

Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 22 July 2024

PRIDE



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

Key Information in this Newsletter

- Building works
- Speed Signs
- After school routine
- Hot Lunch Friday

News and Notes from the Principal

Key Dates for Term 3 at Dunsandel School

Monday 22 July Term 3 starts

Thursday 25 July Dunsandel host Southbridge - Winter Sports

Thursday 1 August Year 5/6 Ski Trip

Tuesday 6 August Playhouse Theatre at School

Tuesday 6 August Board Meeting

Thursday 8 August Dunsandel at Leeston Winter Sports

Thursday 8 August Kāhui Ako Speech Finals at Southbridge

Tuesday 13 August Ellesmere Zone Winter Tournament

Thursday 15 August Strum Strike Blow

Wednesday 28 August Senior Kapahaka performance at EC

Tuesday 10 September Board Meeting

Monday 16 September Canterbury Duathlon

Friday 20 September Country Day

Friday 27 September Last day of Term 3.



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE



Nau mai, haere mai
Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa
Welcome to term three

I hope you and your whānau enjoyed the holidays and you are all ready for the new term. We have a very busy and exciting time ahead, with lots of activities, visitors, events and of course the best day of the year, Country day.

Building Works

At the moment there are two building projects happening. The admin building has new cladding going up and the classrooms that are the original Room 1 & 2 are being modernised inside. While it is exciting for the children to watch, there are some challenges with movement around the school. The builders have done a great job keeping us a safe distance from the worksites and there are mat pathways for us to walk on. For now, our bus teams will assemble on the court outside Room 4 & 5 so that we have a clear space to organise the children. The bus teams will leave school through the side gate next to the staffroom. I thank you for your patience while collecting and dropping off your children from school.

We expect all of the work to be finished by the end of week 3.

Speed Signs

At the end of last term, as part of a new road safety initiative, Selwyn District Council put up new speed restriction signs either side of our school on Irvines Road. These signs flash for 10 minutes before and after school to remind drivers to slow down while in a school zone. The Council are placing these signs outside many rural schools in the Selwyn District. It is also a good time for a reminder that when you pass a stationary school bus, you need to slow down to 20kph, regardless of which direction you or the bus are travelling in.

Year 5 and 6 ski trip is next Thursday at Porter Heights ski field. If you have a child in Year's 5 and 6 and haven't returned your ski form, please contact the school office.

Term 3 after school Routine – Some families have changes in their after school routine and to make things run smoothly on these days, it is important for us to know which direction we are sending your children home. Please complete our after school routine form and return it back to the school office.

Lucky Book Club – Orders close on Friday 2nd August, no orders will be taken after this date.

Hot Lunch Friday – There will be Hot Lunch Friday this Friday. Please do not send your child with a massive item or more than one item – We have 129 children that would like their food heated and we simply do not have enough space.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Ngā mihi nui

Tracey Harrold; Acting Principal

Term Dates for 2024

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

Buying Uniform

Go 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.

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PTA News

Kia ora everyone, and how can it be Term 3 already? I don't know about you but I feel like another week of holidays would be just nice, they went by far too fast. Will keep this short, sweet and to the point this week as we've got some important stuff happening - most importantly, food fundraiser orders will be ready for pickup this Friday (26th) between 2:30 and 3:30 at school. I'm not sure exactly where is going to be best/available yet so keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and we'll send a text reminder on Thursday night with time and location if you've ordered something. If you are not able to make it on the day in that time frame, please arrange someone to collect for you - if this is a problem, please let me know on 027 307 8345 - there's hardly space in my freezer for what I've ordered so nowhere to store anyone else's! Second important thing to note: calf fundraiser is in full swing again (hope the weather is behaving as you wish to all you farmers out there), please see the notice elsewhere in the newsletter for all the details. Please get in touch if you are keen to donate a calf, and thanks so much to those of you who have already indicated that you are keen to donate (and to Johnny and Selene for organising). Email us on ptadunsandel@gmail.com if you need us, or message us on Facebook, or text me on the number above...that's it for now, hope everyone is having a smooth transition back into the school routine and we'll see you on Friday if you've ordered pies/croissants/pasta!!!

Until next week,
Katharine Sheppard
PTA President 2024

Music Lessons – Term 3 2024

Our music program will continue in Term 3 starting tomorrow (Tuesday 23 July).

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 \$200 per term 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 26 July.

Student name.....

Yes – my children would like to take part in the Term 3 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.....

After-school routine Term 3 2024

TERM 3 AFTER-SCHOOL ROUTINE

Childs Name.....

This will be usual 3:00pm procedure for my child/ren

For example – My child will be busing home, **Monday** - Walk home, **Tuesday** – Walk to domain, **Wednesday** – Walking bus, **Thursday** – pick up

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

Community News

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!



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



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

RHYTHM & DANCE STUDIO



RHYTHM AND DANCE STUDIO- LEESTON

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Two Concert's a year. Perform at local events.

Dance to your own ability. Have fun!

\$12per Class.40min Classes. Held at Ellesmere College

TERM 3 STARTS TUESDAY 23rd July 2024

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Like us on FACEBOOK!!! Class details on our FACEBOOK Page

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