



Monday 20th October, 2025

Strike: Thursday 23rd October

Due to the number of staff involved and to ensure the safety of students and staff, the **school will be closed.**

Our tamariki need a quality education.

We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.

Educators across New Zealand have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements.

The offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

Together, with your understanding and support, we continue to build the case for stronger investment in our tamariki and the future of education in Aotearoa.

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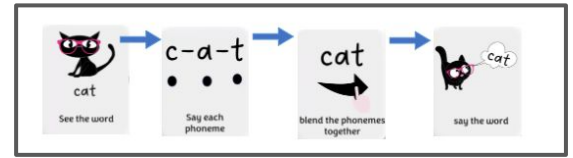
An incredibly proud moment!

Last Monday evening, on TV3 News, one of our new five-year-olds, Avayah Te Hau, and her teacher, Brooke White, were featured completing a phonics check.

At Deanwell, we fully support the phonics check because it gives us valuable information about each child's progress in learning to read. It helps teachers see what letter-sound knowledge students already have and what they need to learn next.

The phonics check is carried out after a child has been at school for 20 weeks, and then again at 40 weeks. It assesses how well students can segment (break apart) and blend (put together) sounds to read both real words and made-up, or *nonsense*, words.

The *nonsense words* have a blue dot next to them to show that they are not real. This part of the check shows whether a student can use their knowledge of the alphabetic code to accurately sound out and read unfamiliar word, an important skill for becoming a confident, independent reader.



Example of words & non words our tamariki will be assessed on.

it

ut



nep



long

quop



wink

Phonics Check - (20 & 40 weeks)