

Room 13 Year 7  
Endeavour  
31st January 2019  
*Ms Glen Phillips*  
*Mrs Debra Young*

MANA  
Diligence  
Integrity  
Service  
Respect



Welcome to Room 13.

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 13, and I know she will offer much to enrich your child's learning and enjoyment of Devon.

It was great to meet a number of you at the Pathways and Planning Meetings earlier this week. 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.

#### 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](mailto:gphillips@devonint.school.nz)

#### Term 1 Events

##### Week 1

Thurs—Powhiri

Fri - House Sports

##### Week 2

Wed—Waitangi Day

Fri - House Sports

##### Week 4

Fri - Swimming Championships

##### Week 5

Wed-Thurs - EPRO 8 Challenge

Fri - Standards Swimming

##### Week 6

Wed—Taranaki Surf Championships

Thurs—MANA Reward Day

Fri - Teacher Only Day

##### Week 7

Mon—Taranaki Anniversary Day

Thurs—Taranaki Swimming Championships

Fri - Summer Sports Options

##### Week 8

Fri—Summer Sports Options

Weetbix Triathlon

##### Week 9

Fri - Summer Sports Options

##### Week 10

Fri - Taranaki Duathlon

Summer Sports Exchange

##### Week 11

Thurs - MANA Reward Day

Fri - Term ends.

**It is our expectation that every member of Room 13 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, for the week, but are due in each day. 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.*

*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.