

# Dunsandel School News and Notes

## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 12 August 2024

**PRIDE**



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

### What's on

#### This week At Dunsandel School

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August** – Lions Basketball

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August** - Winter Tournament at Leeston School

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August** -

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August** - Strum, Strike, Blow (daytime practise), evening performance at Wolfbrook Arena

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August** - Kapa haka Performance at Dunsandel Sports Centre and Assembly at 2.20pm

### News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to week Four.

I hope you managed to get some relaxation over the weekend and some viewing of what has been a fantastic Olympic Games for New Zealand!

Last week we had Olympic Ambassador Gen Macky visit and speak to Rooms 4 & 5. She brought her Olympic silver medal to show the children. It was an awesome presentation with lots of great values advice and stories about behind the scenes at the Rio Olympic Games in 2016. We were very lucky to have her at our school.

#### Building Update

The builders are continuing with the cladding on the Admin block this week. The colour and style of the cladding is great and I'm sure the building will look awesome when it's complete.

Two external mats were installed outside the office area today. My apologies for any inconvenience due to limited access to the building this morning.

**Kāhui Ako Speech Competition** – On Thursday 8 August **Charlie Schat, Blake Griffin (Year 6) and Flynn O'Connor and Pippa Michael (Year 5)** represented our school at the Kāhui Ako Speech Competition against Leeston and Southbridge Schools.

Congratulations to **Flynn O'Connor** who won the Year 5 section and **Charlie Schat** who was third in the Year 6 section. They all spoke very well and did our school proud.

**Winter Tournament** -Tomorrow our Year 5 & 6 sports teams head to Leeston for the annual Winter Tournament against Leeston and Southbridge Schools. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our practice against Leeston School last week due to bad weather. Hopefully the weather tomorrow will be great and we will get our opportunity to play. We wish them all the best.

**Kapa haka performance** - Both our Senior and Junior Kapa Haka groups will be performing for Blue Goose Preschool at the sports centre on Friday. This opportunity gives our children the chance to have a practice performance before they perform at the Ngā Mātāpuna o te Waihora Pō Whakangahu on Wednesday 28 August.

**Assembly** - This week we have our Year 5 & 6 children performing at Assembly. We will hear a selection of songs that they will have performed at the Strum, Strike, Blow festival on Thursday evening. We will also hear from the Year 6 winner of our school speech Competition, Charlie Schat.

Start time is 2:20pm and all welcome.

**Subway** – Next week we have our Subway lunch on Wednesday 21 August. Please have your orders in before 9am Monday 19 August, NO late orders will be taken and NO eftpos payments at the office for Subway – The order form is at the back.

**After school routine** – Winter sports practice has come to an end and some families have changes in their after school routine. 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 the after school routine and return back to the office.

**Friday Hot Lunches** – Hot lunch is on Friday, please be mindful of how big your item is as we don't have enough space for big items.

**Chocolate Fundraiser** – Our chocolate fundraiser is going extremely well, thank you to those who have returned their money back to the office. We are out of spare chocolates, which means everyone is working really hard selling and we really appreciate your support. This is the last week to get the money back to the office, so keep selling. Please make sure money comes back in the envelope with your child's name written on it.

Enjoy your week

Nga 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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### PRIDE AWARDS

**Room One – Lahyelah Cutub** - Lahyelah, we are very lucky to have a kind girl like you in our classroom. We have been very impressed with your amazing handwriting skills lately. You work VERY hard to make sure every letter looks absolutely perfect. We have also been impressed with the way you always put your hand up to help new children in our classroom... What an awesome friend you are. Keep up the great work Lahyelah, we think you're a star.

**Ollie Ackers** - Ollie, you are such a happy, kind and fun member of room 1. You're like a reading superhero, and you're a numbers whiz too. Nothing ever seems too hard for you. We have been super impressed with the way you are working hard to do all of your jobs at the end of the day... especially your bag packing.

