



## Student Led Conferences THIS WEEK!

**Wednesday 2 December- 3.30 - 7.30pm**  
**Thursday 3 December- 3.30 - 5.30pm**



You and **your child** are invited to attend a Student-Led Conference with your child's teacher. You should have an appointment time allocated. If you wish to check this please contact the school office on 843 7069.

This is an opportunity for your child to celebrate their learning, set goals, talk about where they are at in their learning, and discuss next steps in their learning with you (their parent/caregiver), and their teacher.

All Student-Led Conferences are allocated approximately 20 minutes duration on the booking schedule, although there is no set end time to your conference with your child. There will be no bells so that time with your child and their teacher is not interrupted. It would be helpful for organisation purposes if you and your child arrive promptly to your first family conference of the afternoon/evening.



## first credit union

Our last school banking pickup for 2020 will be **THIS** week – This will give us time to make sure we have the books back to our school banking children in time for the end of the year!

*LAST PICK UP 2020  
WED 2 DEC*

**Celebrating 65 years  
of putting you first.**

**first**  
credit union





## Hāpaitia Te Mana Assembly (Final Assembly)



**TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 9.15AM - EVERYONE VERY WELCOME!**

- Welcome
- Karakia
- National Anthem
- Y6 Leaving Certificates
- Y6 Students Speech
- Deanwell Waiata
- Excellence Certificates
- Ukulele Performance
- Excellence Awards
- Sports Trophies
- Citizenship Trophies
- Lioness Awards
- Farewells to Staff Members
- Conclusion



## For all our staff embarking on new adventures we want to wish you well



### **Judy Burrows, Mrs Burrows**

Judy is retiring from many incredible years of service to education. We all know the complexities of being a great teacher and you have shown patience, motivation and persistence in supporting our tamariki to be the great people that they are. We greatly appreciate all that you have done for our tamariki. You have been a stalwart of Deanwell and your knowledge and wisdom will be dearly missed.

### **John Talsma, Mr T**

John has served the tamariki and whānau at Deanwell for many years. John has been on refreshment / discretionary leave this year in the hope of travelling but unfortunately COVID-19 put those plans on hold. We hope that John and his wife get to fulfill their travelling dreams in the near future.

### **Caroline Dee, Ms Dee,**

Caroline and her family recently built and moved into their new home. Caroline has been successful in winning a job in the same school her daughter attends. We thank you for your years of service at Deanwell School.

### **Bonita Herbert, Whaea Bonita**

This year Bonita has been on study leave participating in Te Tohu Paetahi (Full Immersion) at the University of Waikato. Bonita has excelled in her learning and her passion of teaching in a full Māori immersion classroom has come true. Bonita has successfully won a position at the rumaki at Raglan Area School.

### **Tash Strother, Whaea Tash**

Tash develops beautiful relationships with our tamariki and whānau. Tash has won a position at Maeroa Intermediate and we know that she will be a valuable asset for their kura.

### **Sam Hughes, Miss Hughes**

Sam started her teaching career at Deanwell and is ready for her next educational challenge experiencing other teaching levels and environments. Sam has been successful in winning a position at Rototuna Junior High which is a school for year 7 - 10 students.

### **Joanna TuiSamoa, Mrs TuiSamoa**

Joanna has been a valuable member of our Deanwell team for a number of years. She has been successful in winning a teaching position in Manurewa where she will be able to spend more quality time with her whānau.

### **Bailey Harris, Miss Harris**

Bailey has been teaching our newest 5 year olds. Her kind and caring nature has ensured these students have had a successful transition to our school. We wish Bailey well as she continues to develop her teaching career.

### **Carolynn Storey, Whaea Carolynn**

Carolynn has been diligently working on and has now completed her Post Graduate Certificate in Child Centred 'Play Therapy'. So we are losing Carolynn from teaching to the world of counselling. We wish you well in your new career move.

