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Dunsandel School Assembly

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



Friday 7 June 2024



HOT LUNCH FRIDAY THIS FRIDAY

Hot Lunch Friday is where children can bring a pie or sausage roll
or pizza or toasted sandwich for their lunch.

Only ONE item per child

**Food must be wrapped in tinfoil and
clearly named, with the name of your
child, their room number and what's
inside the parcel.**

**There will be labelled baskets
outside the school hall before
school for children to place
their items in.**



Hot tip: for those of you wrapping pizza,
if you pop a piece of baking paper on the
top of the topping, the topping won't
stick to the tinfoil.

Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Tuesday 4 June 2024



Key Information in this Newsletter

- Assembly this Friday
- Dudley

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. Welcome to the new families who have children starting at our school today. Today also sees a change of class for some of our children as we go through some unexpected roll growth which is great for our school. If you have children moving class, please make yourself known to your child's new teacher.

Our teachers had a productive Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day on Friday where we joined our colleagues from Leeston, Southbridge and Ellesmere College in working on the New Zealand Curriculum refresh. It was good to reconnect as a group again.

Well done to all our runners at the **Ellesmere Zone Cross Country last Tuesday. Special Congratulations** to the following for achieving a top three placing;

Hope N first in the Year 4 Girls; **Liam** second in the Year 4 Boys; **Pippa** first in the Year 5 Girls and **Charlie** third in the Year 6 Boys.

Pippa and Charlie will be joined by **Ezra** (Year 6 Boys) and **Bonnie** (Year 5 Girls) at the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country on Wednesday 26 June at Ngā Puna Wai. We wish them the very best as they compete against the best runners from all over Canterbury.

Dudley – We have had an offer to have Dudley at school as a Reading Dog which we are going to trial in Room 2 for a start (from next week). Dudley is an accredited Therapy Dog and some children may already know him from seeing him around the rugby grounds on a Saturday. Dudley is a 3-year-old Golden Retriever and has already done some therapy work at a local aged care facility. While working in Room 2, Dudley will stay on his lead and is under the direct control of his owner (Gill Happer). Each reading session provides comfort, encourages positive social behaviours, increases self-esteem, motivates speech and inspires young children to enjoy reading. We shall keep you up to date with Dudley's adventures at our school.



Assembly Thank-you to those who came along to our Assembly last Thursday. We have an Assembly this Friday starting at 2:20pm with the children from Room 3 sharing. All welcome.

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School Uniform – We have now moved to online school uniform buying and have had positive feedback with our supplier Mainland Uniforms – full information is attached to the end of this newsletter and also on our website. We are selling our old polar fleece vests for \$10 which have been placed on the second hand rack in the foyer.

Head-lice – Head-lice is out and about in our school. Head lice are small insects that live on the human scalp. They are common and anyone can catch head lice; catching them has nothing to do with not being clean. Please check your child's hair and if you find live head lice or eggs treat them. You can purchase treatment from the local supermarket or chemist. The 'wet combing' with cheap conditioner and a fine-tooth head lice (nit) comb is an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly. Make sure your child's hair is tied back every day as they can crawl from one person to another.

Hot Lunch Friday – As outlined on the front page, our HOT LUNCH FRIDAY is back! Here are some tips for a successful hot lunch.

- Write your child's name on the tinfoil before wrapping the item – this will prevent their name from rubbing off the tinfoil.
- Place cooking paper on top of pizza before wrapping, this will prevent topping sticking to tinfoil.
- Do not use paper sticky labels or cellotape as these catch fire in the oven.
- Always write what the item is so we know how long to keep in the oven.
- Never use plastic containers.
- One item per child please, we don't have enough space for more than one item.
- Hot lunch Friday is for slowly heating food in the oven – we will not be heating food in the microwave or heating noodles with boiling water.

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A reminder that we have a child at our school with a severe peanut allergy. To ensure their safety, we kindly request that peanuts and peanut products not be included in children's lunch boxes.

Have an awesome week everyone!

Ngā mihi

D Robison

Dave Robison; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro



Dunsandel School Board

Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Mick O'Connor

Presiding member (chair)

Dunsandel School Board

Email - presidingmember@dunsandel.school.nz

by: Sunday 16 June 2024

PRIDE Awards

Room One – Leland - Leland, you are such a fantastic member of Room 1. I have been so impressed with the way you always give your learning your all. You always show determination and tackle all new things with a great big smile. You're like a reading superstar, and you're a numbers whiz too. Nothing ever seems too hard for you. Not only that, but you are amazing at caring for your friends. We are very lucky to have a cool guy like you in Room 1. Keep up the great work!

Mila- Mila, thanks for being such a groovy member of room 1. Your learning has been just zooming along lately, especially your reading and handwriting. Not only are you forming all your letters correctly, but you are also easily spelling words and writing sentences with the sounds you know. You are a super class helper and are always willing to help your classmates throughout the day. We will miss you when you move to room 2 next week, but I know you will keep doing amazing things. Mila, keep shining bright. I think you are a star!

