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**R**ESPECT  
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**D**ETERMINATION  
**E**MPATHY



## Dunsandel School Assembly

The awesome children from  
Room 5 will be sharing.  
Start Time - 220pm.  
Venue - School Hall.  
All welcome.

Friday 14 June 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](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com)

PTA Bank Account: 02 0860 0040555 00

# Dunsandel School News and Notes

## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 10 June 2024

**PRIDE**



**PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.**

### Key Information in this Newsletter

- **School Attendance**
- **Assembly this Friday**

### News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

As you will be aware there is a nationwide focus on student attendance. **This term schools are required to be reporting to the Ministry of Education on weekly attendance.** It is important that you let us know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason. **The Ministry of Education has clarified that parents should not be taking children on holidays during term time.** With overseas holidays, I have always been of the view that missing school is sometimes unavoidable due to the different holiday times in the other parts of the world and that seeing family can't always fit neatly in between New Zealand holidays. However, parents need to know that the Ministry of Education now requires all schools to send to them data of children recorded as absent due to being overseas or on holiday.

**The good health of your child is important to your child, their peers, you at home and the school staff.**

We know children will often insist on attending school, but we ask you to be firm and make adult decisions that are in the best interests of your child and the other children in the class. Ask yourself the following questions when your child is sick/ill....

- **Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.**
- **Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.**
- **Would I take a day off work if I had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.**

If your child is suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must not return to school until 36 hours AFTER their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. Thank you for your understanding with this.

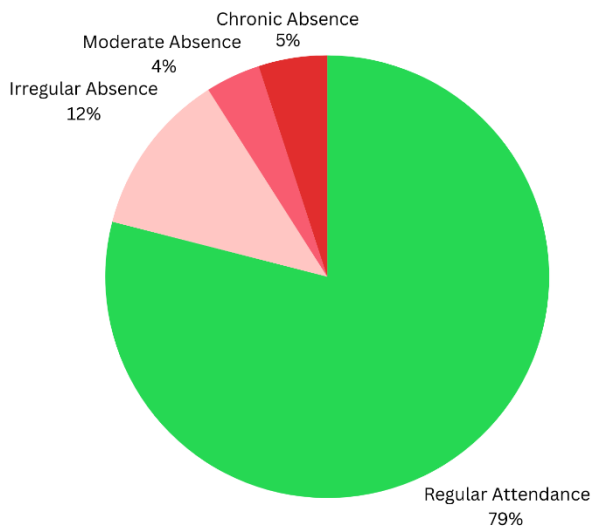
**If your child is to be absent from school, please ring the school office or use the school app service before 8:55am so the school is aware of your child's whereabouts.**

All Absences are marked electronically at the start of the day and after lunch– if your child arrives late to school they must go through the office and let Mrs Pluck know they have arrived.

For safety reasons, you will be contacted by the school if we are unsure of the whereabouts of your child. The school contacts parents of students who become sick during the school day, so please ensure the office has your correct contact details.

#### **Attendance at Dunsandel School:**

The Term One 2024 data for our school shows that 79% of our students regularly attended school which is the 90% or more attendance threshold.



**Regular Attendance** - Over 90% attendance which is the equivalent to missing fewer than 5 days across a term.

**Irregular Attendance** – Between 80%-90% attendance which is the equivalent to being absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term.

**Moderate Absence** - Between 70% and 80% attendance which is the equivalent to being absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term.

**Chronic Absence** - 70% attendance or less which is the equivalent to being absent for 15 or more days across a term.

*According to the Education Counts website 61.7% of students attended school more than 90% of the time in Term 1 2024 across the country.*

**Assembly** Thank-you to those who came along to our Assembly on Friday. We have an Assembly this Friday starting at 2:20pm with the children from Room 5 sharing. All welcome.

**Lost Property** – There is a high number of lost property in our bin. We have had a lot of children asking to help find their lost polar fleece’s and jerseys due to the colder weather. It doesn’t help if their uniform items are not named clearly. Please take the time to make sure your child’s name is written on the tag or sewn on. If you have purchased second hand uniform, please ensure the previous owners name has been removed and re-labelled.

A reminder that you can purchase new uniform by heading to the **Mainland Uniforms** website - personalised page for our school:- <https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/241-dunsandel-school>

This link is also on the home page of our school website.

**Subway Lunch** – Next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June we have subway lunch – Orders must be in at the office before 9am Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June and correct change is appreciated. Forms are attached to the end of this newsletter.

**Hot Lunch Friday** – 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.
- We don’t have spare tinfoil at school, so please wrap your child’s item before coming to school.

Ngā mihi

*DRobinson*

Dave Robinson;  
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](mailto:presidingmember@dunsandel.school.nz)**

by: Sunday 16 June 2024



## PRIDE Awards

**Room One – Summer** - Summer, you are an absolute star! I am so impressed with how well you have settled into life at school. You work very hard in everything you do, and you should be really proud of all the amazing learning you have done. Your super neat handwriting is particularly impressive! It's like every letter you write is a beautiful, careful piece of art. You are also fantastic at getting all your jobs done throughout the day and even help others remember their tasks when they forget. Thank you for being such a super member of Room 1. I feel very lucky to be your teacher. Keep up the great work! 😊

**Room Two – Charlie** - Charlie this award is for never ever giving up! You meet every learning challenge head on and you don't stop trying until you have nailed it. You are such a star worker, and a super cool friend to all of the children in Room 2. Charlie you are doing so well with your learning and you mix this with being a sporty and very, very kind boy. Keep it up Charlie - tino pai! 😊

**Room Four – Hope** - Hope, your learning is really on fire this term. I am impressed to see how organised and independent you are with your learning and how hard you work to complete tasks on time. I really appreciate the ideas and opinions that you contribute to discussions and these reflect how thoughtful and focused you are on the activity. The determination and empathy you show are second to none and we are very privileged to have you as part of the Room 4 team.

