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**Country Day 2024**

*Country Calendar*



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# Dunsandel School News and Notes

## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 16 September 2024

# PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.

### Key Information in this Newsletter

- Country Day information
- No more Hot Lunch Fridays
- Health and Wellbeing

### News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai  
Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Nau mai, haere mai ki te wiki o Te Reo Māori.

Well the most exciting event of the year is nearly here, "Country Day" – this Friday!

The big field will be set up and the grass mowed so that it all looks great. Please take time to review your Country Day booklet. There is a lot of planning and organisation that goes into this day and the work behind the scenes started weeks ago. I would like to thank my staff for the extra curriculum work that they do in class, Mrs R for her overall organisation and coordination of the day and Mrs Pluck and Mrs Colenso for making the certificates, booklets and flyers. My thanks to Mr Happer, Mr R and Mick O'Connor for setting up over the road on Thursday night. I would also like to thank the PTA for coordinating the 'Bake A Cake' competition, which is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

I would like to thank Hellers who have supplied the sausages at no cost to the PTA as a fundraiser.

I hope you and your family can take the time to come along and celebrate Country Calendar with us.

#### Programme

9.00 Children in class

10.00 Morning Tea as usual

10.30 Pets arrive at school (children will be on the school side, so please collect them from there)

11.00 Judging starts (Children are to stay with their pets, or at the research project station until notified by Miss Harrold).

12.00 Judging is completed and lunch is back over the school side of the road. Have your \$2 ready for a sausage and \$1 for a cupcake.

During the lunch break the junior and senior kapa haka groups will be performing and the cake auction will take place.

1.15 (approx) Back over the road for the lamb and calf drinking races, followed by the dog races and then the best dressed pet (judged in class groups).

Pack up and home for the weekend.

**Country Day is a normal school day and the expectation is that all children stay until the end of the day. If pets are stressed, they may be taken home after the judging has been completed.**

#### Research & Pet Projects

If your child has done a research project (about an animal; in replacement of bringing a pet) these come to school on FRIDAY. All pet projects that go with a pet who is coming to school, should have been handed to the class teacher today. They will be marked before Country Day so the results can be added to the judges board ready for their pet judging.

#### Handwriting & Art

Your child has completed a piece of art and handwriting for judging on Country Day. These **stay at school** so they can be displayed at The Ellesmere A&P Show on Saturday 19 October.



### Canterbury Schools Duathlon

Last week we sent a small team of Year 5 & 6 children to the Canterbury Schools Duathlon at Ruapuna Speedway. Congratulations to the following children for their placings: **Charlie Schat 81 of 123, Melanie Smith 88 of 95, Ezra Harrison 75 of 109, Thomas Sheppard 95 of 109 and Pippa Michael 15 of 53. Well done to all!**

**30km Speed Zone** - For 15 minutes before and after school there is a speed restriction to 30km in the school zone around our school. The flashing sign on Leeston Dunsandel Road reminding drivers of this restriction is only working intermittently. Please be aware that as you drive away from school and head out onto this road, you are speed restricted to 30km until you are out of the school zone. We want to keep everybody safe, so thanks for your cooperation.

**Lunches** While it is nice for your child to have a sweet treat occasionally, we ask that you **DO NOT** include sweets, chocolates and lollies in their lunchbox. We also discourage juice and high sugar milk drinks, eg Calci-Yum or Just Juice as they seem to make the children thirstier. If your child has a yoghurt or any other food requiring a spoon or fork, please provide them in their lunchbox. Thanks for your understanding.

### Hot Lunches

There are **NO** hot lunches happening for the rest of this year.

### Assembly

There is **NO** assembly this week, it is COUNTRY DAY ON FRIDAY!!

Enjoy your week

Nga mihi nui

Tracey Harrold; Acting Principal

### **Health and Welling**

As we aim to maintain a healthy environment for our children, we would like to remind you of the importance of addressing common medical concerns at home. Issues such as itchy insect bites, mouth ulcers and eczema can often be managed effectively with over the counter remedies or home care before your child comes to school.

Our school does not have the necessary resources or medication to treat these conditions. If your child is experiencing any of these common issues, we kindly ask you to take the time to treat them at home.

It is important to reassure your child that these issues can be treated and resolved at home.

**Headlice** is still going around, please be very vigilant and check your child's hair often and treat hair immediately. Please ensure their hair is tied back to prevent headlice from crawling from one head to another.

**A reminder** that we have a child at our school with a severe peanut allergy. To ensure their safety, we kindly request that peanuts and peanut products not be included in children's lunch boxes.



If you have any health concerns, there is a health line you can ring and speak with a nurse.



## 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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### Board Presiding Member

Mick O'Connor

### PTA President

Katharine Sheppard

### School Account Number

02-0860-0049250-000

## PTA News

Kia ora all!

