

Welcome to Dunsandel School for 2024. We are looking forward to an awesome year of learning and fun. Today with our first newsletter of the year you will get our 2024 Information Booklet, an Emergency Contacts form and a pupil questionnaire to return to school. I look forward to seeing everyone at our School Picnic on Wednesday.



School Picnic

Wednesday 31 January 2024

500pm - 700pm

All Dunsandel School families and staff are invited to a 'back to school' picnic on Wednesday 31 January 5:00pm - 7:00pm, at our school. There will be a free sausage sizzle and the swimming pool will be open. Please remember to pack some extra picnic treats, a rug to sit on and sun hats. A great way to start the new school year and to catch up with others in our school community.





Dunsandel School Picnic WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024

Family Name

Number intending to come to our School Picnic

Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 29 January 2024

PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,
OUR LEARNING AND
OUR COMMUNITY.

Key Information in this Newsletter

- Welcome
- School Picnic
- Online Release Information
- Health and Safety – Peanut Allergy
- Staffing
- School Donations
- Essential Information – Smoking/Vaping; Absences, End of Day Procedure.

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to the first weekly Dunsandel School News and Notes Newsletter. There is a lot of information coming home today and I encourage you to take time to read through it all.

A special welcome to Miss Lydia Wilson who joins us and will be teaching in Room 3. Lydia is excited to be starting her teaching career with us at Dunsandel School...I know everyone will make her feel welcome. We also welcome Mrs Linda Douglas who will be doing Lydia's Beginning Teacher release (one day a week) and Miss Harrold's Deputy Principal release. And a name change for Miss Brown who is now Mrs Ewing after her wedding in the holidays. I would also like to welcome all our new children and families to Dunsandel School – we hope you enjoy being part of our school and community.

This Wednesday we have a School Picnic from 500-700pm at school. My staff and I look forward to seeing you there. Thanks to those who have responded to the email sent our last week. To help us with the sausage and bread buying please complete the online link from the email or return the form attached to this newsletter by tomorrow 900am please. Further information in the graphic in this newsletter.

I hope your child/ren have come home today after a great first day back with their teachers and classmates. This morning staff shared what they had been up to in the holidays and I shared with them what is coming up in Term One and our expectations for the year...all based around our PRIDE values.

Information

With this newsletter is our **Parent Information Booklet for 2024** – this can also be found on our website – under the Parent Information banner. This booklet includes our Bus Service information and online release information. With this newsletter is our **Purple Emergency Contacts form** – please fill in both sides and return to the school office. The **Child Information Sheet** can be returned to your child's class teacher.

PRIDE PARTICIPATE

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For our school Participate means **JOIN IN.**

PARTICIPATE
RESPECT
INITIATIVE
DETERMINATION
EMPATHY

RESPECT INITIATIVE

For our school Respect means **TREAT OTHERS LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED.**

For our school Initiative means **THINK FOR YOURSELF.**

PARTICIPATE
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EMPATHY

DETERMINATION EMPATHY

For our school Determination means **TRY HARD AND DON'T GIVE UP.**

For our school Empathy means **THINK OF OTHERS.**

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Online Release Information



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We publish student material to celebrate students' work and achievement, to encourage students to participate in our school community, and to promote the school.

We believe it is important to celebrate students' achievements, but are aware of the potential risks when such personal information or material is published online.

In the interest of safety and security we require parents to give consent before publication. With consent, we share no more than a student's first name, image, or work on the school website, or in the wider online community.

Our school has a website and dedicated school Facebook page on the internet. We have had a Facebook presence for a number of years which we have mainly used for advertising our events with our PRIDE Lion. This year we would like to include photos of our events on our Facebook page eg Country Day, Assembly, Sports events etc so there are two consents below for you to consider:-one for our school website and one for our Facebook presence. **Please ensure you fill in the consent form on the Emergency Contacts form page 2.**

Health and Safety



We have a child at Dunsandel School who has an allergy to peanuts and peanut base products. If this child comes into contact with peanuts or peanut based products, even touch some peanut residue left on surfaces, they can have a life-threatening allergic reaction.

To avoid such an emergency, we are asking for your help.

We recognise that many children love peanuts and peanut butter. However, we ask that, whenever possible, you would limit the amount of peanut butter you send to school with your child. Also, if your child has eaten peanut butter or any peanut

based products before going to school, we ask that you ensure that your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed prior to leaving the house, so that any residual nuts on hands is not accidentally transferred to items in the classroom causing accidental exposure.

