



Newsletter – 22nd April 2010

What's Hot...

- Seeing all our children back at school safe and sound ready for an exciting new Term at Deanwell School!
- The manners of children at Deanwell School – holding a door open for adults; using 'please' and 'thank you'... it makes the school a nice place to be!

What's Not...

- Parents dropping children off at school and parking either in the staff car park or across the driveway.

Education Review Office

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

Student engagement: In the classrooms observed by ERO there were high levels of student engagement with learning tasks. Teachers ensure high expectations for learning and achievement are made clear to students who enthusiastically take part in classroom activities. Teachers respond quickly to students who require in-class support with their learning and good systems are in place to ensure classrooms provide settled and calm learning environments.

What's Up!!

Apr	26	BOT Meeting – all welcome
	26	PTA Meeting – all welcome
	26	B3 & B4 Swimming
	27	A Block Zoo trip
May	3	B1 & B2 Swimming
	7	Cross Country fun run
	14	Back up day for Cross Country fun run
	25	Interschools
	27	Back up for Interschool's

Virtues

Our virtue for the next two weeks is '**Respect**'.

Respect is an attitude of honouring oneself and others and caring about their rights. Being respectful is reflected in the courtesy with which we

speak and act and treat one another. Acting respectfully gives people the dignity they deserve. Respect is behaving in a way which makes life more peaceful and orderly for everyone.

Signs of success:

I am practicing 'respect' when I...

- Treat everyone the way I would like to be treated
- Speak courteously to everyone
- Am receptive to the wisdom of elders
- Honour the rules of my family or nation
- Expect respect for my body and my rights
- Honour other people's needs for time and space for themselves.

I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated. I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of my elders.

Board of Trustees Elections

We need you!

Have you nominated someone to stand for the Board of Trustees? **Nominations close on April 23rd – tomorrow!!** We need you – you can even nominate yourself.

Our School – Simply the Best!

You can help attract more pupils to Deanwell School... more pupils means more teachers and more money... a better deal for all children!

Tell friends and neighbours what you like about your school!! And if there is something you do not like, or an issue that causes you concern, tell the Principal.

It is important that we attract new pupils. The best way of doing this is for you – parents – to tell other people why Deanwell School is a good place to educate their children. We offer:

- Caring, committed teachers and support staff.
- Excellent classroom programmes.
- Low teacher-pupil ratios in the new entrants classrooms.
- The best children in Hamilton attend our school!

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FOOD LABELS

What's in a label?



All foods have labels to tell you what is in it. Once you can understand and interpret food labels you can work out whether a food is actually healthy for you.

There are several parts of the label that you need to consider –

- the **nutrition information panel** (a grid usually on the back that has all the nutrients and numbers in it)
- the **ingredient list**
- and the **nutrition claims** (e.g. 'lite' or 'no added sugar')

Each week we will give you more information to 'decode' food labels.



Fun Run/Cross Country

WHEN: 7th May (Postponement day 14th)
WHERE: Deanwell School field
TIME: B/C Block 11am – 12.30pm
A Block 1.45pm – 2.20pm

Family and caregivers are most welcome to come along and support the event.

Sponsorship forms will come home this week. Prizes for \$10 or more, when sponsorship form and money returned. Money and sponsorship form due back to school by 28th May in a named sealed envelope and give to the class teacher in the first instance.

Library Closure.

As you have probably noticed we have a new library at Deanwell School just adjacent to C Block. The new library is closed until further notice for finishing touches to be completed.

HOWEVER - library book returns are welcomed at the old library. Unfortunately books cannot be issued yet.

Read to your Children

Parents should not stop reading to their children – even those who have learnt to read, researchers have found.

An earlier New Zealand study showed that when 7 and 8 year olds heard books with new words read aloud, their vocabulary improved significantly. Reading Aloud to children also helped improve their reading comprehension.

Parents were the key because children's reading comprehension was strongly influenced by the amount of reading they did outside school.

Parents can:

- Read more complex books to their children than they can read on their own.
- Talk about the meaning of new words – children can double their vocabulary when unknown words are explained to them as they encounter them
- Expose their children to a range of books.
- Ask librarians to recommend good books for young readers.

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