki Surfing*

*Thursday — MANA Reward Day*

*Fri — 70D*

**Week 7**

*Mon — Taranaki Anniversary Day*

*Thurs — Taranaki Swimming*

*Fri — Summer Sports*

**Week 8**

*Fri — Summer Sports*

**Week 9**

*Tues — Weetbix Triathlon*

**Week 10**

*Fri — Taranaki Duathlon*

*Summer Sport*

*It is our expectation that every member of Room 12 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 Friday. 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 or a House*

*Competition could 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*



*Please join the Devon*

*Facebook page and keep an eye out for important dates and information.*

*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.*