

Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 5 August 2024



Key Information in this Newsletter

- Chocolate Fundraiser
- Assembly Friday 220pm

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to week three.

We are having another busy week with plenty happening around the school. Please keep an eye on the calendar so you don't miss crucial information. On Thursday last week the Year 5 & 6 children enjoyed a day up at Porter Heights Ski Field. Thank you to all the parent helpers on the day. Seemed as though everyone had a great time. They had a ski lesson and then time to perfect their new skills.

Building Update

The cladding is starting to go up on the admin block and it looks awesome. Thanks for your patience with reduced access in and out of the admin area. The work on this block is due to be finished by the end of the week. Old Rooms 1 & 2 have some bright paint and new storage, and the walls are being covered with display boards.

School Speech Finals

Wednesday 31 July we held our school speech finals for Year 4 – 6.

Congratulations to the following children for their placings.

Year 4; Hope Novikov 1st, Henry Mackie 2nd, Miah Teepa 3rd.

Year 5; Flynn O'Connor 1st, Pippa Michael 2nd, Bonnie McIntyre 3rd.

Year 6; Charlie Schat 1st, Blake Griffin 2nd, Alex Wheeler 3rd.

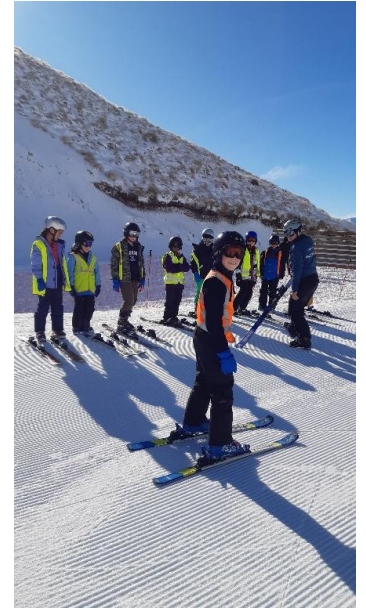
The first 2 place getters in Year 5 & 6 will represent our school at the Kāhui Ako Speech Finals at Southbridge School on Thursday 8th August. We wish them all the best. Thank you to Cheryl Wilson and Russell Dalzell for judging the speeches.

Olympic Ambassador

As part of our Kaha Award we are lucky to have rower Gen Macky, an Olympic Ambassador, come to our school and chat with the Rooms 4 & 5. She has competed at numerous world championships and rowed in the coxless pair at the Rio Olympics, gaining a silver medal. We are lucky to have her here to speak to our children and I am sure they will make the most of this opportunity.

After school routine – It is very important to let the office know what your child is doing after school by ringing the school and leaving a message on the bus line. If you tell your child something different from the back of the bus book and not let the office know, then there is a lot of confusion and chaos at 3pm. Winter sport is coming to an end, so please, this is a friendly reminder to update your child's afterschool routine.

Playhouse Theatre - These talented group come to our school each year and entertain us with their latest play. They write the scripts themselves, usually based on a well-known fairy tale but with a twist. This year the story is The Reluctant Dragon. The underlying theme is dealing with disappointment, boasting and acceptance. All great life lessons to learn.



Winter Tournament - On Wednesday our Year 5 & 6 Winter Tournament teams have a “friendly” match against Leeston School at Leeston.

Assembly - It is our second assembly for the term on Friday. Room 2 will be sharing and we will hear from the winner of the Year 5 Speech Competition.

Chocolate Fundraiser – Wow, What a fantastic start to our chocolate fundraiser. This year has been



extraordinary and the chocolates have been flying out the door. They are definitely in hot demand which is great to see. Keep up the great work.

If you are having difficulty selling the chocolates, feel free to return them back to school even if you have only sold half a box, we have super sellers that can sell them.

Reminder that they are \$2 each, \$60 per box and all the money is due back **Friday 16 August**. Happy selling.

Enjoy your week

Ngā mihi nui

Tracey Harrold; Acting Principal

This week at Dunsandel School

Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th Playhouse Theatre Performance.

Wednesday 7th Year 5 & 6 at Leeston for Winter Tournament practise.

