Thursday 28 March WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS DAY

Gold coin donation - PTA will match what we collect. All donations will go to Ronald McDonald House to House Appeal. We will also be participating in a walking challenge - we hope to collectively walk 210km.

Use this qr code to donate to our fundraising effort

Selwyn Green Fyvie Red Mead Blue









Year 3-6 Duathlon at School Friday 5 April; 1230pm start



Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 25 March 2024



Key Information in this Newsletter

- Wear Your House Colours Day THURSDAY 28 MARCH.
- Year 3-6 Duathlon forms due in by Wednesday 27 March.
- EASTER we are closed Good Friday (29 March), Easter Monday (1 April) and Easter Tuesday (2 April).

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

On Thursday we will have a Wear Your House Colours Day to coincide with the 2024 House to House Appeal for Ronald McDonald House ® Charities NZ. Families with children in hospital travel up to 210km from their house to hospital. The House to House Appeal challenges individuals or teams to ride or walk 210km, 21km or 2.1km for the month of March. So on Thursday Dunsandel School will be participating in a walking challenge to raise money and awareness for the House to House appeal.

This day will be a Wear Your House Colours Day (Mead - Blue, Fyvie - Red, Selwyn - Green) and we ask that the children bring a gold coin donation along for RMHC NZ.

Ronald McDonald House® Charities New Zealand supports families when their child is in a NZ hospital away from home. In 2022, RMHC New Zealand provided almost 3,600



families with accommodation and support free of charge at its facilities throughout New Zealand. It was the busiest year since the first New Zealand Ronald McDonald House opened 31 years ago. The Ronald McDonald House® and Ronald McDonald Family Room® programmes take care of the practical things in life so families can focus on their child staying in a hospital away from home. This helps to relieve stresses like paying for a place to sleep near the hospital, organising family meals and needing a friendly ear to listen on tough days.

Year 3-6 Duathlon Thank-you to everyone who returned their Duathlon form – if you haven't done this yet we would appreciate all forms in by Wednesday 27 March. Remember you can fill the form in online by clicking on the link on our School website home page.

Lions basketball – We are looking for one more player for our teams. If your child is interested, please phone Felicity at the school office.

Assembly – We have our final term 1 Assembly on Friday 12 April which is the last day of Term 1. The awesome children in Room 3 will be sharing. We apologise for any inconvenience regarding the postponement of our Assembly last week.

Magazines – We are on the hunt for old magazines like the Women's Weekly or New Idea. No magazines with the hard spine please. You can drop them off at the school office. Thanks in advance.

Itinerant music lessons – We have 2 fabulous music teachers who travel to our school every Tuesdays and Wednesdays to teach the piano and ukulele. If your child is thinking about doing these lessons in Term 2, please phone or email Felicity for more information.

A reminder we are closed for Easter which for schools means Good Friday (29 March), Easter Monday (1 April) and Easter Tuesday (2 April). Just in case you aren't aware, Easter Tuesday is a school holiday and schools in New Zealand are closed.

Have a great week and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Ngā mihi

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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 3:30pm and 7:00pm). 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. 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 today or phone Felicity at the office.

PTA News and Notes

Kia ora everyone! Another week in the books, and this week and next week are short weeks - exciting stuff! We had a great PTA meeting at the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe last Thursday - chatted about what fundraising initiatives we are thinking about for the year, even a little chat about a quiz date - more on that next week perhaps when we hear back about booking the Community Centre. We are currently working on some dates for the food fundraiser this year, and planning for a few others. We had a very lovely letter from the staff and children of Dunsandel School, asking if we would match the money raised for Ronald McDonald House during the walking challenge that is planned for Thursday, and PTA is very happy to support this - looking forward to helping out to make the donation substantial. Hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend/break for Easter, travel safe if you're travelling, and look forward to a Wednesday blurb next week!! If you ever need to get in touch with PTA for any reason, feel free to message our Facebook page, email us on <a href="mailto:ptacking-new-color: blue booking to the page in touch with PTA for any reason, feel free to message our Facebook page, email us on <a href="mailto:ptacking-new-color: blue booking to the page in touch with PTA for any reason, feel free to message our Facebook page, email us on <a href="mailto:ptacking-new-color: blue booking to the page in touch with PTA for any reason, feel free to message our Facebook page, email us on <a href="mailto:ptacking-new-color: blue booking to the page in touch with PTA for any reason, feel free to message our Facebook page, email us on <a href="mailto:ptacking-new-color: blue booking to the page in touch with PTA for any reason, feel free to message our Facebook page, email us on <a href="mailto:ptacking-new-color: blue booking to the page in touch with PTA for any reason, feel free to message our Facebook page, email us on <a href="mailto:ptacking-new-color: blue booking to the page in touch what is page in touch with PTA for any rea

Until next week, Katharine

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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Dunsandel RFC Netball Club registrations are open! If you came and gave the netball fun days a go and enjoyed it (or even if you didn't, but you know you want to play netball this season), please pop on to our website and register using the following link: https://www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelrfc/Registration-1. You can also scan this QR code and it will take you there:

We would love to get a team together in each age grade (Year 1/2, Year 3/4, and Year 5/6), and registrations are essential so we know where we are at - thanks to those who have registered already. The year 1-4s practice/play on a weekday after school in either Leeston or Rolleston, and the Year 5/6s play on a Saturday morning, usually with a weekday practice. If you need any more information, please get in touch with me on 027 307 8345 or at drfcnetball@gmail.com, or message our Facebook page. Netball isn't just for girls - boys are more than welcome! We hope you will join us for the 2024 season and have some fun while we're at it!



Katharine Sheppard, Secretary, Dunsandel RFC Netball Club 2024



Dunsandel JAB registrations are open – please register on our website www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelirwellrfc/
If you have any questions, please contact our Junior Club Captain - Josh Dondertman 021 869 212 or email dirfcjab@gmail.com