



Monday 11th November, 2024

Our beautiful friend, colleague and teacher has fallen.



With a deeply saddened heart we write to inform our Deanwell Whānau and extended community that on Saturday 9th November Tracey Sullivan passed away.



In respect for Tracey, her loved ones, Deanwell employees, the many tamariki and whānau she has influenced, the Board has decided to

CLOSE Deanwell School on Wednesday 13th November.

Tracey is currently resting at Kahotea Marae.

Tracey's service:

Date: Wednesday 13th November ,
Time: 11.00 am
Where: Kahotea Marae
50 Kahotea Road
Otorohanga

We ask whānau to share this news with their child/children when they get home on Monday after school.

The teachers will then talk about Whaea Tracey's passing as a class on Tuesday morning.

R.I.P

rest in peace



Tracey was a committed and dedicated member of the Deanwell School community for the past 11 years, bringing her many talents and a positive attitude to her work each day.

Throughout her time with us, Tracey served in many roles, supporting students one-on-one, including those needing additional medical care or behavioural support, as well as stepping into classrooms as a relief teacher. She cared for our library, helped with school lunches, and was always ready to lend a hand in the office when needed.

Tracey loved working alongside and learning with our tamariki, and she had a unique gift for connecting with them. She had a special talent for creating calm and supportive spaces, guiding each tamaiti to make positive choices. With her unique style and expertise as a qualified ABA (Applied Behaviour Analysis) professional, Tracey delivered firm yet fair guidance, always ready with a new approach when needed.

Tracey was not only exceptional with our tamariki; she was also a deeply valued colleague. She was always available to assist any teacher with any tamaiti and made us feel supported through her kindness and generosity. Tracey also brought us together through her love of cooking, often preparing dinners or lunch on employee only days or sharing a new slice or perfected recipe with the team. Her date loaf remains a favourite of mine and a memory I will cherish forever.

Tracey loved the people of Deanwell, and we all loved her. She will be dearly missed by our community.

We extend our deepest condolences to Tracey's daughters, whānau, and friends.





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We understand that the school closure may create additional challenges for whānau needing childcare.

A small number of staff have kindly offered to stay at school to help look after tamariki. Spaces will be very limited.

If you require care for your child/children on Wednesday, please email Jean Murray at jeanm@deanwell.school.nz

Jean will confirm arrangements with you directly via email.

Please note that any tamariki that arrive at school that are not on Jean's list, their whānau will be contacted.

Ngā mihi nui
Pam Quirke