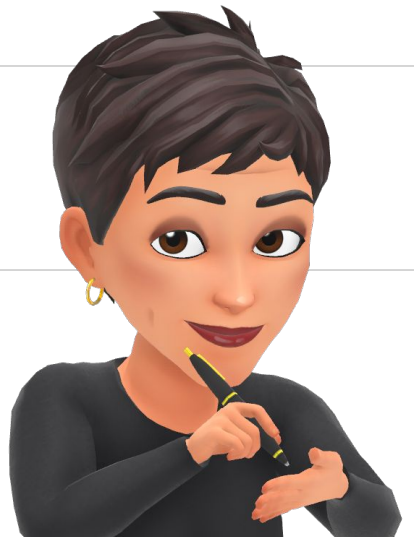




Dates 2026

Term	Dates	Important dates during NON CONTACT TIME (<i>Holidays</i>)
Term 1	Monday 9th February – Thursday 2nd April	Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day Friday 3rd April - Good Friday
Term 2	Monday 20th April – Friday 3rd July Monday 27th April - ANZAC DAY Friday 29th May - Grandparents' Day Monday 1st June - King's Birthday	Friday 10th July - Matariki
Term 3	Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September Friday 28th August - Curriculum Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employee Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED 	
Term 4	Monday 12th October – Friday 18th December Monday 26th October - Labour Day Friday 20th November - Curriculum Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employee Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED 	

Curriculum Days 2026 & 2027

From 2026, schools will begin teaching the refreshed curriculum in reading, writing, maths, and more. To get ready, the Government has given schools four half-days each year in 2026 and 2027 for teacher learning and planning.

What this means for whānau:

- Schools may close for up to four half-days each year. (*We are doing this in 2 full days*)
- You'll always get at least six weeks' notice. (*We are giving you a years notice*)
- These days are just for teachers to prepare for the new curriculum.

The aim is to make sure teachers are ready to support every learner and help lift achievement across Aotearoa.

We want 100% attendance, so we ask whānau to plan holidays, trips, and appointments outside of term time.

Online Safety

WHĀNAU - PLEASE READ

This term, we have had two concerning incidents where **online conversations during the weekend** spilled over into school. In both cases, disagreements that began on social media (one on Roblox and one on TikTok) led to students attempting to fight at school.

What is more worrying is that other students, who were also part of the online conversations, knew about the potential conflict but did not step in to stop it or seek help from a trusted adult. Some went on to spread rumours, both online and at school, which made the situation worse.

We have worked closely with the whānau of the students involved, and we are grateful for their support. We are now asking all whānau to be extra vigilant about how your child/children are using online platforms like Roblox and TikTok.

Often, people feel braver saying unkind things online that they would never say face to face. A good reminder for our tamariki is: *"If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't say it online."*

We are proud of our amazing tamariki at Deanwell, and we want to protect them from the harm that online conflict can cause. With your support, we can help keep our school community safe, positive, and kind.

US lawsuit claims child groomed on Roblox, paid with game currency



By Imogene Bedford

Journalist • NZ Herald • 23 Aug, 2025 04:54 PM • 2 mins to read



Stuff

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/children/6700-roblox...>

Child's \$6700 Roblox spend: Could tech giant be about to ...

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Nick Truebridge

April 16, 2025 • 5:00am

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Roblox to extend age checks in attempt to curb adults talking with children

Keeping Tamariki Safe Online

Tips for Whānau:

1.

Check in Often

Ask your child what games, apps, and chats they are using. Show interest in their online world.

Set Clear Expectations

Remind them to treat others online the same way they would *kanohi ki te kanohi* (face to face).

2.

3.

Pause before posting

Encourage them to ask:

Is it kind? Is it true? Is it necessary? If not, don't share it!

Talk about reporting

Make sure your child knows they can come to you (or a trusted adult) if they see or experience hurtful behaviour online.

4.

5.

Keep devices in shared spaces

Especially for younger *tamariki*, so you can keep an eye on what's happening.

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