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**E**MPATHY



# Dunsandel School Assembly

The awesome children from  
Room 5 will be sharing.  
Start Time - 220pm.  
Venue - School Hall.  
All welcome.

**Friday 15 March 2024**



**PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE**

<p>For our school Participate means <b>JOIN IN.</b></p>	<p>For our school Respect means <b>TREAT OTHERS LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED.</b></p>	<p>For our school Initiative means <b>THINK FOR YOURSELF.</b></p>	<p>For our school Determination means <b>TRY HARD AND DON'T GIVE UP.</b></p>	<p>For our school Empathy means <b>THINK OF OTHERS.</b></p>	<p><b>PRIDE IN OURSELVES, OUR LEARNING AND OUR COMMUNITY.</b></p>
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# Dunsandel School News and Notes

## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 11 March 2024

# PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.

### Key Information in this Newsletter

- Assembly 220pm Friday Room 5 sharing

### News and Notes from the Principal

Maligayang pagdating, halika.

Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat

Today and tomorrow we have our Parent Teacher Interviews. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents and caregivers. Over the two days we have a total of 88 meetings, which is an 81.4% hit rate. So I thank everyone who is coming along for making the time to meet with our teachers.

We had Kerri Dekkers and Harold the giraffe at school last Thursday and Friday. I know our children were very excited and I hope they have shared some of the cool messages with you they learnt from their sessions in the truck.

Last Monday we had the Ellesmere Zone Swimming Sports at Southbridge. I thought I would share Alex's Captains report in this News and Notes which is a good reflection of the day: -

*Kia ora my name is Alex and on Monday me and my awesome swimming team went to Zone Swimming and competed against Leeston and Southbridge at the Southbridge Pool. Including me, the Dunsandel School team was made up of 26 people.*

*On Monday as I arrived at school I was filled with excitement as I got my track suit from the office. We met in the hall at 11am and had a quick chat about the day. Everyone was buzzing as they hopped on the school bus that was headed for Southbridge.*

*When we arrived at the pool I was feeling pretty nervous. I was looking forward to my races which were: 2 length freestyle, 2 length backstroke, 1 length freestyle, 1 length backstroke and 1 length breaststroke.*

*I came third for most of my races and fifth for breast stroke. I felt pretty tired after my races but it was fun.*

*I thought that everyone from Dunsandel swam with PRIDE - it was great to see and hear everyone cheering for each other. There were definitely some close races! Although none of our Dunsandel swimmers qualified for Canterbury Swimming, we are sending all of our good luck and positive vibes to the swimmers from Leeston and Southbridge who will be representing the Ellesmere Zone.*

*I'd like to thank my team for making it an awesome day by doing their best and showing determination in their races. Every one showed the pride values and I'm sure they all made Roary proud. We all supported each other by cheering each other on and that is the most important part of a day like this.*

*A special thanks to the people who organized the event like Mr R, Mr Happer and the teachers from Southbridge and Leeston. Thanks to the parents who came along to watch and cheer us on!*



**Assembly** – Thank-you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday. We do have an assembly this **Friday starting at 2:20pm. The children from Room 5** will be sharing. All welcome.

**School uniform orders** – The colder months are heading our way so if you would like to pre order any school uniform, please email [felicity@dunsandel.school.nz](mailto:felicity@dunsandel.school.nz)

Have an awesome week everyone

Ngā mihi

*DRobinson*

Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro



## Lions Year 5/6 Basketball

**Lions Year 5/6 Basketball** - Our intention is to enter the Lions into the local Selwyn Hawks Basketball competition again in Term 2 & 3. So, we have an idea of how many children are wanting to play, please click on the link on our school website home page and fill in the Google Form. I am happy to consider Year 4 students for this competition – remembering it is a Year 5/6 grade so please consider whether your Year 4 could cope with this. A reminder the games are 3v3 on a half court and are played on a Monday afternoon (anytime between 330pm and 700pm). There is a commitment from parents to get their children to the games which are held at the Selwyn Sports Centre. The competition starts on Monday 20 May and will last 12 weeks. The cost will be around \$70 for the season – this will be confirmed. All players are required to wear a mouth guard. **For this programme to work for our players we do need parents to be responsible for the teams on game day.** Please register interest by Monday 25 March.



