

Country Day 2024



Country Calendar

Friday 20 September

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Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 9 September 2024



Key Information in this Newsletter

- **Country Day**
- **No Assembly**
- **Subway**
- **Hot lunch Friday – Last week**

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to week eight.

Country Day is 11 sleeps away. A reminder that the last day to hand in Pet Projects to teachers is this Monday 16 September. Please remember if your child is doing a research project, they must bring these to be judged on Country Day.

Our postponement day is Friday 27 September – We have sent your child home with the Country Day booklet for everyone to read, please take the time to read this as there is a lot of information about the day.

There is a lot of information in the newsletter this week. Please take the time to go through it carefully so your family knows what is happening for the rest of the term. Today we sent 5 children to represent our school at the **Canterbury Schools Duathlon**. Congratulations to **Charlie Schat** who was named captain of this team in assembly last week. We wish them the best of luck. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who supported our team and to Mr Happer for being a marshal out on the course.

West Bus Stop - We have had a safety message from our west bus driver that as he is turning around at the intersection of Mitchells Road and Sharlands Road, people are parking their cars on the west side of Mitchells Road, making it very difficult for him to turn and unsafe to pick children up. Could you please park on the east side of Mitchells Road, facing south and further down from the intersection – do not park and wait at the corner of Sharlands and Mitchells Road, the driver will not be picking children up at the intersection and will park further down the road and wait until children walk to the bus.

Selwyn Council – On Thursday we have Grant from the Selwyn Council to talk to our children about safety around dogs. This is to help children to be aware of dogs and hopefully to prevent accidents from happening especially with our Country Day happening next week.

Head-lice – Head-lice is out in our school. Head lice are small insects that live on the human scalp. They are common and anyone can catch head lice; catching them has nothing to do with not being clean. Please check your child's hair and if you find live head lice or eggs treat them. You can purchase treatment from the local supermarket or chemist. The 'wet combing' with cheap conditioner and a fine-tooth head lice (nit) comb is an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly. Make sure your child's hair is tied back every day as they can crawl from one person to another.

School Accounts – These have been sent home today, if you have any questions please come and see Felicity or email felicity@dunsandel.school.nz.

Hot Lunch – This week is our last hot lunch Friday.

Subway – Next Wednesday 18 September we have subway lunch. Please have orders in before Monday 16 September 9am – No late orders will be taken so get the orders in early to save disappointment.

Assembly

There is NO assembly this week.

Enjoy your week
Nga mihi nui

Tracey Harrold; Acting Principal

Pride Awards

Room One – Blake Baird - Blake, you are super clever and kind, and your reading is out of this world! 🦹 No words or books are too hard for you—wow! But that's not all—you've been working so hard to be a fantastic teammate in Room 1. Just on Monday, you clapped and cheered for your friend when they got to sit in the leader chair. That shows you're a true superhero friend and teammate! You are also working really hard to remember all the tricky jobs you need to do as a school boy. THAT'S AMAZING. Keep up the great work, Blake! We think you're a star!

Lily Owen - Lily, we are so lucky to have a cool kid like you in room 1. You're absolutely zooming ahead with your reading! New books are no match for you—you make it look so easy breezy! You're also a *Heart Word* reading superstar! And guess what? You're a numbers whiz too, solving addition problems like a champ! 🧡 We can always count on you to show respect and make everyone feel welcome when it's time to play. Keep up the awesome work, Lily! You're a superstar.



Room Two – Scott Geddes - Scotty, what a lucky teacher I am to have you in Room 2 with me! If I ever need a volunteer to help someone else, then you are always the one to say 'I will!' You constantly think of others and how you can be a good friend to them. I love how you think so, so carefully before you answer questions and then your answers are always so good! You are also making great progress with all of your learning. I am proud of you for digging in and giving everything your very best. Never change Scotty, because the world needs a lot more people like you in it! 😊

Room Four – Loki Makgill - Loki, you are one cool dude. You really go all in when you're working on a project, and it shows in the way race to get finished. I love seeing how excited you get during our library time and how much you enjoy the books you're reading. You remember so many cool details from your stories, it's like you're a reading superhero. You also have a fantastic sense of humour. You always know how to make me laugh with your jokes. Keep being awesome, Loki!

Room 5 – Cayden Barker - Cayden, you have been working so hard in class with your Country Day art and handwriting and you are doing such an amazing job completing these to the best of your ability. You are also flying along with your maths learning and we are impressed with how hard you work during maths sessions each day. You always show empathy and respect in the classroom and the playground, and we love how you are always kind to everyone. You are such a great friend! Keep being you Cayden, because you are awesome!

Didai Mercado - Didai, you have the brightest personality and the best sense of humour - you light up our classroom each day and you make it such a sunny place to be! You are also a fabulous friend to everyone in our class and you always include everyone in your games and activities. You have also been trying hard with your learning and you have such a great work ethic - always putting 100% effort and enthusiasm into your school work. This has been reflected in your Country Day handwriting and art and you can be really proud of your work on these. You're awesome, Didai, keep up the great work.

