

Duathlon



Dunsandel School
5.4.2024



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Dunsandel School Assembly

The awesome children from
 Room 3 will be sharing.
 Start Time - 220pm.
 Venue - School Hall.
 All welcome.

Friday 12 April 2024



Dunsandel School News and Notes The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 8 April 2024



Key Information in this Newsletter

- Assembly this Friday 220pm

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

I was really impressed with all our Year 3-6 children who ran and biked in our **2024 Duathlon** on Friday afternoon. There was lots of Determination on show and it was great to see the encouragement being shared from our children. I felt all our PRIDE values were on show on the course.

Special thanks to Katharine Sheppard and Daniel Ditchburn who helped out on the course for us, to Mr Happer for setting up the course and to my staff for making the event run smoothly. Thank-you to all the supporters who came along and to everyone who dropped off bikes in the morning. Also thank-you to the Sheppard, Harrison and Teepa families who provided extra bikes so everyone could race – much appreciated.

Thank you to our PTA for supplying our duathlon competitors a well-deserved ice block.

This week we have **Room 1 and 2** away to the Ashburton Pool on Wednesday. I know they will have a great trip. We have a **group of Year 6** students off to the fire station as part of their Kaha Award work on Tuesday.

Anzac Day falls during the school holidays this year. We have an Anzac notice coming home today – please read it carefully and return back to school by Wednesday 12 April. We have Poppies at the school office for a koha / donation.

We have our school pants back in stock but selling out fast. If you require any items, please place an order with Felicity as soon as possible.

Our final **Assembly** for the term is on Friday starting at 220pm. The awesome children from **Room 3** will be sharing.

Dates for Term 2

Monday 29 April Term 2 starts

Tuesday 30 April School Photos

Friday 10 May School Cross Country

Tuesday 14 May Board Meeting

Thursday 23 May Year 6 to Adrenalin Forest

Tuesday 28 May Ellesmere Zone Cross Country

Friday 31 May Teacher Only Day – School Closed

Monday 3 June Kings Birthday – School Closed

Tuesday 18 June Board Meeting

Wednesday 26 June Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country

Friday 28 June Matariki – School Closed

Friday 5 July Last day of Term 2.

This is the last school newsletter for Term 1. My staff and I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past 11 weeks – we appreciate it. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break. We start again on Monday 29 April.

Happy Holidays!

Nga Hararei Koa!

Maligayang Bakasyon!

Ngā mihi



Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

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 News

Kia ora everyone!! Wowie, finding it hard to believe that we are already at the last week of term 1 - time does seem to go by so fast, even in a long term like this one. Not too much news to report on the PTA front at the moment, just in the planning phases of a few fundraisers at the moment, more info to come next term on those. Our next meeting is Thursday 2 May, 7:30pm @ Dunsandel Bar & Cafe (first week back of Term 2) - that will be primarily getting our ducks in a row for quiz - mark the 21st of June in your calendars for that, save the date and get thinking about your team's entry! You heard it here first - Quiz Night 21st June. Finer details yet to be ironed out but keep that date free if you're keen to enter a team. We will be working behind the

scenes between now and quiz to get sponsorship and prizes, so please get in touch for more info if your business would like to help out (or you know someone who would) - you can email us at ptadunsandel@gmail.com, message our facebook page, or text Katharine on 027 307 8345. Hope you all have a wonderful break over the holidays and if you're driving, drive safe - look forward to seeing everyone back at our first meeting for the term, they're always a great opportunity to catch up as well as get some business done.

Until next term this time!
Katharine

Music Lessons – Term 2 2024

Our music program will continue in Term 2 starting in week one, after the school holidays.

Mrs Birnie has added the recorder to our program 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 \$20 per lesson and 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 12 April.

Student name.....

Yes – my children would like to take part in the Term 2 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.....

Community News

Dunsandel RFC Netball is looking for at least one more year 5/6 player to join our team - if you are keen, please register at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelrfc/Registration-1>, or get in touch with Katharine at drfcnetball@gmail.com or text on 027 307 8345. We'd also love a few more in the year 1-4 space - if you need further info about the Future Ferns program, please don't hesitate to ask. And don't forget, netball isn't just for girls! Boys are welcome, there are some clubs in the competition that have whole boys teams! We would love to have a team in each of the primary age groups this year, so come and join us - we'd love to have you!

DUNSANDEL RFC NETBALL CLUB



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



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
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ANZAC Memorial Service.

Dear Parents

On Thursday 25th April (the second Thursday of the holidays) the Dunsandel Community hold a memorial service to honour all men and women who have served our country past and present. The service starts at 8.30 and is held at the epitaph on the Dunsandel Leeston Road and usually lasts for 30 minutes.

This year we invite all children to represent our school by leading the singing of the National Anthem. - Two year 6 children will lay a wreath on the school's behalf. In order to plan this service, we would like an idea of how many of our children plan to attend this service. If your child is coming they will need to be in **clean, correct school uniform and assembled by 8.25.**

Please complete and return the form below by **FRIDAY 12th April**. If you have any questions or you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Tracey Harrold

Parent return

My child/children _____ will be attending the ANZAC memorial service at the Dunsandel Epitaph on Thursday 25th April 2024.

Signed _____