

Looking Forward

Due to unexpected roll growth we are having to make some class changes as we move forward in 2024

Class Changes at Kings Birthday Weekend

The unexpected rise in our school's roll has prompted us to consider shifting some students to new classes in order to maintain manageable class sizes across the school. This will affect all classes with outgoing and incoming children. Therefore, some children will be moved to different classes following the King's Birthday weekend (Tuesday 3 June).

These decisions will be made with careful consideration and with the best interests of all students in mind. It is important to note that an email specifically for parents whose children are affected by these class changes will be sent out in Week 3 of this term (we are waiting until this time in case there are any further new enrolments we are unaware of).

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these changes to accommodate our growing school community. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Term 3-4

As our roll increases we predict we will gain extra staffing from the Ministry of Education in early August. To avoid this being mucky the Board has agreed to fund the teacher before the MOE staffing kicks in from the start of Term 3. After considering all our options Room 1 will have two teachers who will work together with this class. Mrs Ewing will be joined by Mrs Webb from the start of Term 3 and they will be team teaching with our New Entrants.

Term 3 only

During Term 3 I have the privilege of being on a Teach NZ Primary Principals Sabbatical. The Primary Principals' Sabbatical is a period of 10 school weeks' leave to undertake professional learning and reflection. I will be using the time to investigate what other schools outside our Kāhui Ako are doing in the wellbeing space for students and staff. During my sabbatical, Miss Harrold will be Acting Principal and Mrs R will be Acting Deputy Principal. This means Room 4 will have Mrs Douglas teaching fulltime.

Key Dates

Term 2

Week of Monday 13 May – Email specifically for parents whose children are affected by these class changes will be sent out in Week 3 of this term.

3 June Class Changes will take effect

Term 3

To accommodate New Entrant, roll growth Room 1 will have two teachers – Mrs Ewing will be joined by Mrs Webb.

Miss Harrold will be Acting Principal for the term. Room 4 will be taught by Mrs Douglas fulltime.

Term 4

Mr R returns from Teach NZ Primary Principals Sabbatical

Take your Marks, Get Set, GO!!

Dunsandel School Cross Country

Friday 10 May @ the Dunsandel Domain



Our School Cross Country is being held on Friday 10 May, at the Dunsandel Domain. **This event starts at 1:00pm**. The course maps for the races can be viewed on our school website and there is a copy of the course maps on the window in the office foyer.

The programme for this event is:

1:00pm - Welcome

1:05pm – Racing will commence at this time, with the Year 6 Boys and Girls starting. Races will be ordered by year level. (Children from R1/2 will come down to the Domain at 1:45pm)

The pre-schoolers' race will follow at the conclusion of the school races.

Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear for running – no one will be running in bare feet.

All children will walk to the Dunsandel Domain.

Buses will leave from the Dunsandel Domain at the end of the school day.

Please be aware that no one will be at school to collect bus or after-school messages from 12:30pm onwards on this Friday. Please ensure any messages regarding after school arrangements are at the office before this time.

As with all school events, we do require some helpers to make the 2024 Dunsandel Cross Country successful for all of our children. If you are able to help with directing and encouraging children around various points on the courses, please complete the form with this newsletter or let Felicity know in the office.

As always, the staff and children really appreciate the support of our parents and whānau.

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



For our school
Participate means
JOIN IN.



For our school
Respect means
**TREAT OTHERS
LIKE YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE
TREATED.**



For our school
Initiative means
**THINK FOR
YOURSELF.**



For our school
Determination means
**TRY HARD
AND DON'T
GIVE UP.**



For our school
Empathy means
**THINK OF
OTHERS.**



Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 29 April 2024

PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,
OUR LEARNING AND
OUR COMMUNITY.

Key Information in this Newsletter

- Looking Forward
- School Cross Country Information
- Friday Assembly Programme Term 2

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa



I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable school holiday break. My staff and I are looking forward to a successful term 2 with you and your children. As you have read on page 1 of this newsletter there are some changes coming but this is a good position of our school to be in. My staff and I have spent time making sure we have explored all options and feel comfortable we have come up with the right solution for our school based on the information we currently have.

Thank-you to our children who led the singing of the National Anthem at the Dunsandel ANZAC service last Thursday. Thank-you to Noel and Ella who laid a wreath on behalf of our school. Also thanks to Miss Harrold for organising our singers and the wreath.



School Cross Country – see page two of this newsletter for information regarding our Cross Country on Friday 10 May. We are on the search for parents/caregivers who can help with supporting and encouraging our runners around the course – if this is you please fill in the form below or let Felicity know in the office.

Term 2 Friday Assembly Programme - Firstly thank-you to the over 60 parents and caregivers who came along to our Assembly on the final Friday of last term. We appreciate your support. Below is our Friday schedule for Term 2.

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

TERM TWO 2024

Week	Date	Class
1	3.5	No Assembly
2	10.5	School X Country
3	17.5	Assembly
4	24.5	Room 4
5	31.5	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
6	7.6	Room 3
7	14.6	Room 5
8	21.6	Room 1/2 Kapahaka
9	28.6	Matariki - School Closed
10	5.7	No Assembly - PRIDE Day



Ngā mihi

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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.

Course map on our school website

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Kia ora everyone!

Here we are again, at the beginning of a term - how did that come around so fast?! I hope you're all feeling rested and ready for another term - I'm not sure I'm either of those things but time just keeps ticking on! The only thing I really have for today is that we've got a meeting on Thursday May 2, 7:30pm at the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe. If you've been thinking about coming along, please do - we will be for the most part working on planning for quiz, which is coming up in June (21st, save the date!!). I'll keep it short and sweet and leave it there for today, I feel like there's always a lot that comes home that's important - so we will see you on May 2 if you can make it, would be fantastic to have a new face or two there! If you need to get in touch with PTA - you can message our facebook page, email us at ptadunsandel@gmail.com, or text Katharine on 027 307 8345.

Until next week (or May 2, if you're coming!!),
Katharine

Community News

Dunsandel RFC Netball Club - last call for registrations for year 1-4 players

Hello everyone! Thanks to those people who have registered their kiddos who are in years 1-4 and keen to play netball with us this season! If you're on the fence, need more details, wonder what's involved, anything really - feel free to get in touch with me and I'll try to help. My number is 027 307 8345 or you can email us on drfcnetball@gmail.com. Registrations for the year 1-4s need to be in by Friday May 3, and the sessions will be held at the courts in Leeston, 3:30-4:15 on Mondays from the 27th of May through about the 8th of August (not in the hols). Subs for that age group are \$50/player. Please get in touch with any questions. If you've registered already, we will be in touch soon!

Katharine Sheppard
DRFC Netball Club Secretary

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Dunsandel School Cross Country 2024

I am able to be a helper/encourager around the course on Friday 10 May

Name.....

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