

# Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 19 August 2024

## PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.

Country Day Friday 20 September 2024

# COUNTRY DAY 2024

## Country Calendar



*Our theme -  
Country Calendar*

### KEY DATES

**Friday 30 August** All Country Day entry forms back at school.

**Monday 16 September** - Last day to hand in Pet Projects & Research Projects.

**Friday 20 September** Country Day.

## News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.  
Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to week Five.

I hope you have all thawed out after the cold and rain yesterday. Hopefully spring is just around the corner and we will see the sunshine. I was very proud of our senior children who represented us at the Strum, Strike, Blow concert at Wolfbrook Arena last Thursday. The children were awesome musicians and all the PRIDE values were on show. My thanks to Heather Birnie and Kate McCloy who prepared this group.

Our assemblies are starting to get busy with captain's reports, PRIDE Awards and items from classes or performing groups so **we have decided change assembly start time 10 minutes earlier to 2:10pm every week this term** so that we finish on time for the bell. This will avoid late dispatch of buses. I apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

**Country Day 2024** – With this newsletter is our Country Day information and entry form. County Day is **Always** a highlight on our school calendar and we can't wait for this year's event. Once again we have included a Research Project option for those children **who do not have a pet**, but would like to have their work judged on Country Day and earn themselves a County Day ribbon. This Research Project will be on any animal that the child chooses. The project must include an animal description, its habitat, diet, predators, interesting facts, pictures and / or diagrams. Judges will talk to the children about their projects on Country Day. All projects must be on A4 paper / booklet and the projects will be marked on the day by the judge.

If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

Please take note of the return dates – this helps us plan the day in advance.

**Daffodil Day** – Next Friday 30 August we have a Daffodil Day to raise money for the Cancer Society. Children can dress up in anything yellow and we ask if you could send them to school with a gold coin donation.

**Building Update** - The Admin block recladding is just about complete with the final inspection happening on Tuesday.

I think the new cladding looks fantastic and although it took a little longer it has been worth the wait. My thanks to children, staff and parents who have had to work around builders, scaffolding and rubber matting. Your patience is much appreciated.

**Winter Tournament** - Last Tuesday our Year 5 & 6 sports teams headed to Leeston for the annual Winter Tournament against Leeston and Southbridge Schools. I was very proud of all of our children for the determination and sportsmanship they showed on and off their respective playing fields. Congratulations to our soccer team who qualified for the Canterbury Winter Tournament and a big thanks to their coach Mr Happer for coaching them and special thanks to Nick Boon for coaching the rugby team, Emma Jones, Bella Jones and Lydia Wilson for coaching the net-ball teams.

**Kapa Haka Performance** - On Wednesday 28 August, our Senior Kapa Haka Group will be performing at Pō Whakangahu at Ellesmere College Gymnasium. This celebration will feature Kapa Haka Groups from Leeston, Southbridge and Dunsandel School plus various groups from our local Early Childhood Centres. The start time is 5.30pm. If your child is in the kapa haka group, please could their permission forms be returned before Thursday.

**Assembly** - This week we have our Senior Kapa haka Group performing, we will hear from our Strum, Strike, Blow Captain and the Rugby Captain and our Kapa Haka captain will be announced. All welcome, please remember the **earlier start time of 2.10pm**

**Chocolate Fundraiser** – Our chocolate fundraiser has come to an end and we would like to thank everyone for their awesome effort they put into this. We really appreciate your support. Could we please have all chocolate money returned back to the office as soon as possible. If you would like to pay online – please make sure you write your child's name and chocolate for reference.

**Hot Lunch Friday** – This Friday is hot lunch Friday – Please be mindful of the size of the item, some hot lunches are the size of a whole pizza and we need to fit 133 items in the warmer.

Enjoy your week  
Ngā mihi nui

Tracey Harrold; Acting Principal





## PRIDE AWARDS

**Room One – Marty Boston** - Marty, you are a fun, happy and determined member of the room 1 team. We've really noticed how you've been using your best listening skills lately, especially when sitting on the mat. Your counting and number writing are amazing—you're really getting the hang of it! And that big, happy smile of yours brightens up everyone's day! Thanks for being such a fantastic part of the Room 1 team. You're a superstar! 🌟😊

**Room Two – Mysha Ali** - Mysha this award is for doing amazing things with your learning. You are a superstar reader and writer - and you are doing very cool things with big numbers at maths time. Mysha, we love you for your kindness and the way you really care about your class buddies. You also



did some fabulous jumping at our Olympics yesterday and helped your team to win gold! Thank you for always bringing the best of you to school each and every day - you're the best!