**Room Five –Ryan**, Ryanyou can be so proud of yourself for the PRIDE that you bring to school with you, each and every day. You always, always join in, you consistently try your hardest with all of your work, you have oodles of initiative and you are one of the kindest, most caring people that we know. Ryan, it is such a pleasure to have you in Room 5 - we love your sense of humour and your positive vibes. Keep being you, because you are awesome!

**Alex** - Alex, you can be so proud of the way that you show up to school each day, always ready to give 100% to everything you do.. You are making excellent progress with your learning, you're a PRIDE role model in our school and you are a great friend to everyone. You are strong, brave and determined and you always stay in your own lane. These are amazing qualities to possess. We love the confidence that you bring to school with you each and every day. It is a pleasure to have you in Room 5!

## Term Dates for 2024

[Click here](#) for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.

## Buying Uniform

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## Dunsandel School

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Tracey Harrold

[tracey@dunsandel.school.nz](mailto:tracey@dunsandel.school.nz)

### School Secretary

Felicity Pluck

[felicity@dunsandel.school.nz](mailto:felicity@dunsandel.school.nz)

### Board Presiding Member

Mick O'Connor

### PTA President

Katharine Sheppard

### School Account Number

02-0860-0049250-000

## PTA News

Kia ora everyone!

Hope everyone has had a restful weekend and are refreshed and ready for week 7 (I had 6 and then checked calendar, shock horror that we're at 7 already). Going to keep this short, sweet and concrete today so no one misses anything in my novel.

1. QUIZ! Friday, 21 June (less than 2wk away), 7pm @ Dunsandel Community Centre - \$60/team of up to 4, open bar, supper provided, great evening out - email [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com) and get that team in ASAP! We're only sitting on about 8 teams registered at the moment, would love to double that plus a few!
  2. Quiz helpers/bakers - we need 8 plates of baking for quiz supper - if you can do a plate, please email us on [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com) or text Katharine 027 307 8345. We would also love a couple of volunteers to help make sandwiches on the 21st (probably at school during the afternoon?) - contact same as above.
  3. Food fundraiser - order sheet and all info will be out next week, with orders due in on the last Friday of term - keep an eye out for that.
  4. Calf fundraiser - we are running our annual calf fundraiser, if you'd be keen to donate a calf to the cause, please email us on [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com) - please see flyer in newsletter for specific details.
- There's a lot happening and I'm not loving it all overlapping - hard to give things the air time they need - for now, get those teams in for quiz, and we'll work on food and calves a little later. Thanks to everyone for all the support - we are still looking for prizes/sponsorship (and teams) - so if you have a business or know one that would be keen to support us, please get in touch on [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com) and let us know.

Until next week,  
Katharine

## Dunsandel School PTA 2024 Calf Fundraiser

### Wanted: Friesian bull calves

(5 white points, no black feet)

- All calves must be NAIT tagged and registered
- Born before 20th August 2024 and 100kg+ on collection
- Calves will be collected mid/late November or can be sold through your agent



A big thank you to all the families who donated calves last year! A total of over \$9,000 was raised which is being used to fund education outside the classroom - real life experiences helping shape a child's life including Year 6 camp to Aoraki Mt. Cook, Year 5/6 ski trip to Porter Heights, class swimming and museum trips, computers in the classroom and our very special PRIDE days! We are hoping we can do it all over again!



Scan this QR code to take you to a Google Form to express interest in donating a calf this year

### Virtual Calf Donation option available

\$400 for a whole calf or \$200 for half a calf - each half calf (real or virtual!) gives you one entry into our prize draw

PTA Acc: 02 0860 0040555 002  
Ref:calf

For more info: John Michael 0276 291 350 Selene Harvie 022 344 6069  
or email [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com)



# DUNSANDEL SCHOOL Wednesday 19 June

PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM MONDAY 17 June 2024

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of:

Six Inch with cookie (\$5.00)

Or

Footlong and Cookie (\$8.00)

Or

Six Inch only (\$4.50)

**Please tick what you would like in your Sub**

<b>BREAD</b> (tick one only)	<b>MEAT</b> (tick one only)	<b>SALADS</b>	<b>SAUCES</b>
White <input type="checkbox"/>	Ham <input type="checkbox"/>	Cheese <input type="checkbox"/>	Honey Mustard <input type="checkbox"/>
Garlic <input type="checkbox"/>	Salami <input type="checkbox"/>	Onion <input type="checkbox"/>	Mayo <input type="checkbox"/>
Italian <input type="checkbox"/>	Beef <input type="checkbox"/>	Lettuce <input type="checkbox"/>	BBQ <input type="checkbox"/>
Rye <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuna <input type="checkbox"/>	Tomato <input type="checkbox"/>	Marinara <input type="checkbox"/>
Wheat <input type="checkbox"/>	Vege Delight <input type="checkbox"/>	Cucumber <input type="checkbox"/>	Sweet Onion <input type="checkbox"/>
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