

Monday 12th May 2025



Kia ora e te whānau,

What a wonderful few weeks of learning we've had! I was absolutely delighted to see our whānau and tamariki so immersed in the rich and meaningful journey of learning about harakeke. From exploring its cultural significance to understanding its biology and practicing the art of raranga (weaving), our learners have shown incredible curiosity and creativity.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and whānau who joined us during these sessions. Your support made this experience truly memorable. Whether you were helping tamariki read the instructions, sharing your knowledge, or simply learning alongside them with a scientific and artistic mindset — your presence made all the difference. We look forward to welcoming more whānau as the weeks go on.

Ngā mihi nui



Can you please support our special day by inviting our Grandparents?

Please help us to show our manaakitanga towards our Grandparents.

To help us provide a special morning tea, we kindly ask each whānau to contribute a small plate of kai to share with our Grandparents.

We understand the cost of living is high, so please only contribute what you are comfortable with — every little bit helps and is truly appreciated.

Plates can be dropped off at the hall kitchen on the morning of **Friday 30th May**.

Ngā mihi nui for your support.




Grandparents' Day 2025

Grandparents, parents, and other friends of the school are all invited to Grandparents' Day.

Friday 30th May
9:00am - 12:30pm

Pōwhiri in the hall starts at 9:00am



Staff of Deanwell School will be parking on the road this day to keep the car park free for those Grandparents that need to be close

ROAD SAFETY



Road
Safety
Week

12-18
May
2025

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

This week is road safety week. We are celebrating tamariki who make great choices when commuting to / from school, as well as celebrating other road safety heroes!

To conclude our recognition of ROAD SAFETY WEEK, we are celebrating with the theme 'Be Bright, Be seen!' We know that wearing bright clothes can help those who walk and bike to / from school to be more visible to cars. This is especially true during foggy, winter mornings in the Waikato. Please encourage your tamariki to wear their brightest clothes to be seen!

WHAT: Wear your bright clothes

WHEN: Friday 16 May

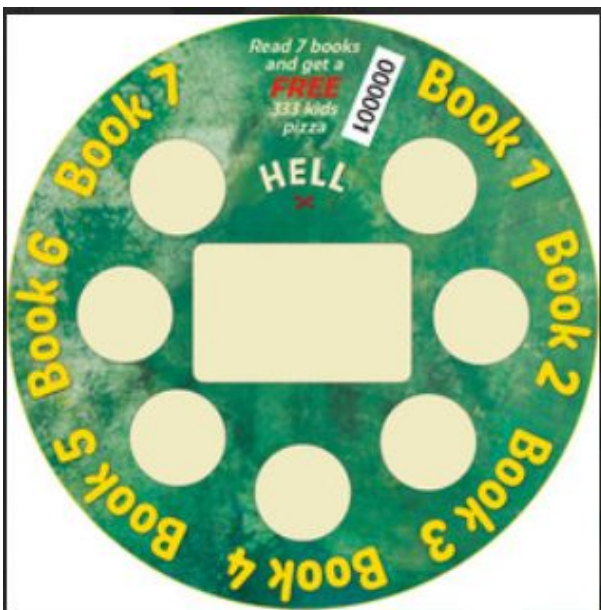
WHY: Recognising road safety

Be Bright,
Be Seen

Ngā mihi nui,

Deanwell Health & Safety Team

We love to read!

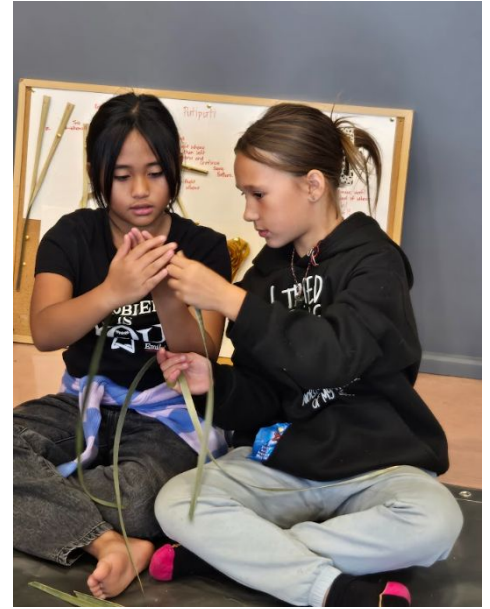
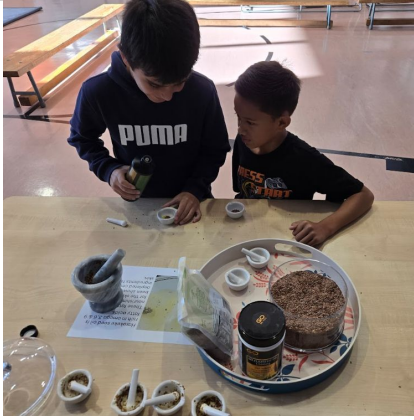


