

# 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

Bike drop off from 800am  
on Big Field

### PARTICIPATE



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

**P**ARTICIPATE  
**R**ESPECT  
**I**NITIATIVE  
**D**ETERMINATION  
**E**MPATHY



# Dunsandel School News and Notes

## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 25 March 2024

# PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.

### 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

Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro



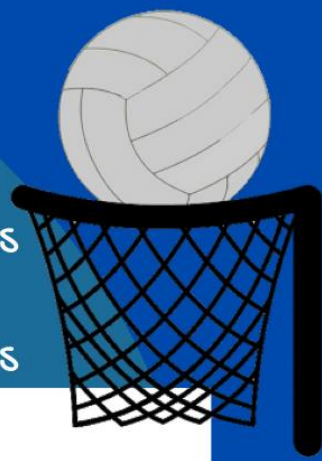
# DUNSANDEL RFC NETBALL CLUB



If your child is keen to play netball with us this season, please register using the below link or QR code



YEAR 1-4  
FUTURE FERNS  
& YEAR 5-6  
FUTURE FERNS



**REGISTER NOW**

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelrfc/Registration-1>

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](mailto: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

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Dunsandel JAB registrations are open – please register on our website [www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelirwellrfc/](https://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](mailto:dirfcjab@gmail.com)