

# DUNSANDEL SCHOOL SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS



**Racing starts at 10:30am**

**The Biggest Splash  
competition and Parent/Staff  
relay will be after the lunch  
break - so parents please bring  
along your togs and towel.**



**FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2024  
SCHEDULED START TIME 10:30AM  
VENUE – SOUTHBRIDGE POOL**

# Dunsandel School News and Notes

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## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 12 February 2024



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.

### Key Information in this Newsletter

- Senior Swimming Sports this Friday

### News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

**Senior Swimming Sports** – Our annual Senior Swimming Sports will be held at Southbridge Pool on Friday 16 February. We hope to see as many parents and supporters there for the swimmers as possible. Some races will be combined/or straight finals due to the number of entries. We start at 10:30am with the 2 length finals followed by our width races. We will stop for lunch – we will have a free swim followed by the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Parent/Staff Biggest Splash Competition and the Parent Relay Race. After lunch we will have the 1 length finals and House relays. It is expected that all swimmers stay until the completion of the day.

On Friday we held our **Leadership Assembly** where our School Leaders, School Council, Library Monitors and Bus Monitors were announced. I am looking forward to these children being positive and responsible role models for our school in 2024. Thank-you to everyone who came along to this Assembly.

**Kapa Haka:** This week, we will have our first Kapa Haka session for 2024. As with every year, the first three Kapa Haka sessions are introductory and everyone attends. After the third session, a notice will come home and your child will be able to opt in or out of Kapa Haka. Kapa Haka sessions will be held on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 11:20. This year, Mrs Pluck and Miss McCloy will be teaching Kapa Haka. Children who opt out of Kapa Haka will spend the block in Room 4 with Miss Harrold and will have school work to do. If you have any questions about Kapa Haka, please contact Miss McCloy or Mrs Pluck.

**Subway** – We are having a subway lunch next Wednesday 21 February. Please have all orders in before 9am Monday 19 February. No late orders will be taken and the correct change is appreciated. Order forms at the back of this newsletter.

**School Accounts** – Your family account is sent home twice a term, children may need to purchase new stationery items at the office which can be added to your account. We appreciate every families financial position is different, and for some families paying by regular automatic payment has proven popular. This may be an option that works for you and your family. If this is an option you would like to set up, please use your child's name as a reference and let Felicity know at the office.

Enjoy the week ahead and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Senior Swimming Sports on Friday afternoon (competing in the Biggest Splash!!).

Ngā mihi

Dave Robison; Principal/Tumuaki

### PTA News and Notes

Kia ora and welcome to the new school year from all of us on the PTA!

My brain is still clearly in holiday mode as I've forgotten all about News and Notes the last two weeks...I'm sure I'm not the only one. A nice quiet start to the year so far for PTA, no events yet to ask for helpers or bakers for - so I'll aim for the short version of what we're all about, and who you can hit up for more info if you're keen to join us! Dunsandel School PTA is a small but mighty group, who fundraise through various avenues (catering gigs, calf sales, cake auction, quiz night, food fundraising, lily bulbs, etc) to be able to fund many things for school that are "extra" on top of the MoE funding they receive. The "extras" we fund include Pride T-shirts, school wide music program, education outside the classroom, classroom resources, and other things along the way that are needed at school - such as funding for library resources or new sports equipment or sandpit toys. Historically, PTA has funded computers on wheels lease for years, and also playground improvements etc. Education outside the classroom looks like camps, beach trips, trips to Orana Park,

Ashburton pools, visits to school by performers like Playhouse Theatre, ski trips - they have become such a part of the awesome culture of Dunsandel School that they don't really feel like "extras" - which is why we fundraise to support them. All parents/caregivers are part of the PTA by default as you have a child at Dunsandel School - you are always welcome to our meetings and if you feel like you'd like to join the committee, chat to myself (Tom's mum) or any of these people: Sharne Teepa (Miah & Neve's mum), John Michael (Pippa's dad), Linda Douglas (Amber & Stellar's mum), Selene Harvie (Noah's mum), Shae Brown (Harrison's mum), Rebecca Royal (Nara's mum), and Georgina Chambers (Ellie's mum). You can also always message our facebook page or [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com), or text me (Katharine) on 027 307 8345. We have AGM coming up soon, aim to have that date in next week's newsletter.

