



# NEWS & NOTES

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## Community Think Tank on Wellbeing

Organised by Ngā Mātāpuna o te Waihora Kāhui Ako /Community of Learning

**Wellbeing is inextricably linked to learning.  
We want all students to prosper and flourish.  
We all want happy, safe, successful children.**

We believe our role as a Kāhui Ako is to make this aspiration a reality. There are a fantastic amount of positive, successful initiatives and programmes that we are doing well. But we want to be transparent in acknowledging that we all have concerns about some of the more complex and challenging issues our students, staff and families are facing today. We no longer want to sit back and be shocked by the negative statistics happening nationally and undoubtedly right here in our own community. We want to face and address our issues and challenges in this space and do our best to support students and whānau to be safe, happy and successful.

**We know that we cannot solve these complex challenges overnight - there is no silver bullet. BUT we also believe working together will produce the best chance of producing significant, positive change. We are asking for your voice, for your input, for your support to partner with us and address these issues together for the sake of our tamariki.**

**Come along on  
WEDNESDAY**

**14 AUGUST**

**and share your thoughts  
as part of our Think Tank  
Sessions.**

**Venue Ellesmere  
College Gym**

**Choice of Two Sessions  
330pm or 700pm**

*An opportunity at each session to  
win a \$100 Suburban Eatery  
Voucher.*

## News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai,  
Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa  
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On the front page of our newsletter this week is an invite from our Kahui Ako / Community of Learning to a Community Think Tank on Well Being. Our schools and ECE's acknowledge there is a number of successful and positive programmes / initiatives in our community but we also know there are a number of challenging issues and problems facing our students, staff and families – the challenges exist in our community. We do want our students, staff and families to flourish, to be happy and to be successful. Schools and ECE's cannot solve these issues overnight or without the support of the community – so I encourage you to come along to Ellesmere College, for an hour, at 3:30pm or 7:00pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August to share your thoughts and ideas.

Our Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning is made up of Ellesmere College, Dunsandel School, Leeston Consolidated School, Southbridge School, Active Explorers Leeston, Children's First Leeston, Dunsandel Blue Goose, Dunsandel Playcentre, Leeston Playcentre, and Southbridge Playcentre. Our Kāhui Ako Vision is a Confident Connected Caring Community.

At each session there is an opportunity to win a \$100 – Suburban Safety Voucher.

**Reporting to Parents** – Written reports are coming home today with this newsletter. Written reports are provided twice a year. They will provide parents, caregivers and children with an overview of progress and achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths. Also included is where your child is working at in Wider Curriculum areas covered in Terms 1 & 2 and General Comments including our PRIDE values. Please know that the teachers have very carefully chosen their comments around your child's progress and next learning steps – these reflect their most important next piece of learning in that subject.

As a follow up to these reports there will be an opportunity to you to book in a Parent Teacher Interview which we have scheduled for Week 2 of next term – Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31 August. The booking information will be in our first newsletter of term 3.

Our reports do go through a vigorous editing / proof reading process however, mistakes still sometimes occur – should you find a mistake or typo in your child's report please advise their teacher asap so this can be corrected immediately.

**Mufti Day** – On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (last day of term) we will be holding a mufti day at school to raise money for Christchurch's Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House do a wonderful job to provide accommodation and support for families of children needing serious health care. Ronald McDonald House is a charitable trust, which means that they require donations from the public to continue with the amazing work that they do. We ask that the tamariki please bring a gold coin donation to school on this day. There is no theme for this mufti day.



**Playhouse Theatre** – On Wednesday we will have a visit from the Playhouse Theatre. We have had them visit before. This year they will perform their show 'The Hare and the Tortoise' for the whole school.

**Music Lessons** – If you would like your child to have piano or ukulele lessons in term 3, please contact Felicity at the office. They are \$20 per lesson for approximately 20 – 30 minutes during school time.

**Assembly** – Thank you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday. There is no assembly this week. I would like to thank all our children who make our assembly time special on a Friday with their sharing, presenting and singing.

### Key Dates for Term 3

Monday 22 July Term 3 starts  
Thursday 25 July EC Exploration Day for Year 6 students  
Friday 26 July Year 5/6 Ski Trip to Porters  
Tuesday 30 July Parent Teacher Interviews Day 1  
Wednesday 31 July Parent Teacher Interviews Day 2  
Thursday 1 August Ellesmere Zone Winter Tournament at Leeston  
Tuesday 13 August School Speech Finals  
Wednesday 14 August Kahui Ako Think Tank Sessions @ EC  
Thursday 22 August Kahui Ako Speech Competition at Dunsandel School

Thursday 22 August Canterbury Primary Schools Winter Tournament

Thursday 29 August Strike Strum Blow – Room 6 and Recorder Club

Friday 20 September Country Day

Friday 27 September Last Day of term 3.