Euan Ilumin - Euan, you are such a fantastic member of room 1. I have been incredibly proud of the progress you have been making in all of your learning. You are really turning into a blending machine, putting all your sounds together to read words. You are also doing a great job at using your spelling fingers to write words using the sounds you know. You are such a kind and caring boy, who always takes the time to make sure everyone is ok. Thanks for all of your hard work so far this year. We will miss you in room 1, but know you will absolutely shine in room 2

Room Two – Fletcher - Fletch - what are we going to do without you in Room 2? You are one of a kind - sensible, funny, sporty and caring. You are absolutely whizzing along with your learning. You make doing tricky maths look very easy and your reading is fantastic. I love how you see every learning challenge as something exciting. You have the best attitude towards everything you do. All the best for Room 3 Fletch, and thank you for being a wonderful role model in our class.

Harrison - Harrison, this award is for you, because I could not be more proud of how hard you work at school. You are doing amazing things with your learning - especially your maths! You are always one of the good guys in our class. You really care about others and you go out of your way to make sure people around you are feeling good. Thank you for bringing all the good vibes with you to school Harrison. We will really miss you from our class!

Room Three – Archer - Archer, you are an incredible member of Room 3. I have been so impressed with all of your determination and hard work so far this year. You are a maths whizz and I know that I can always rely on you to be doing the right thing no matter what. I love how you are always kind, empathetic and willing to help others. You always manage to make me smile because of this! You are an amazing role model for all the tamariki in Room 3. Ka rawe Archer, you are awesome!

Connor - Connor, you are a super star. I am so proud of how far you've come this year with all of your learning. You are always willing to give things a go even when they are a bit tricky. You take great care with your work, and I love reading your stories! Your confidence has grown tremendously and it has been awesome to see you participating in all our class activities and discussions. I have loved seeing the friendships you have made with your classmates too. Ka pai Connor, keep up the great work!

Eshan - Eshan, you are a fantastic member of Room 3. I love your determination and perseverance with your learning. You always give 100% to whatever activities we complete in class. You have fabulous creativity and I love seeing this shine through into all of your writing pieces! You have a wonderful sense of humour that always makes me smile too. Tino pai Eshan, I am so proud of you. I am looking forward to seeing what you achieve in Room 4!

Room Five – Blake - Blake, you can be very proud of yourself for the way that you competed at the 2024 Lincoln Rotary Quiz. You worked well as part of a duo and you answered some fabulous questions. You certainly deserved to get second place. Blake, your kind, thoughtful and helpful nature is such a credit to you and we are extremely lucky to have you in Room 5. We were also so proud of the determination that you displayed at Adrenalin Forest recently, overcoming your fears to complete the course. Well done, Blake.

Zulthan - Zulthan, you can be so proud of yourself for the determination and effort that you always bring to your learning. You quietly get on with your tasks and you keep trying until you're happy with your result. We also appreciate how kind and caring towards others, you treat everyone around you the way that you would like to be treated. It is awesome to watch you out practicing your basketball at break times and after school - we can't wait to see you play in the NBA one day!

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!

Hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend - if it was cruisy like my house or you headed out for a change of scene, certainly a gift to have a few days! Welcome to any new families joining the Dunsandel School community with the start of the new dairy season - it is awesome to have you join us and we look forward to meeting you and your kiddos! I think I'll keep it short and sweet so the important things don't get lost in a novel - first thing, we have a PTA meeting this Thursday, 6th June, 7:30 at the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe. Please come along if you're keen - will be largely quiz organisation to be discussed. Second thing - QUIZ! Get your team entries in - here are all the details you need:

Date: Friday 21st June

Time: doors open 6:30 for a 7pm start

Place: Dunsandel Community Centre

Price: \$60 per team of up to 4 people, or \$20 per person

Dress up theme: Theme your team! There will be a prize for best dressed team!

Food/drink: PTA will provide yummy supper and the bar will be open, EFTPOS available

Other notes: bring cash for games on the night and raffles, and if you/your business would like to support the PTA's fundraising with a donation to the prize table, please send us an email on ptadunsandel@gmail.com or text Katharine on 027 307 8345

Quiz is always a well-supported, super enjoyable local evening out, made possible by PTA folk volunteering their time/food prep, our awesome quizmaster, bar manager, and all of our fantastic sponsors providing cool prizes and monetary support. Get a few friends together and enter a team of 4 - it is heaps of fun! Please email ptadunsandel@gmail.com with your team entry, we'd love to see the community centre a bit more full than it was last year!

Can't believe we are halfway through term already, wowee.

Until next week,

Katharine Sheppard

Dunsandel School PTA President 2024

Dunsandel School PTA
invites you to our annual

Quiz Night

JUNE | 21
7:00 PM

(doors open at 6:30)

Dunsandel Community Centre

\$20 per person or \$60/team

(team = up to 4 people)

Bring cash for raffles/games

Theme your team! (Prize for best dressed)

Bar open (Eftpos available), supper
provided by PTA

For more info, or to register yourself/your
team, email PTA on ptadunsandel@gmail.com

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