Thursday 8th Gen Macky, Olympic Ambassador, Kahui Ako Speech Finals

Friday 9th Assembly at 2.20

PRIDE AWARDS

Room One - Lottie Chamberlain - Lottie you're a superstar in our class! You know almost all your alphabet sounds and are doing an awesome job blending them together. You always join in for our class stories and make them super fun. You're great at following our school values like participating and being respectful. Plus, you're a Go Noodle and Jump Jam star, always full of energy and smiles! We're so lucky to have you in our classroom. Keep being amazing, Lottie! 🌟💡

Pippa Chambers - Pippa, you are a hilarious, smart, and friendly member of Room 1! You're rocking your sounding-out skills, stretching words out and blending them like a word magician. Not only that, but you re-read your words to make them sound just like talking! Pippa, you are a sweet and caring friend who loves to make everyone smile. Thanks for being such a groovy member of our room 1 team, Pippa. You rock! 🌟🎧

Room Two – Albie Dondertman - Albie, this PRIDE award is for the incredible progress you are making with your learning! You are like a very wise owl in our class. You listen to everything and can always figure out the tricky stuff by yourself, especially at maths time when you are like a calculator on legs! We all love your crazy dances and the interesting ideas you have for new inventions and games in the class. Thank you for the energy you bring to Room 2 Albie - you always make me very proud to be your teacher! 😊

Room Four – Charlie Pluck - Wow, Charlie, you're absolutely crushing it this term! Your smooth transition into the new classroom routines is nothing short of impressive. You're setting an incredible example for everyone with how quickly you follow instructions and get organised for learning. Your determination is shining brightly, and it's so inspiring to see you tackle challenges with such enthusiasm. I'm beyond excited to watch you continue to excel both in class and on the rugby field this term. Keep up the amazing work—you're on fire!

Miah Teepa - Miah, being your teacher is an absolute joy! You're incredibly reliable, enthusiastic about learning, and always a kind friend to everyone you meet. I was so impressed with how confidently you delivered your speech and especially loved the actions, gestures and expression you used to engage the audience. I love how you bounce into the classroom every morning, ready to tackle new challenges. You're a fantastic role model and leader, both in class and on the sports field. Keep up the amazing mahi, Miah!



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 all!

Hope everyone stayed warm this weekend - we've certainly been having some cracking frosts in the mornings lately! I don't have heaps to share news-wise - we try and keep this time of year in PTA a little more on the low key side as we know it's a very busy time for many of our school families. Our next meeting is on Thursday the 29th of August, 7:30pm at the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe. The next big event in the front of my brain is our annual fundraising cake auction on Country Day (20th Sept) - more info on that to come soon. I know we've had quite a few families join us since my last "who we are and what we do" blurb - so will fill you all in today! Dunsandel School PTA is a small but mighty band of school parents who fundraise to help provide some "extras" and education outside the classroom that help make Dunsandel School such a special place to learn. We fundraise through catering events, quiz night, cake auction, the calf fundraiser, food fundraiser, and other opportunities as they arise. This allows us to fund things like the schoolwide music program, some resources for each classroom each term, Pride tshirts, and education outside the classroom (think things like the bus to Porters for the year 5/6 ski trip, Playhouse Theatre coming to do a performance at school, school camps, trips out to Orana Park or the Air Force Museum etc). How can you help us out? Many hands make light work - come along to a meeting, do some baking or helping for a catering event, help out at quiz, bake a cake, buy a cake, donate a calf, help with calf logistics, order a pie or lasagne in the food fundraiser - all of those things are helpful!! Doesn't have to be a massive investment of time or energy - we appreciate every bit of help we can get, and everyone has something to offer. We love to meet new people, so please don't be shy - come along to a meeting and say hello - I think we have members on committee with kids in most if not all classrooms at school, so you'll likely already know someone! Please get in touch on ptadunsandel@gmail.com if you need us for anything - otherwise if you are keen to donate a calf (because it's that time of year), please see the flyer for details and get in touch with Selene or Johnny.

Until next week!

Katharine Sheppard (Tom's mum if you don't know me)
Dunsandel School PTA President 2024

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
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Leeston Consolidated School
Whanau, Friends and School

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House and Garden Tour



2024

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Tickets available from

Terra Viva Christchurch

Lushingtons Ashburton

Bayleys Leeston and Darfield

Leeston Consolidated School

10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday 3 November

\$30 EARLY BIRD TICKETS, \$35 TICKETS FROM 4 OCTOBER

OR EMAIL

wfs@leeston.school.nz

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paddock opposite Ellesmere
transport/Dunsandel

(and are now most likely located in the Ellesmere
/Central Canterbury area)

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