



Monday 4th November, 2024

Term Dates for 2025

The Board has approved these dates for 2025.

Dates for 2025

Term 1: 3rd February - 11th April

- Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day - School Closed
- Friday 7th February - School Closed

The Board has decided to close on Friday 7th February to allow our whānau to have a 4 day weekend, to support our whānau who travel to Waitangi.

Please know that Easter and ANZAC day are both during the two week holiday period.

Term 2: 28th April - 27th June

Term 3: 14th July - 19th September

Term 4: 6th October - 17th December



A Highlight At Recent Board Hui

The Board wishes to inform our whānau that the Ministry of Education provides Teacher Only Days to help teachers develop skills in targeted curriculum areas, currently focusing on:

- Structured Literacy
- Structured Maths
- Improving Attendance

A Teacher Only Day was initially scheduled for Tuesday, 29th October, for upskilling in Structured Literacy. However, Pam and her team decided to cancel this day, as our teachers are already well-qualified in Structured Literacy. Recognising the importance of supporting our working whānau, they prioritised keeping the school open.

At the recent Board meeting, we were pleased to hear that:

- Deanwell School teachers are already highly qualified in Structured Literacy.
- Our tamariki are learning from highly qualified professionals.
- The teaching team understands the challenges of additional Teacher Only Days for our working whānau.

Learning Conversations

We really value the voice of our whānau.

Whānau have told us that they would like to know more about their child's/children's learning.



The feedback that I received from Whānau and teachers was really positive.

At our recent Professional Learning hui with teachers we all agreed that Learning Conversations were highly successful.

We will have 'Learning Conversations' where the teacher spends 15-minutes with each whānau to talk about their child's learning.

Whānau can choose if they want their child present.

There will only be one whānau at a time.

The hui will be held either in the classroom or another space available.

1. Each classroom teacher will email the whānau of the students in their class.
You will receive this email this week. Please look out for it.
2. Each classroom teacher will be responsible for scheduling their students learning conversations.
3. Whānau will have at least three different opportunities/days to book a time with their child's/children's teachers, (see below for details).
4. Whānau to provide three different times that would best suit you for your learning conversation. Teachers will do their best to accommodate each whānau. Teachers will email you back confirming your day and time.
5. We suggest that whānau with more than one child may want to choose the after school/evening options so you can move from one classroom to the next. Teachers will communicate with each other to ensure times do not clash for siblings.
6. We ask whānau to help us with these bookings. If you can come during the day please do so, leaving the evening session for whānau that cannot come during the day.

Scheduled Times Available

1	Tuesday 10th December - 3.30 - 7.00 pm	9 spaces
2	Wednesday 10th December - 3.30 - 5.30 pm	6 spaces
3	Dates and times will differ for each class	15 - 20 spaces

Learning Conversations

In 15 minutes teachers will share ...

1

The student's latest report

- a. The report will share and teachers will explain each student's current progress and achievement (Overall Teacher Judgement) against the Deanwell School expectations.
- b. Report will include English, Maths and Behaviour Learning.

2

English - Structured Literacy (Scope & Sequence)

- a. This will be used to share and explain the student's current learning progress.
- b. This will also be used to share and explain the expected achievement at the end of each year level.

3

Maths

- a. The teacher will share what and where each student is learning in maths.
- b. This will be matched with evidence from varying places depending how the teacher structures the delivery of Maths in their class.

4

Attendance, year-to-date report

- a. The teacher will discuss the student's attendance and punctuality information for this year.

5

Kaupapa learning

Term 3 - Dance

Term 4 - Keeping Ourselves Safe

- a. The teacher will share some Term 3 and/or Term 4's kaupapa learning.

Each class has a \$50
New World Voucher
to give away.



Please remember to put your
name in the draw for the \$50
voucher before you leave.