This is the final newsletter for Term 2. I would like to thank everyone for their support of Dunsandel School over the past 10 weeks – we appreciate your support. I hope everyone enjoys the schools holiday break with their child/ren.

We will look forward to seeing everyone again for the start of Term 3 on Monday 22 July.

Enjoy the final week of term 2

Ngā mihi nui.

Kind Regards,

Dave Robinson

Principal

## PRIDE Awards

**Room One – Ella** - Ella you are such a fabulously kind member of Room One! You have settled into school so quickly and you are amazing at following our routines and activities. I love the way you always help all the children when it's pack up time and your "mat manners" are Impeccable! You are AWESOME!

**Room Three – Jessica** - Jessica, you are one cool kid - I am very impressed with the determination that you show in your learning and the pride that you take in making sure your work is beautifully presented. Your artwork for our sharing was gorgeous, and it shows how much effort you put into your work. You are also completing very tricky maths problems and reading extra hard books in class, and you tackle all of the challenges I throw your way with a smile on your dial. Keep up the excellent work, Jessica, I think you are amazing.

**Room Four – Ben** - Ben you have been just the best Class Leader for me this week. You have volunteered to do the roll for me each morning and have run a great game of Vowel/consonant Hangman after each play break. I am so impressed with how hard you work for me every day in all of your school work. You are just flying with everything you do. Keep up the wonderful work Ben. You truly are our Room 4 STAR.

**Room Five – Hunter** - Hunter, you are one of the kindest people I know. I love how you always make sure those around you are OK and you are always willing to go the extra mile to help someone in need! You show respect always and you have fantastic manners! I like how you can work with anyone and everyone - you always participate and give things a go! Well done Hunter, I am so proud of you!

**Room Six – Blake** - Blake I am very proud of you. You give 110% effort to everything you do...you are like an 'Ever Ready Battery,' that has so much energy and spark. You love maths, reading and writing, you are great at hammering, nailing and sawing in woodwork, you are amazing at soccer and you have lovely manners. AND someone else saw this at Winter Tournament this week and you were awarded a Sportsmanship Award- how cool is that!



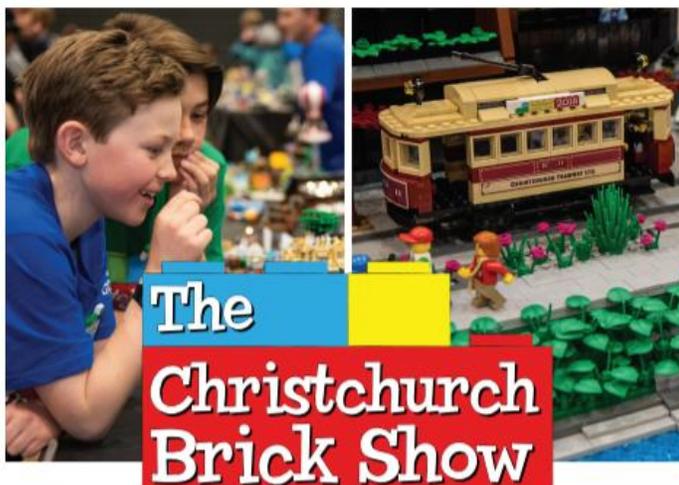
## Important Dates

Monday 1 July Mid Year Reports to Parent and Caregivers  
Friday 5 July Last day of Term 2  
Monday 22 July Term 3 starts  
Friday 26 July Year 5/6 Ski Trip  
Tuesday 30 July Parent Teacher Interviews  
Wednesday 31 July Parent Teacher Interviews  
Thursday 1 August Winter Tournament  
Tuesday 13 August BOT Meeting  
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## Community News



**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> 9AM - 5PM**

**HORNCastle ARENA**

**\$5 ENTRY**

(free for kids under 2yo)

**Interactive  
Play Area**

**200+  
exhibitors**

**Win a family trip\*  
to Dreamworld  
Gold Coast, Australia**

**Join us for a fun-filled weekend  
as we raise money to support**

**Imagination  
Station**

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