The week of Country Day is finally here (not sure why I say finally because this term has FLOWN by)!! Yee-ha, cakes!! So looking forward to Friday and seeing everyone's awesome creativity in the cake and cupcake department. While I remember, on the topic of Country Day, bring your gold coins as there will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime (sausages kindly donated by Hellers) for \$2 a sausage, and kids cupcakes will be available to buy as well for a gold coin donation (apart from the winning cupcakes which will be auctioned with the cakes). Best lunch ever, sausage and cupcake!

If you are entering a cake or cupcakes, please take them to the old Room 2 class by 9:30am - it's always quite chaotic in there in the morning but it works. You will need to get a sticker from Felicity to place somewhere on your cake – kid's cupcakes will also need a sticker for judging. Please collect your container at the end of the day in the main school foyer.

Fundraisers - thanks to all who ordered lily/freesia bulbs for their gardens, looking forward to getting those to you so you can get them in the garden and enjoy. Kings Seeds of Support Fundraiser order sheet is attached to the newsletter; those orders are due back by **25th September** which is not this Wednesday but next. Our minimum order with that one to make it a goer is 100 packets of seed all up - so far we've had orders for 29, so hope there are a few more keen gardeners out there like me who haven't quite got their ducks in a row seed-wise yet!

Catering - thanks to those of you who have offered to help out with plates of baking for the Ellesmere Golf Club Catering on Saturday the 21st (baking to be at school on Friday please) - we would love **TWO** more plates of baking if anyone else out there can help out with those! We have enough helpers on the day, which is amazing.

Shhhhh don't tell anyone but I'm so looking forward to next week when the only thing I really have to ask for/remind about is the Kings Seeds orders - this end of the term has been full on and PTA appreciates all of the support massively! If you know anyone who feels like coming along and bidding on a cake on Friday, the more the merrier - they make a fantastic afternoon tea for work!!

Thanks team - see you on Friday!

Katharine





## 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

<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	<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
<b>Section 1 &amp; 2</b> Saturday 9am till approx 12pm Games played in Selwyn Use a hard ball Up to year 8	<b>Girls Cricket</b> All ages catered for in mixed teams

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!



# Presiding Member Comment

The Dunsandel School Board of Trustees meet on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the following:

- School finances and insurance cover, the board is comfortable with our current fiscal position and level of insurance cover
- Administration building and room 1 & 2 upgrades, these are looking very smart, last couple of defects to be resolved over the coming week or two
- Enrolment scheme, with the growing school numbers and the pressure the school is under, the board has voted to accept the recommendation not to accept any out of school enrolments
- The board has also accepted the recommendation to stay in the School Transport Assistance Agreement for another 3 years
- Special Education Report and Learning Support within our school, this showed us the extent of the support our school receives including speech and Language therapists, ESL support, Learning Support Coordinator along with other resources
- The Board has appointed Reinier Undan as a Parent Representative to our School Board, we look forward to working alongside him

Another busy school term coming to an end. Highlights of term three include, Strum Strike & Blow, Pō Whakangahu, Senior School Ski trip to Porters, visit from the Dunsandel Volunteer Fire brigade, Kāhui Ako Speech Competition, Canterbury Schools Duathlon, Playhouse Theatre School Visit, Winter Sports Tournament and of course Country Day which we are all so excited for on Friday. A massive thank you to all of the School Staff who helped make these events possible for our children.

As always, happy to chat to anyone should have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Mick O'Connor

**DUNSANDEL SCHOOL 2024-2025**

**Vision** PRIDE in Ourselves, Our Learning and Our Community.

**Values** PARTICIPATE, RESPECT, INITIATIVE, DETERMINATION, EMPATHY, PRIDE

**Strategic Goals**

- Participate:** Optimise programmes and practices across the school that emphasises student and staff well-being by the end of 2025.
- Respect:** Advance our Teaching and Learning Strategies for continued growth of our School Community.
- Initiative:** Enhance our partnerships across the school and our community, based on our school values and creating new connections.

**Strategic Initiatives**

- Participate:** Assess and review our Wellbeing Education at Dunsandel School programmes and processes. Develop a culture of Hoareo and Wellbeing across our staff.
- Respect:** To build the capacity of staff through dedicated professional learning and development opportunities. Review, refine and continue to develop the Dunsandel School Curriculum by the end of 2025 including utilising the Curriculum Refresh. Develop ways in which we give positive effort to 'Teiā a Whānau' by the end of 2025. Digital tools are used in a meaningful way to improve engagement and connection.
- Initiative:** Continue with effective engagement in our partnership with Ngā Māpuna o te Wāhanga Kāhui Ako. Opportunities are made to connect with our wider school community.

**Success**

- Participate:** Our students and staff feel confident in themselves and positive about school.
- Respect:** All teaching and learning will be targeted and responsive to student, staff and school needs.
- Initiative:** All groups feel a connectedness to our school and our values.



