

Kia ora e te Whānau

What an extraordinary, breathtaking week!

From the soaring magic of our school musical to the pride and power of Saturday's kapa haka, our tamariki truly shone. Through the arts, our Deanwell whakataukī came alive:

Mā tātou anō tō mātou korowai e whatu - We will weave our own korowai.

We use the feather korowai as a metaphor for our vision, deeply believing that our mokopuna are born with a korowai enriched by their ancestors. Standing under the lights in full costume permanently alters their long-term memory, adding a new, radiant performing feather.

With recent media attention about the new knowledge curriculum, we want to reassure our whānau that knowledge and culture go hand in hand at Deanwell.

Our school operates on two mantras: **everyone does everything, and we will always FIND A WAY.** We embrace the high expectations of the new knowledge curriculum while keeping every lesson grounded in tikanga and a te ao Māori worldview. We do not narrow our learning, we weave our very being into everything we do.

We draw deep inspiration from the words of Te Arikinui Kuini Ngā wai hono i te pō: *"Raupatu is part of our story. It must never become the limit of our story."* Te Arikinui called on us to be Toa o te Rauora, champions of revival, growth, and full self expression of who we are and who we can become. This means our tamariki growing up strong in their reo, their whakapapa, and their potential, knowing they can stand anywhere in the world without leaving behind who they are.

Te Arikinui speech reminds us that we cannot wait for others or a curriculum document to determine our future; we have a responsibility to build it ourselves. At Deanwell School, we bring this vision to life every day by weaving our tikanga into the new knowledge curriculum. Last week, our tamariki proved that they are strong, capable, and thriving.

Think of a feather: its strength comes from thousands of tiny hooklets interlocking so it can take form and fly. That is how we approach all learning, whether mastering literacy in English and Te Reo Māori, exploring maths and science, riding bikes, or performing on stage. Small, disciplined steps zip together into new learning.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the hard work of all our people. To our extraordinary staff who make the impossible possible, and to our whānau for your unwavering love and support, ngā mihi nui. *Mā tātou*, it takes all of us to weave this korowai. At Deanwell School, the new knowledge curriculum is not just working; it is alive!

Pam Quirke, Very Proud Principal

FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE GOBSMACKED MERCHANDISE

If you missed out on purchasing a Gobsmacked drink bottle, keyring, t-shirt, jumper, or collectable stickers, sample items and size options will be available to view in the school office starting **Thursday, 10th September**. Simply scan the QR codes provided or order online.

Delivery Information: All ordered items will be delivered to the school on **Wednesday, 23rd September** (before the school holidays). When ordering online, please include your child's full name, class/room number, and required sizes in the payment reference field.

Show Recording: The link to the show recording will be available before the end of the term and is **FREE** for everyone to view.

Price List:

- Recording of Show: **FREE**
- Gobsmacked Stickers: **\$1.50**
- Gobsmacked Keyring: **\$15.00**
- Gobsmacked T-shirt: **\$29.99**
- Gobsmacked Drink Bottle: **\$30.00**
- Gobsmacked Jumper: **\$39.99**

We will be holding a whole-school assembly on Tuesday 8th September, at 2.30pm to present certificates to our main cast members.

Grab some Gobsmacked merchandise!

T-shirt \$29.99 ea



Jumper \$39.99 ea



Stickers \$1.50 ea



Professional Recording \$25 ea



NEW GOBSMACKED PRODUCTS



Gobsmacked Large
Thermal Drink Bottle \$30



Gobsmacked Metal
Keychain \$15

Purchase a Gobsmacked T-Shirt, Jumper or the Collectable Maui Stickers



Gobsmacked Recording - FREE

Gobsmacked T-shirt - \$29.99

Gobsmacked Jumper - \$39.99

Gobsmacked Keyring - \$15.00

Gobsmacked Drink Bottle - \$30.00

Gobsmacked Bob or Jaq Sticker - \$2

Maui Collector Stickers - \$2

NOTE: Ensure ALL details are in online bank transfer



Gobsmacked Banking Details

Account Name: Gobsmacked Productions Ltd

Account Number: 02-0466-0401340-000

Reference: Students name/class (eg. JWest R8)

Code: video/t-shirt

(eg. video/t-shirt/jumper/keyring/bottle)

Particulars: School (Deanwell)

**Scan the QR codes and order and pay online and
everything will be delivered on Wednesday Sep 23, 2026**



Monday 7th September

RE: Casual Learning Assistant Positions

We are looking for caring and dedicated Casual Learning Assistants to support our tamariki in Pīpī Manu Rima and Ono.

This is a casual employment offer for an indefinite period, for occasional work on an “as and when required” basis.

In this role, you will work alongside classroom teachers to support students with additional learning and care needs and help maintain a safe, inclusive, and positive environment. Duties include assisting tamariki with personal care, such as supporting toileting programmes and changing nappies.

Key Requirements:

- A warm, patient, and respectful approach with tamariki
- Strong reliability, punctuality, and professionalism
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality
- Physical fitness to move quickly and safely to respond to student supervision and behavioural needs
- Strong teamwork and communication skills
- Experience working with children (experience supporting additional needs is a plus)
- A commitment to upholding our kura values and promoting student well-being

To Apply:

Email your interest, along with your CV (if you have one), to Kylie Taplin at kylie@deanwell.school.nz.

Applications Close: Friday 18th September, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

During Term 4 we will be teaching...

'Keeping Ourselves Safe'

Kia ora e te Whānau,

During Term 4 we will be teaching the personal safety programme Keeping Ourselves Safe.

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to give students the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

1. to develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people, both online and face to face
2. to support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults
3. to make teachers and parents and caregivers more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

Keeping Ourselves Safe will be taught by your child's teacher, with support from the local Police School Community Officer as required.

A parent & caregiver / whānau meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Monday 21st September

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: Deanwell School in the Staffroom

Please contact the school if you would like any more information about the programme or about child abuse.



We greatly appreciate whānau support teaching this programme