### **Lyndal Matthews, Mrs Matthews**

Lyndal has worked at Deanwell school in a number of roles over the last couple of years. We greatly appreciate the work that she has done and the support she has offered to whānau. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

### **Caleb Muntz, Caleb**

Caleb has been of amazing support and a positive role model to a range of students throughout Deanwell over the last two terms. He is now heading on his own journey to further his education at University. We look forward to hearing about your achievements.



## HAERE MAI 2021

**We are excited to announce, that we are very fortunate to have four high calibre teachers joining our Deanwell whānau next year!**



My name is Lesa Lafaelle and I will be joining Deanwell School in 2021. I am absolutely excited about becoming one of your newest staff members!

I began my teaching career in Rotorua in 1994 but most of my teaching time has been based in Kawerau schools with some time spent in Edgumbe and more recently, a beautiful small rural school called Otakiri School.

My interests include reading, spending time with my family and continuing my learning journey as a teacher/learning guide.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity I have been given to become part of the Deanwell School family and culture and I look forward to meeting you all!

Have a wonderful Christmas and safe holiday break.

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa  
Lesa Lafaelle

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## Danielle Hema



Tēnā koutou,

**Ko Danielle Hema tōku ingoa, nō Ngāti Maniapoto ahau**

**I am so excited to be working with the tamariki of Deanwell School next year. As a former student, I cherish this opportunity to give back to the community that helped shape me. I have been teaching for 6 years, and value building relationships with students and whānau to strengthen learning across home and school. In my spare time I like to exercise through Waka Ama, and being outdoors with my whānau.**



## HAERE MAI 2021



I have lived in Kawerau since 1998 after living in Sydney, Australia with my family. I am married to Kevin Walker and we have three daughters, Tayla, Reece and Javan. Tayla and Reece both live in Hamilton with their own families. I am also a proud Nanny to my first mokopuna Aria who is Reece's daughter. She will be 2 years old in January. So I am looking forward spending time with them. My youngest daughter is studying at The University of Otago. She has two more years of study to complete her degree.

I have been a classroom teacher for Year 0 to 6 learners and have worked in a variety of roles in and out of the classroom. I enjoy sports such as netball, softball, tennis, rugby, touch rugby, table tennis...as well as marbles. Another area I enjoy working with is ICT devices, as I believe this is the future way of education, as it is an excellent tool to use for ones learning. I am also passionate in learning and teaching my own language 'Te Reo Māori' and 'Te Ao Māori'.

I am looking forward to meeting you and getting to know you and to share more about me in Term 1.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Be safe everyone!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou katoa

*Nā Whaea Verbena*



## Verbena McCauley-Walker

## Arahia Mauriohooho



*Ko Hikurangi rāua ko Taupiri aku maunga.  
Ko Waiapu rāua ko Waikato aku awa.  
Ko Ngāti Porou rāua ko Ngāti Raukawa aku iwi.  
Ko Arahia Ahinariki Vjerna Mauriohooho ahau.*

I am Arahia Mauriohooho and I am honoured to be teaching in the Deanwell Primary community in 2021.

I was brought up in this community with my two younger sisters and extended whānau. We have been a part of the Melville/Deanwell community for many generations.

I attended Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Tōku Māpihi Maurea, then went on to Waikato Diocesan School for Girls. I completed my Communications degree at Massey University and finished off my education diploma at the University of Canterbury.

During the warmer months I enjoy spending time at the beach, and playing a variety of sports.

I am incredibly excited to start my teaching journey here at Deanwell Primary and I cannot wait to meet you all! Ngā mihi.



# FREE, FREE, FREE

*(Monday November 30th to Friday 4th December)*

Kia ora Deanwell School Whānau

This week we will have various pieces of old furniture/equipment that we no longer require for our community to take if they wish. After this date any left over items will be taken to the recycling centre.

The furniture/equipment will be located in the courtyard between the offices and classrooms. Items will be added during the week as we clear out spaces around the school.

It is your responsibility, including any cost, to remove items you are taking. Items are taken on a first in first served basis.