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# Seed Fundraiser ORDER FORM

School/Centre Name: **Dunsandel School**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class number: \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME &  
PHONE NUMBER →

SUBTOTAL NO.  
OF SEED PACKETS

SKU	VARIETY	PRICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>FLOWERS</b>												
F1001	Achillea Pastel Fruits	\$3.00										
F1031	Aster Cut Flower Assortment	\$4.00										
F1083	Cosmos Unique Mix	\$4.00										
F1134	Helichrysum Swiss Giants	\$4.00										
F1225	Poppy Shirley Summer Mix	\$3.00										
F1271	Sunflower Autumn Beauty (treated)	\$4.00										
F1268	Sunflower ProCut Orange F1	\$5.00										
F1282	Sweet Pea Old Spice Mix	\$4.00										
F1324	Witchflower Pollinator Blend	\$5.00										
F1316	Zinnia Lollipop Mix	\$3.00										
<b>ORGANIC VEGETABLES</b>												
O6003	Bean Runner Cobra	\$3.00										
O6005	Beetroot Detroit Dark Red	\$3.00										
O6006	Broccoli Belslar F1	\$5.00										
O6012	Capiscum Quadratio Asil Red	\$3.00										
O6014	Carrot Berlicum	\$3.00										
O6018	Celery Giant Pascal	\$3.00										
O6027	Eggplant Black Beauty	\$4.00										
O6034	Kale Tuscan Black	\$4.00										
O6036	Leek Carenton Giant	\$4.00										
O6043	Lettuce Oak Green Salad Bowl	\$3.00										
O6044	Lettuce Oak Red Salad Bowl	\$3.00										
O6048	Onion Red Amposta	\$4.00										
O6051	Spring Onion Tokyo Long White	\$3.00										
O6056	Pumpkin Butternut Waltham	\$4.00										
O6060	Rodish Cherrybelle	\$4.00										
O6064	Rocket	\$3.00										
O6069	Tomato Beefsteak Select	\$4.00										
O6073	Tomato Cherry Gardeners Delight	\$4.00										
O6077	Tomato Roma	\$4.00										

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SKU	VARIETY	PRICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>VEGETABLES</b>												
V8047	Bean Dwarf Xera Select	\$4.00										
V8048	Bean Runner Blue Lake	\$4.00										
V8060	Beetroot Cylindra	\$4.00										
V8066	Broccoli Sprouting Tasty Stems F1	\$4.00										
V8067	Broccoli Summer Green F1	\$4.00										
V8074	Cabbage Copenhagen Market	\$4.00										
V8082	Capiscum Bell Colour Mix	\$4.00										
V8099	Carrot Rainbow Blend F1	\$4.00										
V8101	Carrot Touchon	\$3.00										
V8102	Cauliflower All The Year Round	\$4.00										
V8117	Chilli Cayenne Flame	\$4.00										
V8132	Corn Golden Sweet F1	\$4.00										
V8138	Cucumber Lebanese Medici F1	\$4.00										
V8180	Lettuce Cos Little Gem	\$3.00										
V8188	Lettuce Iceberg Great Lakes	\$3.00										
V8200	Mescun Lettuce Blend	\$4.00										
V8213	Onion Italian Long Keeper	\$4.00										
V8019	Pk Choi Green Ace F1	\$4.00										
V8226	Parasip Guernsey	\$4.00										
V8229	Ped Greenfeast	\$3.00										
V8234	Ped Sugar Snap	\$3.00										
V8239	Pumpkin Crown Prince F1	\$4.00										
V8287	Silverbeet Rainbow Lights	\$4.00										
V8292	Spinach Santana F1	\$4.00										
V8318	Tomato Black Cherry	\$4.00										
V8342	Tomato Moneymaker	\$4.00										
V8314	Tomato Rainbow Blend	\$4.00										
V8353	Zucchini Black Coral F1	\$4.00										
<b>HERBS</b>												
O6001	Basil Sweet Genovese	\$3.00										
H3030	Chamomile German	\$3.00										
H3033	Chives Brood Leaf	\$3.00										
H3035	Coriander Picante	\$3.00										
H3050	Lemongrass	\$5.00										
H3062	Parsley Gigante Italian	\$3.00										
H3082	Thyme English Winter	\$3.00										
<b>TOTAL NO. OF SEED PACKETS</b>												
<b>TOTAL COST</b>												\$

PAYMENT MADE Cash (C), Bank transfer (B)

\$

TOTAL COST OF SEEDS



**Payment**  
Please enclose CASH  
payment with your order  
or pay by bank transfer to:

**ACCOUNT NAME:**  
Dunsandel School PTA

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**  
02 0860 0040555 00

Please use your child's name  
and SEEDS as the reference.  
One payment per whole form please.

*Thank you!*

**Return form & money**  
**DATE:** 25th September 2024  
**TO:** School office or email