

# Dunsandel School News and Notes

## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 29 July 2024

# PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.

### Key Information in this Newsletter

- **Chocolate fundraiser**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Year 5 and 6 Ski**
- **Assembly this Friday**

### News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai  
Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to week two.

There are lots of things happening this week so please keep up to date with all of the activities. The weather is meant to be very wet this week so jackets and gumboots might be the order of the day. Please drive carefully around the buses and carpark area, especially if visibility is reduced due to the weather.

**Welcome** – A special welcome to Mrs Georgina Luvenitoga who will be working as a teacher aide in Room 1.

#### **Building Update**

This week the builders continue with the recladding of our administration block. Due to the noise in the offices, Felicity has temporarily relocated to the office beside the main office. If you need to speak with her just pop around the corner to see her.

Stage one of the modernisation of old Rooms 1 & 2 is going well. The new bright colours look fantastic. They have nearly completed the building aspects, and then we wait for the new carpet and lighting, which is part of The Ministry of Education upgrades. It's all looking very exciting.

#### **School Speech Finals**

On Wednesday we are holding the speech finals for Year 4 – 6. If your child has qualified for this, you are welcome to come along and watch. Our thanks to Russel Dalzell and Cheryl Wilson who will be judging this competition. The top 2 Year 5 & 6 speakers will represent our School at the Kahui Ako Speech finals at Southbridge School on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Good luck to all.

#### **Winter Tournament**

Last Thursday we hosted Southbridge School for the first Winter Tournament practice. The teams all showed great Determination and Participation. I was very proud of the way our captains spoke and the respect and sportsmanship they showed in their games. Thanks to those of you who came along and supported them.

**Assembly** We have our first assembly for the term on Friday. Rooms 1 & 1A will be sharing and we will hear from the winner of the Year 4 Speech Competition. Start time is 2:20 and all welcome.

**Year 5 and 6 ski trip** – On Thursday our senior students will be spending the day up at Porter Heights. We wish them all the best and hope for more snow to make it an extra fun day. If this trip is cancelled due to the weather, there will be no postponement day.

**Hot Lunch Friday** – HOT LUNCH FRIDAY! 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.
- Never wrap items in glad-wrap and cover with tinfoil. This causes plastic to shrink wrap around the item and becomes inedible. We do not have time to open every item to check.
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## Chocolate Fundraiser

Our Annual Chocolate Fundraiser is back! Every year we send home a box of chocolate with the eldest child of the family to sell, you should have your box today. They are \$2 each bar, \$60 per box. All money must be back by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**.

We do this fundraiser to help raise funds for additional resources, trips, disco's, PRIDE Day's and visitors who come to visit our school.

This is an easy and fun fundraiser for everyone in the family to get involved in. Many people are keen to purchase chocolate from our students including grandparents, aunties and uncles, sports clubs, farm workers and businesses.

There is a mixture of chocolate bars, so a great variety of chocolate bars makes it easier to sell.

This will be added to your child's school account and marked down as paid when all money is returned. More boxes are available to sell if you would like more.

Thank you for your support, and remember to have fun selling.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the fundraiser, please see Felicity at the office.

You can make payments into the school account – Please make sure you use your child's name and chocolate for reference – BNZ 02-0860-0049250-000

Enjoy your week  
Nga mihi nui

Tracey Harrold; Acting Principal



## Health and Wellbeing

**Head-lice** – Head-lice is out 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.

**Conjunctivitis** - is causing havoc in our school community, please keep your child home if your child has conjunctivitis. Thank you to the families that have notified us. If you are unsure if your child has it or not, please see your local pharmacist or doctor.

### 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!

Thanks for all your awesome support of the food fundraiser - was great to get that all sorted out last Friday and tick another thing off the list. Thanks heaps to Rebecca for picking up the croissants and pasta, and for joining me in the big sort-out. I think I look forward to next year when we don't have to navigate the pathway of bumpy plastic tiles across the grass due to the building works happening at school!! Hope to have a total for you in terms of what you helped raise to support school for next week's newsletter. We may have had pie for dinner in our house on Friday night and what a treat!! I've not got too much to report today, just a reminder that the calf fundraiser is off and running, get in touch with Selene or Johnny for more info or if you know you'd like to donate a calf, or email us at [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com).

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

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