



We have had a wonderful start to the year.

It was so nice to see our tamariki and all our whānau.

You all 'MAKE OUR DAY, EVERY DAY'



Year 3 - 6 Pirongia Forest Park Lodge.

Term 1, Week 10

We are so excited to be able to provide this wonderful opportunity for our tamariki.

- Your child will be attending camp for one night and two days.
- There is no cost, as the Board is funding the camp.

**Camp Dates:**

- Kererū Tahi & Tūī Tahi – Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th of April
- Kererū Rua & Tūī Rua – Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th of April
- Kōkako Rua & Kārearea Rua – Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th of April
- Kōkako Tahi & Kārearea Tahi – Thursday 10th & Friday 11th of April

Last week we sent out a newsletter with a police vet form attached. If you did not receive it please email your child's classroom teacher to get one.

**Newsletter Subject: Expression of Interest for School Camp & Police Vetting Process**

**To be considered as a parent helper, please:**

- Complete the police vetting forms (available at the school office).
- Provide the necessary forms of identification.
- **Submit all documents no later than Wednesday, 12th of February.**

To make this camp successful we need at least 6 parent helpers per class.

# Noho Marae ki Te Papatapu 22nd - 24th Hanuere 2025



Each January all Deanwell's employees come together for a 2 night, 3 day noho marae. This is an opportunity to learn and work together to ensure we are fully connected with the land, sea and each other.

It is a time where we reflect on our 'Te Whare Tapa Whā' to ensure we are the best we can be for our Deanwell tamariki and their whānau. You are all worthy of aroha and belonging without judgement.

As tumuaki of Deanwell I am incredibly proud of all our employees. Every year they attend noho marae with great enthusiasm, energy and eagerness to learn. Then the week after noho they spend collaboratively planning and preparing for Term 1 ensuring they are fully organised for our tamariki.

As a community and board we are so fortunate to have such committed employees.



# Noho Marae ki Te Papatapu

## 22nd - 24th Hanuere 2025

A significant aspect of noho marae is the preparation of kai, fostering a deep connection to food by sourcing as much as possible locally and eating what is in season. It is an opportunity to prepare and enjoy meals that are unprocessed, homemade, and not store-bought or takeaway. The process of working together—preparing, sharing, eating, and tidying up—reinforces the importance of collective effort and learning. We also honor the practice of karakia, expressing gratitude and blessing the food.

One evening, we enjoyed mutton sourced from a local farmer, slow-cooked on a spit borrowed from the local club, served alongside an array of roasted vegetables and salads.

The following night, we shared a feast of freshly caught fish from the moana. Our meal featured kahawai in coconut cream, kingfish with soy sauce and wasabi, gurnard lightly pan-fried with the skin on, and snapper battered and deep-fried. These dishes were complemented by a variety of fresh salads.



# Noho Marae ki Te Papatapu 22nd - 24th Hanuere 2025

A special thank you to Rereata Rupapere who taught how to harvest harakeke and raranga.