Your tamaiti may have come home this past weekend with a "reading wheel".

This term, our librarian, Jean Murray is focused on promoting a love of reading. One way that has already proven successful is our reading wheels! For each book tamariki read, their teacher will sign their reading wheel.

Once they have read seven books, their wheel can be taken to Hell Pizza for a free personal pizza! Have a look out for these pizza wheels coming home and encourage your child to give it a go!

Harakeke Raranga - Kererū Tahī



Working together is what
Kererū Tahī do best!



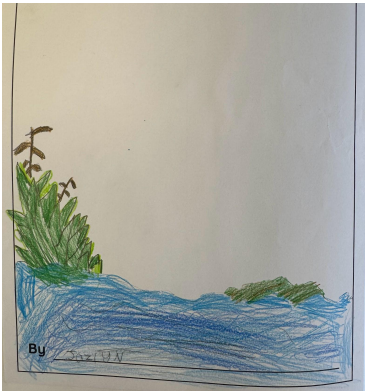
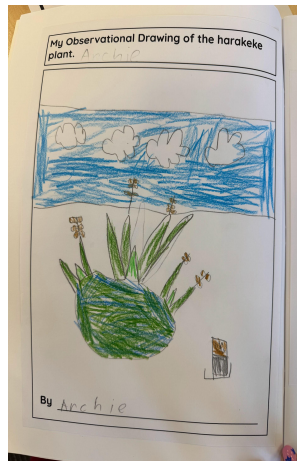
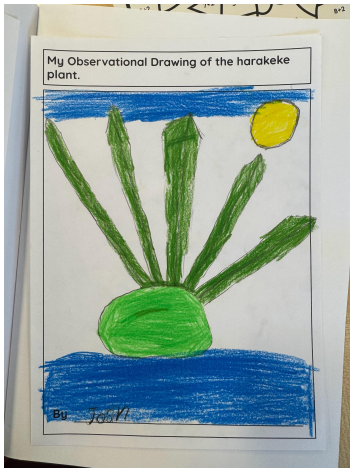
Kererū Tahī had a great day working with Whaea Rereata creating flax windmills. At the end of the day, the students combined their creations and made a giant class korowai. They have displayed their art on the wall calling it 'Tāwhirimātea'. This along with their observational drawings, looks amazing in the Kererū Tahī classroom.

Our Tamariki Thrive!

Harakeke Raranga

Pipī Manu Whā

The tamariki in Pipī Manu Whā had a fantastic day working with Whaea Rereata in the hall. It was even more special having our whānau there to share the experience with us!



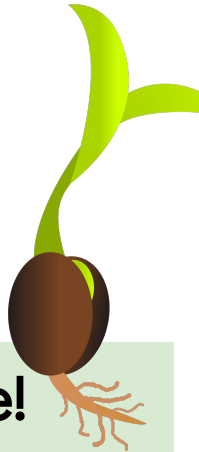
Observational Drawings!

Here are some of our observational drawings of the harakeke! We looked very closely using magnifying glasses to help us see all the little details.

We had so much fun weaving our own fish! We had to show ako and aumaangea. !

Harakeke Raranga

Pipī Manu Whā



Growing Harakeke!

We got to plant our very own harakeke seeds! First, we filled our little pots with potting mix. Then we added a small scoop of seedling mix on top. The seedling mix helps our baby seeds grow strong. We can't wait to see them sprout!

Fun fact: Harakeke seeds can be used to make medicine!