



Monday 10th November, 2025

Matua Simon has the swimming pool ready.



Please remember to bring to school

- a brimmed sun hat
- togs and towel

Each teacher will communicate swimming days as these will differ from class to class.

Pīpī Manu teachers will contact whānau if their classes are swimming. Last year, many found the water too chilly to enjoy at this time of year.

Totara Tree

Update:

Atutahi, our Kaumātua, will lead a special karakia on **Thursday, 20 November at 8:00 am** — everyone is welcome to join us.

Planned work:

- Thursday, 20 November: Removal of the totara tree.
- Friday, 21 November: Wood from the totara will be moved to the front carpark area and split into firewood. Whanau are welcome to come and get the firewood on this day.

During these two days, a dead tree in the nature area will also be removed.

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 firewood, please see Roberta or Leah in the office, or email **office@deanwell.school.nz**.

Whānau are welcome to **come and collect firewood** directly from school **once it has been cut on Friday**. Ideally, we'd love all the firewood to be collected and/or delivered **before Monday, 24 November**.

Thank you to everyone who has already expressed interest, your support helps us care for one another and our community.



Learning Conversations

What is a Learning Conversation?

- 1. A learning conversation is a 20 -minute meeting between whānau and the classroom teacher to discuss your child's learning progress and achievement.
- 2. Whānau can choose whether or not to have their child present.
- 3. Each conversation will be one-on-one with only one whānau at a time.
- 4. The hui will take place in the classroom or another suitable space, depending on availability.

BOOK a Learning Conversation

1. Whānau will receive an email and notification on your HERO app.

You will receive this email this week. Please look out for it.



- 2. Whānau can view and manage their own bookings.
- 3. If a booking time does not suit please contact the classroom teacher.
- 4. We suggest that whānau with more than one child may want to choose the after school/evening options so you can move from one classroom to the next.
- 5. We ask whānau to help us with these bookings. If you can come during the day please do so, leaving the evening session for whānau that cannot come during the day.



We really value the voice of our whānau and greatly appreciate the time you dedicate to your child's success at school.

DATES & TIMES

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

Learning Conversations In 20 minutes teachers will share ...



The student's latest report

- Covers progress and achievement in **English and Maths**, based on **Overall Teacher Judgements (OTJs)**
- b. You will receive a printed copy to take home.

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English

- a. Shows your child's current learning progress in Structured Literacy.
- b. Highlights expected achievement by the end of the school year.
- c. You will receive a printed copy of the scope and sequence to take home.

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Maths

- a. Shows your child's current learning progress in Maths
- b. Explains what your child is learning in Maths.
- C. Includes evidence of learning (may vary by class, depending on how Maths is taught).

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Attendance, year-to-date report

- **a.** Year-to-date summary of attendance and punctuality.
- b. You will receive a printed copy as part of the report above.

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Kaupapa learning

A snapshot of learning connected to our school contexts:

- Term 3: Hononga Kingitanga
- Term 4: Hononga Kai

Each class has a \$50 New World Voucher to give away.

Please remember to put your name in the draw for the \$50 voucher before you leave.



READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps.

DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.

ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.





DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP TODAY!





Log In to Customise Your Account and View:

Student Learning Stories, Progress and Goals
Navigation to School-Related Webpages
School Notices
Surveys and Trip Permissions
School Term Dates
School Calendar
Absence Notifications
School Bookings





More!

Ohu Tuākana Athletics Day Years 3 -6

Kia ora e te whānau,

Don't forget we have our Ohu Tuākana Athletics Day on Tuesday 11th November. The top placing students will be selected to represent Deanwell School at the Interschool Athletics Day on the Tuesday 25th November.

Remember that children will need to:

- Wear clothes and shoes suitable for running, jumping and throwing.
- Wear layers to take off (a sweatshirt or a jersey).
- Apply sunblock in the morning.
- Have their full-brim pōtae (sunhat).
- Have a named drink bottle.

Morning tea and lunch play and eating will be as usual for our tamariki.

IMPORTANT DATES 2026

Term 4 - Athletic Dates

Tuesday 11th November

Ohu Tuākana Athletics Day, Year 3 - 6, 9.00 am - 2.30 pm

Back up day Thursday 13th November

Thursday 20th November

Ohu PĪPĪ MANU Athletics 'FUN DAY', Year 0 - 2, 11.15 am - 2.30 pm

Tuesday 25th November

INTERSCHOOL Athletics Day

Back up day Thursday 27th November

Athletics Relay Teams

We would absolutely love whānau to come to school for athletics day and support all our tamariki.

For our year 3 - 6 athletics, we are having a relay race at the end of the day.

We will have a student team and a teacher team, and we would like a couple of whānau teams.

If you are keen to be part of a relay team please email Whaea Keita promptly.

keita@deanwell.school.nz



We look forward to our whānau coming down to support all our students