Ollie we think you're awesome and you should be very proud of all the amazing things you have done so far at school. Keep up the great work!

**Room Two – Jed Donoghue** -

Jed, this award is because you are one of the cleverest boys I

know! It doesn't matter what we are learning about - you will always tell me so many things that you already know! I love your creativity and your ability to build crazy difficult things out of bits and pieces of construction equipment. We all love your giggle and the way you make up fun games at break times. All of your school work is amazing and you are flying through your learning. Keep doing what you're doing Jed, because one day, I am certain you will be the first Kiwi to fly to the moon!

**Room 3 – Lewis Gillespie** - Lewis, you are such a super star. You have a brilliant work ethic and always give things a go, even when they might be tricky. You have come so far with all your learning so far this year, especially with your literacy. You are such a whizz with your reading and spelling! I love your laugh, sense of humour, and all of the cool facts you share with us about calves and farming. You are an incredible role model and member of Room 3. I am super proud of you Lewis, and I am looking forward to seeing what else you can achieve this year!

**Room 4 – Henry Mackie** - Henry, I just have to say how much I love seeing your big smile when you arrive at school each morning. Your excitement for learning and the way you're always so kind to your friends are truly awesome. I was super impressed with how you rocked your speech—those gestures and expressions really brought it to life! You're always up for a challenge and have the coolest ideas when we dive into new topics. Whether you're leading in class or shining on the sports field, keep up the amazing mahi, Henry, your enthusiasm and hard work make you a superstar.

**Claire Gilmour** - Claire, you are doing an awesome job this term. I am so impressed with how quickly you have adjusted to the new classroom routines and how well you are following instructions. You are setting a fantastic example for everyone with how organised and enthusiastic you are about our classroom topics. It is amazing to see you tackle challenges with such a positive attitude. Keep up the great work, you're really shining bright! I can't wait to see all the great things you will keep doing. Keep being awesome!

**Room Five – Flynn O'Connor** - Flynn, we love seeing how you arrive at school each day with a smile on your face, always ready for a quick chat before you get yourself organised for the day ahead. You always put 110% into all of your school work resulting in you making great progress with your learning. It was fabulous watching you present your speech with such enthusiasm and expression. You should be super proud of your delivery!!! You are such a kind and caring member of our classroom always showing great empathy towards others. Flynn you are a star!!!

**Bonnie McIntyre** - Bonnie, we could not be more proud of the enthusiasm that you bring to school with you each day. You try incredibly hard with all of your school work, you listen carefully to new learning and you are making such great progress with your learning as a result of your hard work. This determination was reflected in your recent speech writing, and placing third in the 2024 Year 5 speech competition was a fantastic achievement. You are also a kind, caring and positive member of our class and we are extremely lucky to have you in Room 5. You are a star, Bonnie, keep shining bright, because the world is your oyster..



**PTA News**

Kia ora everyone!

Hope everyone has been enjoying some binge-watching of crazy Olympic feats - some incredible achievements to witness (but my house could be tidier - so distracting from real life!!). Next week, we'll have a Country Day Cake Competition entry form in the newsletter for you - but for now, calves!! Selene and Johnny have been doing a fabulous job organising the calf fundraiser this year - and I don't want to jinx us but I feel like we could be heading for a record number of calves donated! If you have been meaning to put your name on the list and keep forgetting in the crazy that is early August - it's not too late, we're after calves born before Aug 20! Please get in touch with Selene on 022 344 6069 or Johnny on 0276 291 350 for any further info or to add your calf to the list. You can also email [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com) and I'll get one of them to get in touch. Thank you so much to all of you who have already indicated you'll donate a calf or two (school families and the wider Dunsandel community), this is one of our best fundraisers and allows us to keep funding the education outside the classroom to the level that we are now accustomed for all of our children at school. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! That will be it for this week, it's looking busy already in our house with basketball and Strum Strike Blow - can't wait!

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  
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**After School Routine**

**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