

Monday 26th May 2025



Learning Conversations

Let's

All whānau should have received an email from your child's classroom teacher with times available for a learning conversation. If you have not received it please email your child's classroom teacher asap. Ngā Mihi



"We would love your support for our special day, please invite our grandparents to join us!"

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.

REMINDER: Afternoon Pick Up Procedures

We'd like to kindly remind our whānau about our afternoon pick-up procedures, which are in place to support both health and safety and a calm, focused learning environment for our tamariki.

Our school gates open at 2:45pm and learning finishes at 3.00pm.

We ask that parents and caregivers do not arrive and wait outside classrooms before this time, as it can be distracting for students and staff while teaching and learning are still taking place. Early presence around classrooms can also unintentionally disrupt the smooth end-of-day routines that help our children finish their day positively.

If you need to collect your child early for any reason, please come to the front office, sign them out, and collect an early leaving slip before proceeding to the classroom. This ensures we are meeting our health and safety obligations and are aware of who is on site during learning hours.

We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful learning space for all students and staff.

Te tikanga o karakia - The purpose of karakia

In te ao Māori, karakia are used for many purposes. At Deanwell School, we practice karakia to protect our spiritual wellbeing. During karakia we acknowledge our tīpuna and atua Māori. We ask for protection and guidance at various times during the day.

When do we do karakia?

- **8.45 - 9.00 am**
Our morning hui (gathering) - To begin our day and acknowledge the learning that is ahead of us
- **When we eat** - To give thanks for the kai provided to us, and acknowledge where it has come from
- **2.50 - 3.00 pm**
At the end of the day - To conclude our day of learning

When our bodies are still, quiet and respectful during karakia, we are following tikanga and showing respect to the purpose of karakia itself.



We love and encourage our whānau to join us for karakia, however, please be mindful of the following tikanga:

- Please check that karakia is not taking place before entering the classroom. If you're not sure, just pop your head in and check with the kaiako.
- Please enter before karakia begins, if karakia has already started, we'd appreciate you waiting patiently outside.

tikanga

Harakeke Raranga

Kōkako Tahi

What an unforgettable day we had with Whaea Rereata and Matua Matt! Our tamariki were immersed in the magic of harakeke. Not only did they explore its many uses and experiment like scientists, but they also had the chance to weave their very own bracelets! The pride on their faces said it all.



A huge thank you to the whānau who joined us to share in this special day of matakauranga (learning), hononga (connection), and manahau (joy). We can't wait to see our classroom harakeke grow!

Harakeke Raranga

Pipī Manu Toru



Our tamariki had a wonderful time having a go at harakeke raranga in the hall with Whaea Rereata and Matua Matt. Our Mahi is on display in our classroom. A big thank you to all our whānau who came along and joined in the fun!



We feel so lucky to have these amazing learning opportunities!

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Sport Waikato will soon be circulating an online survey for students at Deanwell School. The following information will explain how and why we are conducting this survey.

Why are we surveying tamariki (children in yr 3-8)?

Tamariki are important to us, and experiences in early years can inspire or discourage a life-long involvement in physical activity. We want to ensure that tamariki have great play, active recreation and sport experiences at school and the more we know about them as a group (e.g. the things they like doing, and the things they don't), the better placed we are to provide opportunities and experiences that meet their needs, ultimately supporting a lifelong love of being active. Tamariki need their voice to be heard - we need to be making decisions that are informed by the audience who we are looking to cater for.

Why will the survey be in schools?

We find that the school is the best place to reach our region's tamariki as schools are often able to set aside time to go through surveys with all the tamariki, and it is important to understand their experiences in a school setting since they spend so much time there. We want to find out what more can be done to support schools and teachers, and link schools to sport and recreation organisations in their communities.

Do schools have a say in how and when the survey is administered?

Yes. The survey is completed in partnership with the school, circulated to students by the school and is completed online. It is up to the school as to when and where the survey is completed. The survey is being set up so it is easy for schools and students to take part at a time which is convenient for them.

Data Protection

Students will have their say but the survey is anonymous and therefore students will not be identifiable. Any comments the student make in their response will be included anonymously in reports available to the school, to Sport Waikato and to Sport NZ.

Information may be grouped together to provide findings that may be shared online, to sporting organisations or Councils, as well as Sport New Zealand, to assist in providing the best physical activity experience(s) for those working with young people.

Students will have their say but they will not be identifiable on an individual level.
Anonymised results may be uploaded into third party software to carry out further analysis.

Participation in the survey is completely voluntary. As part of an informed consent process, your child will have the ability to choose to not take part when the survey is distributed at school and you have the opportunity to opt your child out of this process as their parent. If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in the survey you are welcome to communicate this with us or the school. To opt your child out of this survey please email nikkiw@sportwaikato.org.nz from Sport Waikato.

Many thanks

Nikki Willis
Sport Waikato



MATARIKI RISING

SOUTHSIDE

Friday, June 13th 2025 | 3 PM TO 8 PM



3 PM TO 5 PM AT GALLAGHERS AQUATIC CENTRE
20 COLLINS ROAD



5 PM TO 8 PM AT MANGAKOOTUKUTUKU COLLEGE
6 COLLINS ROAD