Term Dates for 2024	Dunsandel School
<p>Click here for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.</p>	<p>Irvines Road, RD2 Dunsandel 7682 Phone 033254079 www.dunsandel.school.nz</p>
Buying Uniform	<p>Office Email admin@dunsandel.school.nz</p>
<p>Go to the Mainland Uniforms website - personalised page for our school: - https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/241-dunsandel-school</p> <p>This link is also on the home page of our school website.</p>	<p>Principal Dave Robinson principal@dunsandel.school.nz</p> <p>Deputy Principal Tracey Harrold tracey@dunsandel.school.nz</p> <p>School Secretary Felicity Pluck felicity@dunsandel.school.nz</p> <p>Board Presiding Member Mick O'Connor</p> <p>PTA President Katharine Sheppard</p> <p>School Account Number 02-0860-0049250-000</p>
PTA News	
<p>Kia ora everyone!</p> <p>Week 8 - how are we here already?! I feel it's almost impossible that Country Day is right around the corner and we're approaching the 3/4 done with the year mark. This week, as promised, we've got the Kings Seeds "Seeds of Support" fundraiser for all of you keen gardeners out there, in addition to the lily and freesia bulbs - a reminder to get cake/cupcake entries in, and a call for some baking for the 21st (yes, the day after Country Day, agree the timing is not the most ideal!!).</p> <p>Kings Seeds fundraiser - please find attached to this newsletter the order form for the Kings Seeds "Seeds of Support" fundraiser - if you're keen for some seeds to start for your veggie (and flower) garden, have a look and see if the ones you're after are part of the fundraiser. You can look up the varieties on the Kings Seeds website if you're like me and need lots of details (or want to see a pic). Seeds are such a great value for money way to plant a garden, rather than buying individual plants or punnets - great bang for your buck! Order forms must be back at school or emailed to ptadunsandel@gmail.com by 3pm 25th September - will get our combined order in hopefully that evening and hope to have the seeds in the first week of the holidays so people can get them started ASAP if they want. Please make sure you've got a cell phone number on your form so we can get in touch re: seed pick-up logistics.</p> <p>Lily bulb fundraiser - order form is attached, this is the last week for this fundraiser so get your orders in! Orders in to ptadunsandel@gmail.com or the school office by 3pm on Friday - thanks VERY much to Mrs Pluck for her patient handling of all of our fundraiser forms!!! We are aiming to have the lily bulbs available for pick up on Country Day - if you've ordered and you know you won't be able to collect on the day, get in touch to make alternative arrangements. At least they don't have to be in the fridge!!!</p> <p>Country Day Cake Competition - still plenty of time to get your entry forms in for this awesome event on Country Day - order forms to the office or just email us on ptadunsandel@gmail.com if that's easier and we'll add you to the list. If you're new to school/haven't done a cake before, enter the first time category - and I look forward to seeing everyone's creative and delicious creations (always SO glad I'm not tasked with the judging of the cakes, it would be sooooooo hard to choose). Thank you to everyone who has entered a cake and kiddos who have entered the kids' cupcake section - I am still over here scratching my head about what to do for "Country Calendar" theme...</p> <p>Last but not least - PTA is doing some catering for Ellesmere Golf Club on Saturday, 21st September. We have enough people within committee to do the helping on the day, but we will need your help with the</p>	

baking side of things! We would love if all of you amazing bakers could manage 7 plates of baking (on top of all the busy-ness of Country Day) - there will be a sign-up sheet in the office foyer on the bulletin board, you can get in touch via email/Facebook or text Katharine on 027 307 8345 if you can help with a plate of baking. To be dropped at school on Country Day, just to add to the chaos!

Thanks all for your epic support of our PTA and by extension our incredible school - every little bit helps!!
Until next week - good luck with all the hard pet project/research project – Kei te pai to mahi!
Katharine

Community News

Dunsandel Volunteer Fire Brigade



Are you interested in Volunteering??

Do you want to give back to your community??

Look no further!

The **Dunsandel Volunteer Fire Brigade** might be just what you are looking for.

We are on the lookout for some new members to join our Dunsandel Volunteer Fire Brigade.

If you are:

- At least 18 years of age.
- A NZ Citizen or Resident.
- Living and/or working locally.
- Happy to undergo a police and medical check.
- Interested in learning new skills and working as part of a dynamic team.
- Able to participate in weekly training nights, each Wednesday from 7:15pm.
- Able to respond during weekday work hours (not necessary, but we are on the lookout for more daytime members).

If this sounds like you, then please get in touch!

You can send us a DM with your contact details, or any questions and we will get back to you directly. You can also contact our Chief Fire Officer, Ken Lee on 0275461516, or our secretary Nick Boon on 0272282071.

We look forward to hearing 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

2024 COUNTRY DAY CAKE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

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

NAME:

CATEGORY:

FIRST TIME ENTRANT

OPEN

KIDS CUPCAKES

DAD'S CAKE