At school the staff will be:

- Continuing to encourage all children to wash their hands after they have eaten
- Wiping down tables and surfaces after lunch
- Discouraging children from 'sharing' or swapping food
- Making the children aware of how we can help each other and keep each other safe.

If you ever bring any treats to school to share with the class, please ensure that it does not contain peanuts or peanut based products.

We want to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of our children, so we appreciate your co-operation with this potentially life-threatening situation. We will continue to regularly monitor these measures.

Staffing

We have five classrooms operating this year – our staffing is based on school roll numbers.

Room 1 – Mrs Lizzie Ewing (Year 0/1)

Room 2 – Mrs Anna Robinson (Year 1/2);

Room 3 – Miss Lydia Wilson (Year 3/4)

Room 4 – Miss Tracey Harrold (Year 4/5)

Room 5 – Mrs Jane Righton (M/T) and Miss Kate McCloy (W/Th/F) (Year 5/6)

Our Support Staff are – Mrs Felicity Pluck (School Secretary), Mrs Linda Douglas (DP and Teacher Release) Mrs Jo Blackler (Reading Recovery Teacher), Mrs Bronwyn Shalfoon (Learning Support Co-ordinator), Mrs Sonia Colenso (Principal PA), Mrs Heather Burgess (Teacher Aide), Mr Craig Happer (Teacher Aide/Sports Support/Caretaker), Mrs Liz Hurst (Teacher Aide), Mrs Kath Gilmour (Teacher Aide) and the PRIDE Lion (Mascot).

School Donations

For 2024 we will continue to be part of the School Donations Scheme which means we will not be asking for donations or fees for normal everyday school curriculum activities.

Schools are still able to ask for contributions for overnight camps and also extra-curricular activities that are outside the core learning programme. In addition, parents are still expected to purchase stationery items for

their children. Your school account will be sent home twice a term – online payments can be paid online or at the school office. Our school account number is at the bottom of the school newsletter; please ensure you use your child's name for reference.

Our school will still be able to fundraise through existing channels and organisations, including our PTA. Our PTA are highly valued members of our school community and make regular significant contributions to a range of important experiences. Going forward we will continue to rely on our PTA contributions and I urge you to support future PTA events. In helping to support the PTA you will be helping to enrich the learning experiences of all our children.

Thank-you

I would like to thank the following people for work done over the holidays:

- **Ken and Brandon Lee** for keeping our lawns looking really neat and tidy.
- **Craig Happer** for his endless caretaking duties during the holidays and for having the pool ready for when we started school.
- **Rissa and Caesar from Crest Clean** for their cleaning of our school over the holiday break.



I know a lot of information is being sent home today. I thank you in advance for returning these forms promptly to school. I hope everyone has a good week back into the school routine and I look forward to seeing you at the School Picnic on Wednesday. A reminder we will be closed on Tuesday 6 February for Waitangi Day observance.

Ngā mihi

Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki

Essential Information

Smoke and Vape Free

We are a 100% smoke free school in accordance with the Smoke free Environments Act. This means the whole school is smoke and vape free - indoors and on the school grounds. Also, staff and parents are expected to refrain from smoking and vaping while on school trips etc.



Absences

It is expected that parents will make every endeavour to have children at school before classes begin. Children need time to prepare their belongings first thing in the morning and this should be kept in mind.

If your child is to be absent from school, please ring the school office or use the school app service before 8:55am so the school is aware of your child's whereabouts.

All Absences are marked electronically at the start of the day – if your child arrives late to school they must go through the office and let Mrs Pluck know they have arrived.

For safety reasons, you will be contacted by the school if we are unsure of the whereabouts of your child.

Safety Vests

All children are issued with a school safety vest when they begin school. This is expected to be worn when your child is travelling to and from school whether it be by bus, car, bike, walking etc. Also, they are to be worn on school trips. These can be washed at home.

Please ensure your child looks after their vests as they cost \$20 to replace.



End of Day Procedure

Our end of day procedure (3.00pm) is as follows:-

- Bus children to meet in the school hall in their bus teams where they will be organised by teachers and the bus monitors.
- Children being picked up from school, walking home or biking home are to leave through the gate at the end of the school hall. This is so all children can be sighted by a staff member.

The expectation is that all children will leave the school grounds via the gate at the end of the school hall after school. On the emergency contacts form there is a section that asks you what will be the normal procedure for your children on each week day. If there is a change to this, it is important you let the school know eg when sports practices start. We are aware that circumstances change each term (eg sports practices) so we will ask you each term what the normal procedure will be for your child.

Term Dates for 2023

[Click here](#) for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.



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