Hoping my brain will feel more organised next week!  
Katharine Sheppard - current PTA president

## Music Lessons Term 1 2024

Our music program will be starting back up next week and we have added the recorder to our program with Mrs Birnie as well as the ukulele.

The recorder is a great way to introduce children to reading notation which leads to playing the violin, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, horn, trumpet, cornet, xylophone, mandolin, bagpipes, guitar and piano.  
Mrs Chamberlain will continue teaching the piano.

The cost for these lessons are \$160 for Term 1, once signed up, your child is committed until the end of the term.

Please follow the guidelines so we can continue having our fabulous music teachers return.  
If your child is interested in one of these lessons, complete the form and return back to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

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**Student name**.....

Yes – my children would like to take part in the Term 1 2024 itinerant music programme.

- I understand my child will be out of class for no more than 30 minutes
- Payments must be made to the school office by the third lesson, unless prior arrangement is made.
- Our school bank account number is 02-0860-0049250-000 – use your child's name as reference and music
- I understand my child will continue to do lessons until the end of the term.
- An instrument is required at home in order to practice. *(speak with the music teacher if instrument required).*

My child would like to learn how to play the:      Ukulele                  Piano                  Recorder

*Circle one*

Parent name.....

Sign.....

**Please return by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

## Term Dates for 2024

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

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**PTA President**  
Katharine Sheppard  
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*Come & play with the Selwyn Hawks!*

# COMMUNITY OPEN DAY SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

CLEARVIEW PRIMARY COVERED OUTDOOR COURTS  
10AM TO 12PM

Find out about programmes we offer.  
Register for upcoming team trials.  
Meet the Hawks Committee.

Bring cash for  
sausage sizzle  
and raffles!

ICECREAM TRUCK  
AND COFFEE VAN  
AVAILABLE

FUN BASKETBALL GAMES, ACTIVITIES,

Ellesmere Promotions Trust  
present



Leeston Township  
Saturday 23 March 2024  
10am to 3pm

*Stalls - Free Entry - Food - Entertainment*

## 2024 JAB REGISTRATIONS

Sunday 25th February  
10.30 - 12pm

BBQ & games bring the whole family  
email: [dirfcjab@gmail.com](mailto:dirfcjab@gmail.com)

Dunsandel Irwell RFC  
B.D.I Rugby



Pea Straw for sale

\$8 per bale delivered.

Email [BDIrugbyRDO@gmail.com](mailto:BDIrugbyRDO@gmail.com)

With address and how many bales  
you would like

Fundraiser for BDI Rugby Overseas  
trip 2025





Wednesday 21 February

**DUNSANDEL SCHOOL**

*PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of:

Six Inch with cookie (\$5.00)

Gluten Free Wrap

Or

(4.50)

Footlong and Cookie (\$8.00)

Or

Six Inch only (\$4.50)

Please tick what you would like in your Sub

<b>BREAD</b> (tick one only)	<b>MEAT</b> (tick one only)	<b>SALADS</b>	<b>SAUCES</b>
White <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Honey Mustard <input type="checkbox"/>
Garlic <input type="checkbox"/>	Turkey <input type="checkbox"/>	Onion <input type="checkbox"/>	Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>
Italian <input type="checkbox"/>	Beef <input type="checkbox"/>	Lettuce <input type="checkbox"/>	BBQ <input type="checkbox"/>
Rye <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tomato <input type="checkbox"/>	Marinara <input type="checkbox"/>
Wheat <input type="checkbox"/>	Vege Delight <input type="checkbox"/>	Cucumber <input type="checkbox"/>	Sweet Onion <input type="checkbox"/>
	Salami <input type="checkbox"/>	Pickles <input type="checkbox"/>	
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