Ngā mihi  
Dave

## PRIDE Awards from 8.3.24

**Room Two – Jack** - Jack, what a superstar you are! You are one of my most favourite people on the planet. I love how much effort you put into your school work. You are making such good progress in all of your learning. You are such a careful thinker, and you are never afraid to ask big questions. You have shown me that your heart is very big Jack, because you always make sure that people are never lonely. I am so proud of you for stepping up and being such a great role model in our class. Keep it up Jack - you are amazing!

**Room Three – Morgan** - Morgan, you are an incredible member of Room 3. I am so impressed with how you have started the year. You are super hard working and always try your best no matter what we are learning in class. I am blown away with how neat and organised you are, and I know that I can always rely on you to be doing the right thing too. I love that you are always kind and helpful towards others and this always puts a big smile on my face. We are so incredibly lucky to have you in Room 3! Ka rawe Morgan, I am so proud of you! 😊

**Room Four – Luke** - Luke, you have had an awesome start to 2024. You have amazed me by quickly nailing new routines, showing your group table how to be organised and being a great role model in our class. I have been impressed by the determination you show in all of your learning and I really enjoy our chats about maths. Luke you blow me away by your creativity, and the attention to detail you show when drawing or painting is fantastic. We are very lucky to have you in the Room 4 team.

**Room Five – Beau**, you have had an awesome start to your Year 6 year and we couldn't be more proud of how you've settled into your leadership roles within our classroom and our school. You are Mr Reliable, Mr Dependable and Mr Enthusiastic - you're the first person to put your hand up to help others, you have a positive attitude and you're a kind and caring member of our class. We also love how you walk into the classroom each morning with a smile on your face, ready to embrace the day. It is great to see you showing Determination and Initiative in all of your learning tasks - you are one clever kid! Beau, it is such a pleasure to be your teachers this year and we can't wait to see what you achieve in 2024.



## PTA News and Notes

PTA News

Kia ora all - we have some news to report this week in the PTA space! We had our AGM last Monday night at school, and now have our 2024 committee to introduce - quite a lot the same, with a new name in the mix. Your 2024 committee is: President - Katharine Sheppard, Vice President - Georgina Chambers, Secretary - Sharne Teepa, Treasurer - Selene Harvie, and Catering Coordinator - Shae Brown! Thanks very much to all of your awesome people putting your hand up (again) to take on a job - much easier steering the ship with lots of capable helpers around me! We are looking forward to a great year ahead, and we're always contactable through our Facebook page or via [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com), or flick Katharine a text on 027 307 8345. We have another meeting coming up to sort out some general business soon, Thursday 21st March, 7:30pm @ the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe. We'd love to see you there, we'll be discussing fundraising plans for the year and probably anything else that needs to be chatted about! Many hands make light work and new ideas always welcome.

Until next week (how is it week 7 already?!)  
Katharine

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

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## Community News and Notes

DUNSANDEL RFC NETBALL - Have a Go Day **this Thursday!**

'Have a go days for Juniors!'

All boys and girls (year 1 to 4) welcome to join and try before the start of the 2024 season.

3.15 – 4.15pm Thursday 14th and 21st of March @ Dunsandel Primary School

Contact Louise Wall (0273055215) or Katharine Sheppard ([drfcnetball@gmail.com](mailto:drfcnetball@gmail.com) or 027 307 8345) with any questions.

How it will work on the day:

3.15pm Welcome, introductions and summary of how netball works at Yr 1-4 ages.

3.20pm Group warm-up

3.30pm Break into smaller age groups for activities.

4pm Group cool down

4.10pm Questions

We would appreciate if parents were able to attend as well as children - if for some reason you are unable to attend, please check in with us on one of the above contacts so that we can make a plan.



Dunsandel JAB registrations are open – please register on our website [www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelirwellrfc/](http://www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelirwellrfc/)

If you have any questions, please contact our Junior Club Captain - Josh Dondertman 021 869 212 or email

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