

Monday 9th February, 2026

**Nau Mai,
Haere Mai,
Te Kura o
Deanwell**

Welcome back to school for 2026

We are so excited and can't wait to see our tamariki and whānau. We hope that you have all been able to spend some quality time together. Deanwell employees have been hard at work for the past several weeks and we have a very special year of learning ahead of us.

Dates

Term 1

Monday 9th February - Thursday 2nd April

Board Hui

Thursday 26th February - 9.00 - 11.00 am

Whānau in the Park

Wednesday 25th February - 4.00 - 6.00 pm

Pipī Manu Fun Swim Day

Thursday 26th February - Time Yet to Be Confirmed

Year 3 - 6 Swimming Sports

Thursday 12th March - Time Yet to Be Confirmed

Pōwhiri

We have a pōwhiri the first day of every term to welcome all our new people to our school.

Everyone is very welcome to join us

Term 1 - Monday 9th February



What do I need to remember when coming to school every day?

100% Attendance
A learning attitude
Togs & towel
Sunhat
Water bottle
Kai for morning tea
Manaakitanga



Learning Hours

To help your child have the best possible start to their day, please ensure they arrive on time, ready to learn and connect:

8:30 am School gates open

8:45 am Learning begins

3:00 pm School finishes

All tamariki must be collected or head home by 3:15 PM

Listening, Learning, and Riding Forward

In 2025, Sport Waikato helped us gather student voices, revealing that many tamariki didn't have access to a bike or didn't feel confident riding. Whānau feedback from our Health Consultation also highlighted that basic road and rail safety was the highest priority (91%). We listened and with support from Climbing for Charity, whose cycle event raised enough funds to purchase 30 bikes for our school, we're prioritising teaching all our students to ride a bike in 2026.



Deanwell
Tamariki

Cycling For

Better Health & Improved Confidence

Give tamariki regular access to bikes and support them in developing safe riding skills, confidence, and independence during break times and PE lessons.

Goal #1

- Term 1 – Foundations:**
Balance, braking, steering, and helmet safety.
- Term 2 – Systems & Safety:**
Bike parts, basic maintenance, road and rail safety.
- Term 3 – Practice:**
Games, obstacle courses, and repeated riding to build confidence.
- Term 4 – Real-World Riding:**
Community rides and celebration of skills.



Inspired by
Tamariki &
Whānau voice

A very sincere thank you to Sport Waikato (Nikki Willis), Ride Holidays and Climbing for Charity (Karl Woolcott) and to all the people who came to help assemble the 30 donated bikes.



Amazing Generosity!

Thank you

Climbing for Charity

Kids simply love to ride bikes. We would like every school in the country to have bikes.

There GOAL



CLIMBING for Charity

Driven by
Karl Woolcott

Noho Marae ki Poihaakena

28th - 30th Hanuere 2026

Each January all Deanwell's employees come together for a 2 night, 3 day noho marae. This is an opportunity to learn and work together to ensure we are fully connected with the land and each other. It is a time where we reflect on our 'Te Whare Tapa Whā' to ensure we are the best we can be for our Deanwell tamariki and their whānau.

We are all worthy of aroha and belonging without judgement.

Waka ama, shaping team culture.



Māori history told by artist Theo Arraj and Atutahi.



Become Unstoppable

The blueprint from the world's most successful sports team

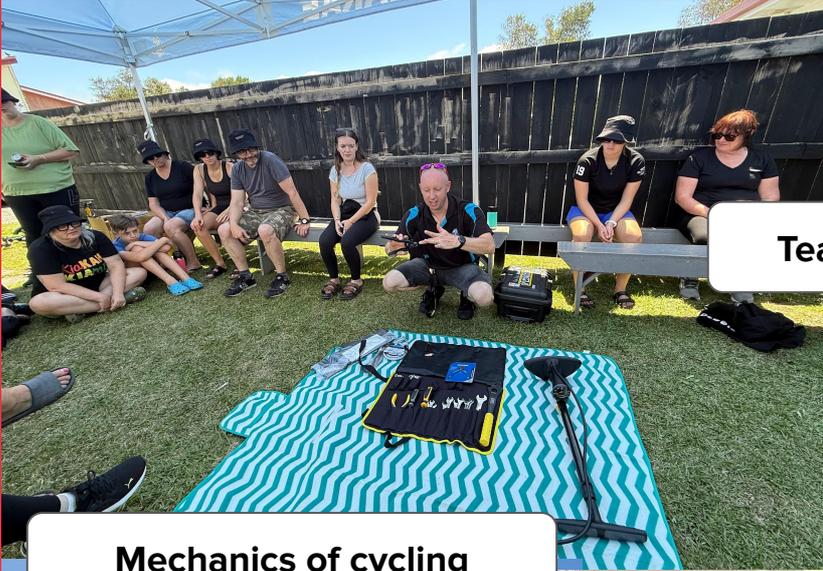
Gilbert Enoka

This is high performance with heart!
Riche McCaw

WE trumps ME!



Noho Marae ki Poihaakena 28th - 30th Hanuere 2026



Teaching someone to ride a bike

Mechanics of cycling



Enjoying our connections with each other