**Room Three – Blake Geddes** - Blake, you are an incredible member of Room 3. You have an exceptional eye for detail. You always take great pride in your work, and this especially shines through with your handwriting and art. I also love how neat and organised you always are, and I can always rely on you to be doing the right thing. You have a fantastic sense of humour and we all enjoy your epic dance moves! You are an amazing role model for everyone in our class. Mīharo Blake, I am so proud of you!

**Wyatt Harrison** - Wyatt, you are a rockstar. You always arrive at school with a big smile on your face ready to tackle the day. I love your enthusiasm and positive approach towards learning. You show great determination and have been working so hard with all of your learning this year. I am especially proud of all the progress you have made with your reading! You are empathetic, kind, and always willing to lend a hand to others which makes you such a fantastic member of Room 3. Tino pai Wyatt, keep up the great work!

**Room Four – Millie Vanderweg** - Millie, you are a fabulous member of the Room 4 team! I'm so impressed by how reliable and responsible you are in the classroom. Your dedication to your learning is outstanding, and I love how confidently you share your knowledge of the world with the class. Your calm and thoughtful nature adds so much to our classroom environment. Keep up the amazing work habits and your enthusiasm for learning, Millie, and you can achieve anything!

**Room Five – Rishal Rattan** - Rishal, you are an awesome member of Room 5. Each day you walk into the classroom with a huge smile on your face and set about getting yourself organised for the day ahead. You are trying so hard with your learning and are continuing to make great progress. We love listening to you sharing your fishing adventures when you and your family go to Kaiapoi and you have been an amazing Rugby Sports Captain for this years Winter Tournament. It was a shame that you were unable to play due to your broken hand but you were a great support from the side-line. Well done!!!

**Danny Cavalevu** - Danny, this award goes to you for the consistently positive attitude that you bring to school with you - you try super hard with your learning, you give everything a go and you do it all with a big smile on your face. Your cheerful nature makes our classroom a brighter place to be and we are so lucky to have you in Room 5. Danny, we were also so proud of you for the determination, team-work and respect that you displayed during Winter Tournament rugby this week - you were an asset to your team. Keep up the great work, Danny.

**Charlie Schat** - Charlie, you can be proud of yourself for the determination that you bring to everything that you do. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field or on the stage, you give everything that you do 110% effort and that is an admirable quality to possess. You can be so proud of yourself for winning the Dunsandel School Year 6 speech competition and placing 3rd in the Kāhui Ako speech competition. You were also an excellent member of the Winter Tournament Soccer team, and it was a pleasure to watch you playing out on the field. Keep up the great work, Charlie, we can't wait to see what you achieve next!

