

Monday 16th February, 2026

Dear Whānau,

What an incredible start we've had to the year!

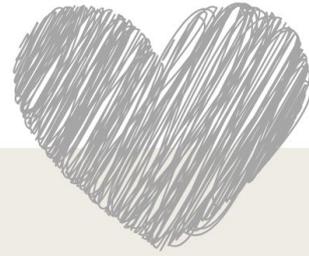
It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and feel the positive hum of learning right across our kura.

Classrooms are alive with energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

Our teachers are delivering the curriculum with passion and purpose, with a strong focus on embedding learning deeply so it becomes part of our students' long-term memory.

We look forward to seeing you all at Whānau in the Park.

Pam xxx



*To our tamariki
& their whānau.*

**WE ARE
SO PROUD
OF YOU ALL!**

For the positive and amazing way you have started the year.



Attendance

Attendance across Aotearoa remains a concern and at Deanwell, we know we can do better.

Our achievement data is clear:

- When students attend regularly, their progress accelerates or occurs at an expected rate.
- When attendance drops, learning slows. Over time, this impacts student academic achievement, their confidence, and their sense of belonging.

A typical term is 10 weeks = 50 school days.

To be a regular attendee, a student must miss fewer than 5 days per term (90%–100% attendance).

Please view the table below:

	Student Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
	Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
	Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
	Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
	Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

The 2025 national average for regular attendance is 57.9%.

Deanwell's yearly averages have been significantly lower:

- 2023: 32%
- 2024: 34%
- 2025: 36%

Regular Attendance Data - Students who were present 90% - 100% of the time

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Yearly Average
2025 National Average	65.90%	58.40%	50.30%	57.30%	57.90%
2026 Deanwell					
2025 Deanwell	44%	35%	26%	39%	36%
2024 Deanwell	32%	35%	36%	34%	34%
2023 Deanwell	41%	23%	32%	31%	32%

This means that **each term, approximately 200 Deanwell students miss more than 5 days of school.** This is directly impacting the learning and achievement of our tamariki.

We genuinely want to do everything to help whānau get their child or children to school more regularly. If there are barriers preventing regular attendance, please tell us. Whether it is transport, health, anxiety, routines, or something else, we are committed to working alongside you to reduce or remove those barriers.

Last year, at times, we asked whānau to keep their children home due to staffing shortages. We acknowledge this has also impacted our attendance data.

Road Safety #1



"Drivers, please remain in your vehicle in the Kiss and Drop zone."

Kiss & Go Zone

DEANWELL SCHOOL

Whānau in the Park

4PM -
6PM

WEDNESDAY
25TH FEB

FREE SAUSAGES AND
ICEBLOCKS

BOUNCY CASTLES

DUNK A TEACHER

FACE PAINTING

POOL OPEN 4:00PM - 5:30PM



Info for Whānau Attending

The purpose for this event is to connect with our wonderful community. This is a picnic style event with lots of fun activities for the whole Whānau!

Important information

Tamariki must be accompanied by Whānau!

Tamariki introduce their whānau to their kaiako to receive an iceblock voucher (additional vouchers will be given for siblings).

We will have enough for 1 free sausage and ice block per person. Please be mindful of this!

What to bring:

- Your Whānau!
- Your picnic
- Togs and a towel if your child wishes to swim