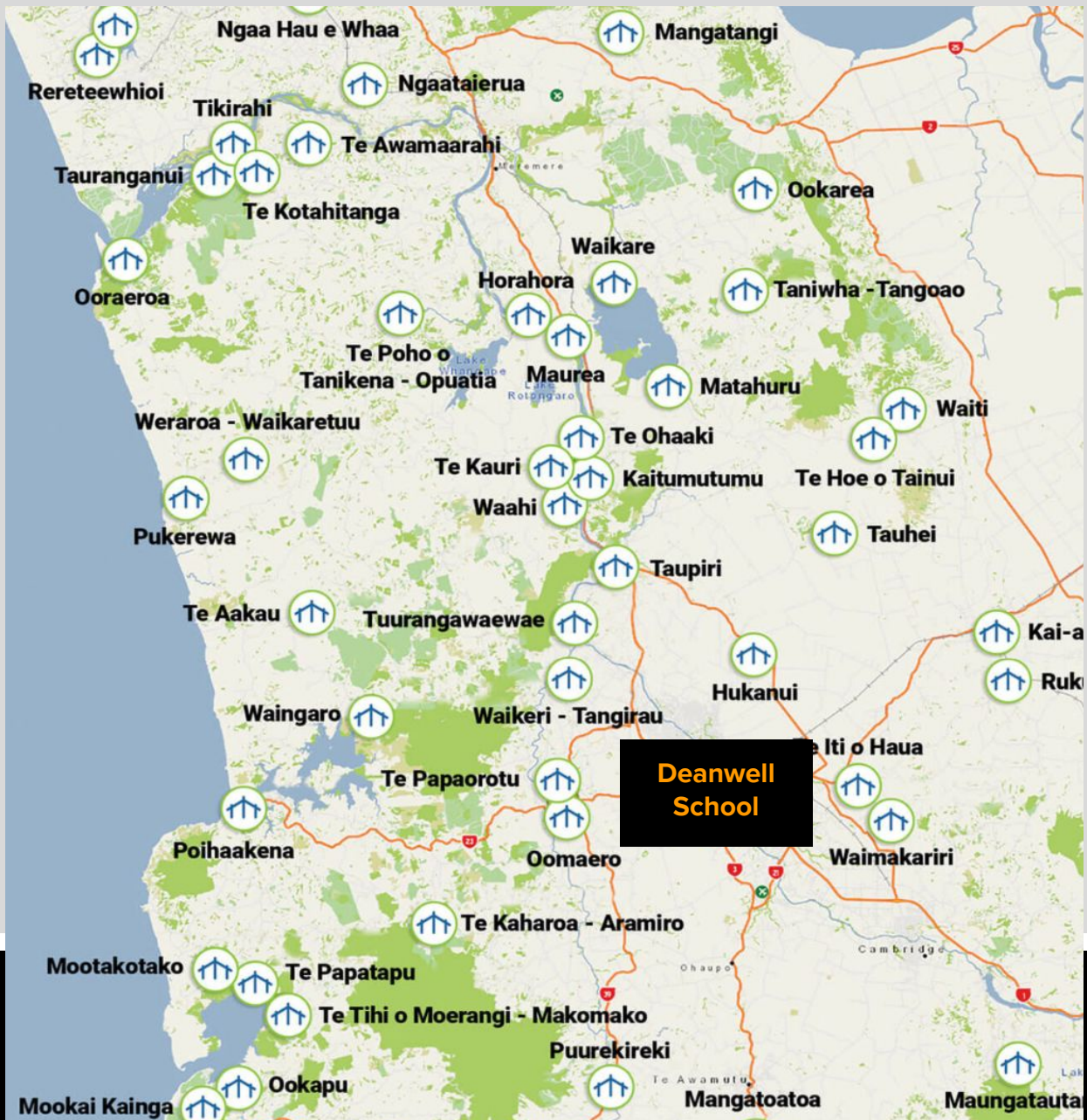
We also want to thank Lloyd and Hinga Whiu who taught us tai rakau, long poi and took us on a two hour historical hiko along the edge of the kawhia harbour and ending at the burial of the tainui waka.



# Marae are a focal part of Waikato-Tainui and our learning at Deanwell School.

Tuurangawaewae are places where we feel especially empowered and connected. They are our foundation, our place in the world, our home.

2020	Poihaakena - Raglan	Noho Marae (2 Nights / 3 Days)
2021	Oomaero Pā - Whatawhata	Noho Marae (2 Nights / 3 Days)
2022	Waikato Land Wars - Mercer to Kihikihi	Day Trip (Marae all closed due to COVID))
2023	Aramiro - Waitetuna	Noho Marae (2 Nights / 3 Days)
2024	Weraroa - Waikaretuu	Noho Marae (2 Nights / 3 Days)
2025	Te Papatapu	Noho Marae (2 Nights / 3 Days)





# MELVILLE JUNIOR RUGBY

\*2024 WAIKATO DRAUGHT CLUB OF THE YEAR

OPEN DAY

FEB 23  
2025



## MELVILLE RUGBY & SPORTS CLUB

127 COLLINS ROAD, DEANWELL, HAMILTON

SUNDAY FEB 23, 10AM - 11.30AM

COME DOWN TO MEET, MINGLE, RUN SOME DRILLS  
WITH THE **CHIEFS MANAWA**

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

\*JUNIOR AGES UP TO 13 YEARS WELCOME - BOYS AND GIRLS



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