

# COUNTRY DAY 2024





# Dunsandel School News and Notes

## The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 23 September 2024

# PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,  
OUR LEARNING AND  
OUR COMMUNITY.

### Key Information in this Newsletter

- Country Day thanks
- Term 4 dates
- No hot lunches this Friday
- Friday Assembly 2.10pm Everyone Welcome

### News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to week ten, the last week of term 3!

What a fantastic Country Day we had last Friday. I would like to thank my staff for their organisation leading up to and on the day. It is a massive job to get this kind of day up and running as there is a lot of 'work behind the scenes' – thank you. I would also like to thank the PTA for their organisation of the sausage sizzle, the cake fundraiser, the bulb fundraiser and all the other fundraisers! We really appreciate their contribution. I would also like to thank our families and the community for organising and supporting your children at this fantastic event and for your great generosity while bidding for and purchasing cakes. Special thanks to our judges who give up their time to come down and judge the children's work. Our children work really hard and take pride in their Art work, Research Projects, Pet projects and of course their pets. It really is the best day of the year for our school.

Thank you **Hellers** for donating the sausages for our sausage sizzle on Friday – They were absolutely delicious with big thumbs up from everyone and thanks to the amazing cook, Claire Sheppard.



purchase hats from our uniform supplier – Mainland uniforms. The school holidays is the perfect opportunity to purchase hats ready for term 4.

There are a lot of events coming up next term, please make sure you check the calendar on our website so you don't miss any of the great things that are happening.

### Important Dates

# TERM 4 2024

Monday 14 October - Term 4 start



Friday 25 October - Senior Athletics

Monday 28 October - Labour Day



Tuesday 29 October to 1st November - Year 6 camp at Mt Aoraki.



Monday 4 - 8 November - Book Fair

Friday 8 November - Junior Athletics



Thursday 14 November - Teachers Only Day.



Friday 15 November - Canterbury Show Day.

Wednesday 27 November - Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics



Wednesday 11 December - End of Year Assembly

Friday 13 December - End of School Year

### Term 4

Next term the children are required to wear a sunhat during break times at school. There is a wide brimmed navy one that is part of our school uniform. If your child doesn't have their sunhat at school, they will be required to play in the shaded areas of the playground and they are not allowed over the road to play. Your child is also allowed to have bare feet at school as long as they have their hat. They must wear shoes to and from school. We have sunhats in the school office with a special price of \$13 – there are limited hats, otherwise you can

This is my last week in the office as Acting Principal while Dave has been away on sabbatical. I have enjoyed my time behind the desk and I have had a very different view of how busy term 3 is. We have had so many cool activities and events that our children have been involved and I have felt very PROUD to be a part of them all. It has been a privilege to take them out and participate in everything.

Enjoy spending some time with your children and family over the school holidays, they can return next term fully charged for the last and exciting term of the 2024 school year.

**Mana ake** – is a service which provides support to schools to help with families and whānau when children are experiencing issues that impact their wellbeing, such as managing emotions, friendships and bullying to name a few. This service also provides parental courses. Coming up is a free 6-week parental course for anyone interested with children moving into the teens. All the information is in the below advertisement under community.

**Term 4 starts on Monday 14 October!**

### **Hot Lunches**

**There are NO more school hot lunches this year.**

### **Assembly**

Assembly this week, starts at 2.10 – All welcome.

Enjoy your week

Ngā 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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Katharine Sheppard

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## **PTA News**

Kia ora all!

Well, here we are - last week of Term 3! Unbelievable, term has gone by so fast. A quick reminder that Kings Seeds orders are due at school (or to [ptadunsandel@gmail.com](mailto:ptadunsandel@gmail.com)) by this Wednesday 25th September! If you're keen for some seeds, please pop an order in - we need 100 packets on order to go ahead and we are sitting at 45 packets ordered at the moment. There is an order form attached to the newsletter for you! That is my only fundraising reminder this week, thank goodness - thank you to everyone who ordered lily bulbs and supported the cake auction on Country Day. **\*If you ordered lily bulbs and did not pick them up on Friday\*** they are at school, in the room behind the kitchen with your name on the box/bag. Please pick those up ASAP so you can get them in the ground!

PTA will be catering the Year 6 conference in October, not sure of the date yet but will be asking for helpers to cook and serve burgers and plate up baking on that day, will be probably a 10:30-1ish time commitment for 3-4 people (and will also be asking for baking) - will see what the date is and pop a notice up on Facebook at end of holidays/notice in the first newsletter back of Term 4 with what we need. If you've got a kiddo in year 6 this year, would be a great opportunity to give us a hand (especially if it's your last one at school) - we know it's a busy time of year and we really appreciate all the help we can get, it is so much easier when everyone pitches in! We catered an event at Ellesmere Golf Club on Saturday, thanks heeeeeeaps to all of you who baked for that, Shae for organising the groceries, Sharne/George/Selene for helping with club sandwich making on Friday night (what could be cooler than that eh?), and Rebecca for helping out on the day - the food was spot on and looked great on the tables.

Last but not least - a HUGE thank you to everyone for an amazing day on Friday - it was wonderful to see all the smiling faces, special guests, pets, great handwriting/art/etc, and of course the super duper cakes and kids cupcakes! There were so many amazing entries, I'm always glad I'm not the one having to pick a winner! Big thanks to Kerri-Jayne McDrury and Russell Dalzell our cake judges, all the bakers, Hellers for donating the sausages, Hazlett for donating their auctioneers' time (thanks Scott and Ethan you guys rock!), all of the cake buyers, and everyone for buying up all of our sausages and cupcakes! That was next level. Thanks to my awesome helpers with the judges' morning tea, selling sausages, selling cupcakes, parading cakes around for the auction, and all the tidying up afterwards - it's a huge day all round!! Special thanks to the tamariki adding up the running total of the cake auction, Mrs Pluck for organising the cool cake certificates for 1st prize and 1/2/3 in kids cupcakes, and Mrs Colenso for the awesome work with the EFTPOS machine when it was misbehaving. All of you kiddos who baked cupcakes for the competition should be very proud that you helped PTA out on Friday with our fundraising!! The participation PRIDE value is strong!

That's all from me for this term, I hope everyone has a restful and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing you next term! If you've ordered seeds and we get enough orders to go ahead, I'll be in touch when the seeds arrive so we can all get them in the garden!

Until next term!!

Katharine

## Community News

Leeston Southbridge Cricket Club Notice

REMINDER - Registration for the 2024-25 cricket season closes this Wednesday, 25th September! If you're keen to know more about what we do, drop us an email to [leestonsouthbridgecc@gmail.com](mailto:leestonsouthbridgecc@gmail.com). We cater for all ages based on ability, with a modified game so everyone stays interested out there - all gear is provided. If you are keen to register, follow this link: <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/079c7f> and we will be in touch soon with team info. The season runs from 19 October to 14 December (no cricket on Labour weekend and Chch Show weekend), then we have a break over Christmas and we get back into it 1 February until 15 March. Hope some of you will join us this season, cricket is actually so much fun as a parent! (Katharine Sheppard, wearing my LSCC Secretary hat now - feel free to hit me up with any questions!)