



Monday 3rd November, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES 2025

TERM 4

General Dates

Tuesday 11th November

Ohu Tuākana (Year 3 - 6) Athletics Day
Back Up Day - 13th November

Thursday 20th November

Ohu Pīpī Manu Athletics

Friday 21st November

EMPLOYEES ONLY DAY - SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Tuesday 25th November

Interschool Athletics Day
Back Up Day - 27th November

Thursday 27th November

Board Hui - 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Wednesday 17th December

Hāpaitia te MANA Assembly - 11.30am
Term 4 Ends - 12.30pm (Last Day of the Year)

Learning Conversations

Tuesday 2nd December

Learning Conversations
8.00am - 3.00pm Ohu Pīpī Manu
3.30 - 7.00 pm Whole School

Wednesday 3rd December

Learning Conversations
8.00am - 3.00pm Ohu Tuākana
3.30 - 5.30 pm Whole School

Tuesday 9th December

Learning Conversations
8.00am - 3.00pm Ohu Pīpī Manu

Wednesday 10th December

Learning Conversations
8.00am - 3.00pm Ohu Tuākana

100%



Learning conversations

We warmly invite whānau and/or friends to be part of these special conversations about your child's learning.

Your presence truly means a lot. It helps your tamaiti feel supported, valued, and proud of their progress.

Let's work together to achieve 100% whānau participation.

Measles Update – Important Information for Whānau

Health New Zealand has let schools know there is an increasing risk of measles across the country. Since 20 October, there have been 13 confirmed cases, and measles is now present in Northland, Auckland, Manawatū, Nelson, and Wellington. It's likely more cases will appear in other parts of Aotearoa.

Measles spreads very easily, especially in schools and early learning settings. It's a serious illness — about one in three people with measles may need hospital care. It spreads through the air when someone with measles breathes, coughs, or sneezes.

What to look out for:

If your child develops any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Sore, red eyes
- A blotchy rash (appears a few days after other symptoms)

If someone in your household is diagnosed with measles, anyone who has been in close contact will need to stay home for a period of time. Health New Zealand will give families clear guidance about this.

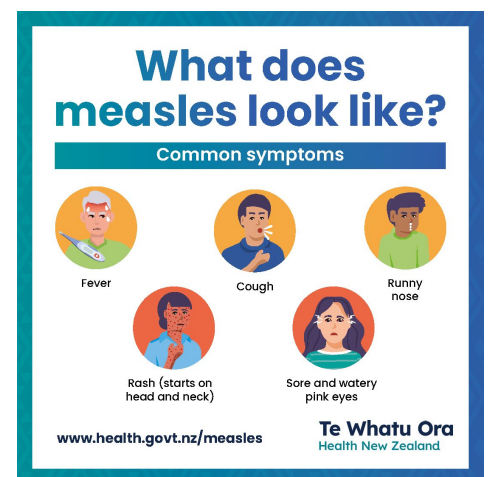
The best protection against measles is immunisation.

People are considered protected if they've had two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine, or if they've had measles before.

We encourage all whānau to check their own and their children's immunisation status through My Health Record, or by contacting your family doctor.

For more information, visit:

- 👉 [Measles – Health New Zealand](#)
- 👉 [Measles Immunity – Health New Zealand](#)



Thank you for helping keep our school and community safe and healthy.

Another incredibly proud moment!

A few weeks ago, Deanwell was one of five schools across New Zealand invited to film teaching and learning in action!

The video shows our teachers delivering knowledge-rich, engaging lessons with constant feedback and a lively pace. It was shared at Curriculum Roadshows as an example of great practice.



Check it out:

[Tāhūrangi – New Zealand Curriculum Practice in Action at Deanwell](#)

Scroll to the bottom – we’re the second-to-last school!

Thank you to all our whānau who gave consent – this wouldn’t have been possible without you!

Be proud of your tamaiti and our amazing teachers!

Tōtara Tree

We have a large Tōtara tree at school that has grown too big and is now causing some problems. Its roots are damaging the drains, and its spiky branches often blow off in the wind. The spot where it’s planted isn’t ideal either.

After talking with our Kaumātua, Atutahi and the Board we’ve decided the tree needs to be removed. A karakia will be held before it is cut down, and everyone is welcome to join us.

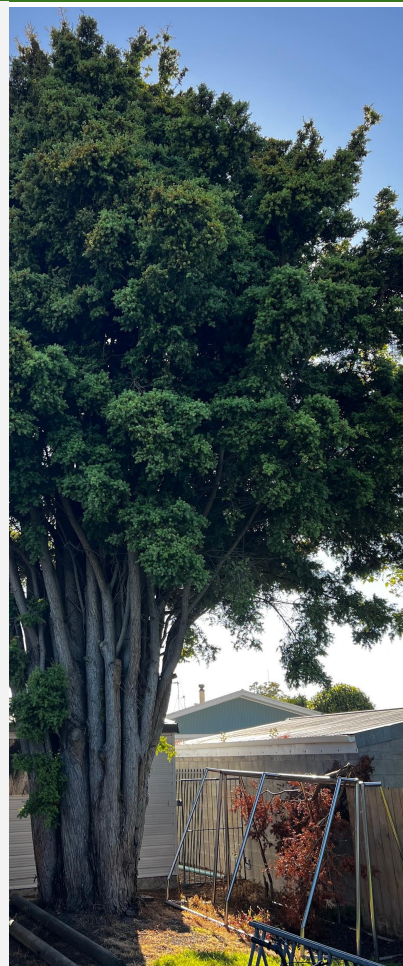
We looked into using the wood for carvings, but as the tree grows with multiple trunks instead of a single main one, this isn’t possible. Instead, we’d love to use the wood to help our whānau keep warm in winter.

We’re planning an **old-fashioned working bee** where whānau with vehicles and trailers can help deliver firewood to homes.

Can you help?

- If you have a vehicle and trailer and can help deliver wood, please let us know.
- If your whānau has a fireplace and would like some wood, please see **Roberta or Leah** in the office, or email office@deanwell.school.nz.

We don’t yet have the date for when the tree will be removed, but we’ll share it with you as soon as we know.



What kaupapa/topics would you like your child/children to learn about?

Kia ora e te whānau,

You may have seen recent media stories about the new DRAFT Curriculum. Our role as educators is to teach the curriculum while also valuing and weaving in the voices and aspirations of our whānau to provide rich, engaging learning for our tamariki.

What to do:

- Share what topics or knowledge you'd like your child/children to learn.
- You can:
 - Fill in the sheet your child brings home and return it to school – either by giving it to their classroom teacher or dropping it off at the school office, or
 - Email your ideas to office@deanwell.school.nz

We'll combine your ideas with the new draft curriculum to create engaging, knowledge-rich kaupapa that connect Te Reo me ngā tikanga Māori, English, and Maths.

Important date:

 **Friday 21 November – Employees Only Day**

- **School will be closed.**
- On this day, our staff will be reviewing the draft curriculum, viewing and categorising all whānau ideas, and planning our kaupapa for 2026.

Please send in your ideas before **Friday 21 November** so they can be included in our planning.

Ngā mihi nui,

Pam Quike
PRINCIPAL

We'd love to hear your ideas! Use the back of the page if you need more space.

Science	Social sciences	Technology
The Arts	Health & PE	OTHER

Term 4 – Touch

Touch season has officially kicked off! Deanwell School is proud to have four touch teams taking the field every Thursday afternoon for the next six weeks. Our tamariki played their first games last week, representing our school and themselves with pride, teamwork, and great sportsmanship.

We're excited to see their skills and confidence grow throughout the season – go Deanwell!

Action shots!

