



### What's Hot...

- Our Team for Top Schools Competition to be held at Te Kowhai School 28<sup>th</sup> March.
- Glenview Library... a wonderful free resource.
- Parent helpers... try-athlon, swimming at Gallaghers, gardening, barbecues... we can't do it without you!
- Deanwell School Gala – March 27!!

### What's Not...

- Children not wearing seat belts. Get them into the habit!
- Parents parking across the staff carpark driveway when dropping their children at school – this is a very dangerous practice.

### Education Review Office

When the Education Review Office visited our school in 2009, they reported the following:

*“The following data collected and analysed for 2008/9 indicates that... reading running records show that a majority of students, including Maori and Pacific, is reading at or above expected age levels and that significant progress was made during the year;”*

### What's Up!!

Mar 18	Y4 Students overnight camp
22	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM
24	Inter-school swimming sports
Apr 1	Last day of term 1
Apr 19	Term 2 starts

### Virtues

Our virtue for the next two weeks is 'Caring'.

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people you say and do things that help them. When

you do a careful job, you give it your best effort. Caring comes from within. It is a sign of love. When you care for someone, you notice how they feel and what they need. Caring is a special way of paying attention.

### Signs of success:

**I am practicing 'caring' when I...**

- Let people know that what they say is important by looking at them and listening closely
- Give people help when they need it
- Handle things carefully
- Am gentle and loving with anything or anyone placed in my care
- Treat my body with respect
- Work with enthusiasm and excellence.

***I care for others and myself. I pay loving attention to the needs of people and animals. I give my best to every job.***

### National Standards Meeting

**Monday March 22 7:30 PM  
Deanwell School Staffroom**

Parents and other friends of the school are warmly invited to attend a 30 minute meeting to hear about the National Standards: why the Government has introduced them, what we are doing, and what the concerns are.

### **Every Child Counts: Every Day Counts**

Attendance (including being at school on time) is significantly linked to achievement and life opportunities.

Years One and Two are crucial years for regular attendance.

**Reminder:** the Ministry of Education attendance goal for Waikato Primary Schools is 94% attendance that is 12 or fewer days absent per year.

## **Deanwell CARES!**

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## Newsletter – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### Deanwell School Gala Day – 27<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 12 noon

We have a number of ways we would like your support including donations of:

- Books
- Jams & preserves (we have some jars if needed)
- Cakes and biscuits.



We will also be having a 'car-boot' sale, so if you have any items you would like to sell yourself; there will be an opportunity for you to do so.

If you have any questions about the Gala or would like to offer your help then please contact Tracey Collins on 843 8242 or email [pta@deanwell.school.nz](mailto:pta@deanwell.school.nz)

### Board of Trustees Elections

We have elections for our Board of Trustees in May. If you are curious about what a Board of Trustees does, consider coming to our monthly Board meeting in Monday 22 March at 6:00 PM. We would love to see you!

1. Are you interested in your child's education?
2. What being on the Board means?
3. Can you ask questions?
4. Can you make decisions?
5. Do you have a sense of humour?
6. Do you have children's interests at heart?
7. Can you listen to other people's opinions?

**If you can answer 'yes' to any of these questions, we need you!!!!**

### Sports Teams 1

It's great to see so many Deanwell sports teams in Term 1. We have a year 3/4 touch team and miniball team, and a Year 5/6 softball team, touch team, and miniball team.

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to coach or manage a team. We are looking for WINTER SPORTS TEAMS NOW.

### Summer Recipe 2 – Watermelon Pop Stars

Try these **Watermelon Pop Stars** to keep you cool over summer!

#### Ingredients:

- Watermelon
- Star shaped cookie cutter
- Popsicle sticks



#### Method:

1. Use a cookie cutter to cut juicy star shapes from 1inch thick slices of seedless watermelon.
2. Insert a popsicle stick into each star, then set the pops on an aluminium foil-lined baking sheet.
3. Cover the stars with another sheet of foil and freeze for 1 hr or until firm.

**Alternative:** You could also try other fruit like pineapple, kiwifruit or mango to make your pop stars.



### Wanted House to Rent

Fully fenced garage Deanwell/Melville area. Good heating a must. If you can help please see Paula at the school office or phone her on 843 3019.

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