<b>Term Dates for 2024</b>	<b>Dunsandel School</b>
<p><a href="#">Click here</a> for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.</p>	<p>Irvines Road, RD2  Dunsandel 7682  Phone 033254079  <a href="http://www.dunsandel.school.nz">www.dunsandel.school.nz</a></p>
<b>Buying Uniform</b>	<p><b>Office Email</b>  <a href="mailto:admin@dunsandel.school.nz">admin@dunsandel.school.nz</a></p>
<p>Go to the <b>Mainland Uniforms</b> website - personalised page for our school: -  <a href="https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/241-dunsandel-school">https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/241-dunsandel-school</a></p> <p>This link is also on the home page of our school website.</p>	<p><b>Principal</b>  Dave Robinson  <a href="mailto:principal@dunsandel.school.nz">principal@dunsandel.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Deputy Principal</b>  Tracey Harrold  <a href="mailto:tracey@dunsandel.school.nz">tracey@dunsandel.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>School Secretary</b>  Felicity Pluck  <a href="mailto:felicity@dunsandel.school.nz">felicity@dunsandel.school.nz</a></p> <p><b>Board Presiding Member</b>  Mick O'Connor</p> <p><b>PTA President</b>  Katharine Sheppard</p> <p><b>School Account Number</b>  02-0860-0049250-000</p>
<b>PTA News</b>	
<p>Kia ora everyone!</p> <p>Hope you all managed to stay dry in the persistent rain that was our day yesterday! Not so exciting as the snow it seems like many other places got, but here we are! The lambs and calves will be grateful it was not cold enough to snow. Couple of things this week - if you're keen to come along to a PTA meeting, our next one is next Thursday the 29th, 7:30 at the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe - pop that in your diary! Secondly - we have been very generously donated (by Sheat Contracting) 10 medium square bales of pea straw - they are for sale for \$60 each - if you would be keen for one (or more) for your garden, please email us at <a href="mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com">ptadunsandel@gmail.com</a> or text Katharine on 027 307 8345 - first in first served! And last but definitely not least, cake competition! For any of you new to school, PTA runs a cake competition on Country Day (kids can partake and do some cupcakes), and after the cakes are judged, they are auctioned off by our fantastic auctioneers from Hazlett Ltd for one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. There is incredible depth of cake baking and decorating talent in the Dunsandel School parent (and grandparent) community - if you love to bake a cake, this one's for you! And if it's not your gig, but you'd rather just enjoy someone else's delicious cake, you can buy one at auction, win-win! Kids can join in and bake cupcakes that will also be judged, and then all the cupcakes get sold at lunchtime along with the sausage sizzle - hard to beat!! The theme for this year is Country Calendar, looking forward to seeing all the amazing talent on the cake front, will be here in the blink of an eye! If you are keen to enter a cake, and/or kids keen to enter cupcakes, please fill out the entry form and turn in to the office, or email us on <a href="mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com">ptadunsandel@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p>As a side note, attended Strum Strike Blow on Thursday evening last week (as did many of you), and just how amazing is it that our kids get to partake in such a cool event? This is the amazing return on the investment PTA makes in the school wide music program with Mrs Birnie - kids were still fizzing at the bus stop next morning about how neat it all was. Pats on the back to all the great ukulele players, parent's/transport folk, and Mrs Birnie - so good!!!</p> <p>Until next week-  Katharine</p>	



# Leeston Southbridge Cricket Club

## 2024/25 Junior Information

Boys and Girls from Year 1



Registrations are open: <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/079c7f>

Subs:

Junior Hardball - \$90

Junior Softball - \$75

Junior Season playing dates

19th Oct to 14th Dec and 1st Feb to 15th Mar

No cricket Labour weekend or Chch Show weekend

<p><b>Smash Play cricket</b> - Held at Leeston Domain Best option for (Y1 -3) who want to give cricket a go Mondays 5 - 5:45pm starting 4th November - Four week program, \$20 Registration info will come home through school</p>	<p><b>Section 3 &amp; 4</b> Saturday 9am till approx 10:30 am Section 4 Friday afternoon option Highly Modified Beginner Cricket, use a soft ball Games played in Selwyn</p>
<p><b>Section 1 &amp; 2</b> Saturday 9am till approx 12pm Games played in Selwyn Use a hard ball Up to year 8</p>	<p><b>Girls Cricket</b> All ages catered for in mixed teams</p>

For further information: <https://www.facebook.com/LeestonSouthbridgeCricketClub/> or email [leestonsouthbridgecc@gmail.com](mailto:leestonsouthbridgecc@gmail.com) or contact Tracey 0274 195 345.

We are looking for helpers for the season. As well as Coaches and Managers we are looking for volunteers to help us with pitch and ground preparation each week. If this sounds like you we would love to hear from you!



## 2024 PTA Cake Competition

**BAKE A CAKE (OR KIDS MAKE SOME CUPCAKES) AND ENTER INTO OUR CAKE COMPETITION ON COUNTRY DAY!!**

The theme of Country Day this year is "Country Calendar" - so put your thinking caps on about how you might interpret that in a cake - cakes will be auctioned off in one of our best fundraisers of the year!!

If you want any more info, or to enter via email, please email us on [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com)

**2024 COUNTRY DAY CAKE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

**(PLEASE ONLY CIRCLE ONE CATEGORY PER ENTRY)**

**NAME:**

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**CATEGORY:**

**FIRST TIME ENTRANT**

**OPEN**

**KIDS CUPCAKES**

**DAD'S CAKE**