

COUNTRY DAY 2024

Country Calendar



Friday 20
September

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.

Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 2 September 2024



Key information in this Newsletter

- Country Day
- Fire wise
- Assembly start 2:10pm

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

Welcome to week seven.

This term seems to be flying by and there is still plenty to look forward to before the holidays. There is a lot of information in the newsletter this week so please take the time to read it carefully. On Friday we had Josh Roche here from Canterbury Country Cricket. The children enjoyed some skills sessions with him.

On Friday our student council ran a wear what you like day and raised \$242 for The Cancer Society. What a top effort from every one.

I was so proud of our senior Kapa Haka group who performed at the Pō Whakangahu at Ellesmere College last Wednesday night, they were awesome.

This week our soccer team head to the Canterbury Schools Winter Tournament to represent our Ellesmere Zone. We wish them the best of luck and I know their captain **Beau Hutchins** will lead them with PRIDE.

Congratulations to **Charlie Schat** who was named the captain of the Duathlon team last Friday. We have a small group heading to the Canterbury Duathlon on Monday 9th September so we wish them good luck as well.

Our Lions Basketball teams (Blue and White) played their final game last Monday 26 August. I would like to thank parents and caregivers who helped with this programme, whether it be managing teams, dropping and picking kids up from the Selwyn Sports centre or supplying treats for them. We really appreciate your support as this can only run on parent helpers. Special thanks to Stoney for giving up his time to coach these boys during the lunch time breaks on Tuesdays. Thank you so much.



Firewise programme - On Wednesday we have several members of our local Fire brigade coming to school to run the Fire Wise programme. This programme teaches simple fire safety skills and ideas for how to get out if there is a fire. As a part of this programme your child will be shown how to call emergency services and when asked, recall their first and last name and address. They will also discuss a safe meeting point at your house where they should go if there was a fire. Please take the time to chat to your child/dren about their lesson and make a plan together so that your family are safe if there was a fire.

We are very grateful to our Fire brigade for the time they invest in our children and also the time they give to keep our community safe and assist us when we need help. After all they are all volunteers so I would like to thank them for their ongoing support of our school.

Country Day - By now your child should have returned the blue form stating what sort of pet they are bringing to Country Day. This form should be returned EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT BRINGING A PET. There is a section to indicate that they will complete a research project about an animal of their choice instead of a pet. New forms will come home today to those who have not yet returned theirs.

Don't forget to enter the 'Bake a Cake' competition, the theme is Country Calendar. This is very popular with families and a great way to spend time with your child to help bake in the kitchen. You can enter on the back of this newsletter or email ptadunsandel@gmail.com

Start of day – This is a reminder that children are allowed on our school grounds and in classrooms from 8.30am onwards. We have noticed children arriving early before this time and we would appreciate it if parents and caregivers wait with their child in their car until 8.30am. If your child arrives early, they will be sent down to the old Room one and two veranda to sit and wait. This gives teachers and staff time to prepare for the day before children arrive. As we cannot guarantee somebody will be in the classroom should there be an emergency, we appreciate your support and understanding with this health and safety issue.

Assembly - This week we have Room 4 sharing their learning – start time is 2:10 and all welcome.

Enjoy your week

Nga mihi nui

Tracey Harrold – Acting Principal

PRIDE AWARDS

Room One – Lara Maiava - Lara, you've made a fantastic start to school! You're working so hard on everything, especially learning all those tricky alphabet sounds—what a superstar! Your Chitter Chat Chanting is awesome! You're also amazing at following our classroom routines and moving between stations all by yourself. You're a true independent star! ✨ Keep shining bright, Lara! 🌟👏

Lukas Wood - Lukas, you have been working super hard, and it really shows! 🌟 Your reading is amazing—you're trying so hard to sound out words and blend them together like a true star! 🌟 You're also being a super helper during clean-up times.

Wow, you're so quick at packing your bag and cleaning your cubby in the afternoons! ✨ Way to go, Lukas! You are awesome! Keep up the great work! 🌟👏

Room Two – Godric Divina - Godric, this award is for always making the most of every opportunity you have to learn. I love how excited you are when you arrive in the door every morning - always with a huge smile! You are a very clever boy who can read so, so well. You are taking so much more care with your writing and staying in the lines when you colour. You are quick with your fast facts and speedy with your other hard maths. It has been so lovely to see you grow some good friendships in Room 2 this year Godric. Thank you for always being one of the Room 2 Good Guys! 😊

Room Three – Stellar Douglas - Stellar, you are a fabulous member of Room 3. I am blown away by what you have already achieved this year. You are super hard working and always try your best no matter what we are learning in class. You are kind, considerate and empathetic to everyone in Room 3. I know that I can always rely on you to lend me a hand whenever I need it. Your bubbly personality and enthusiasm for learning always brightens my day. You are an incredible role model for everyone in our class. Ka rawe Stellar, keep up the amazing work! 😊

Room Four – Liam Schat - Liam, I am really amazed by how much effort and care you put into your learning tasks. You always aim high and work super hard to do your best. Your Country Day handwriting and art is going to be spectacular due to the care and attention you have taken. Your spelling is fantastic, and you're great at using tricky spelling patterns in your writing. I also love our funny chats in the morning when you arrive at school and get ready for the day. Keep up the great work, Liam! You can achieve anything!

Room Five – Tom Sheppard - Tom, you can be so proud of yourself for always approaching everything that you do with effort and determination. You try extremely hard with your school work and you are making excellent progress with your learning, which is awesome to see. We love how you are always an enthusiastic participant during whole class and group discussion and you have wonderful thoughts and ideas to contribute. You have a wealth of knowledge in that brain of yours, and we are always blown away with how much you know about history! Keep up the great work, Tom. You are fabulous!

Paul Boston - Paul, this award goes to you for all of the PRIDE values you display every day. You always work quietly and are making some good progress. You have such a creative streak and are meticulous with your attention to detail. You have worked super hard on your art work and we have enjoyed watching the passion you have shown towards all things planets. Your knowledge is out the gate. We love having you in Room 5. Keep reaching for the stars!



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!

Well here we are, week 7 already! That means 2 weeks of thinking, and one week of prepping/making those creative cakes for PTA's cake auction on Country Day!! Or if you're like me, and a terrible procrastinator, more thinking time and a much more stressful end of your day before Country Day! Keep those cake and cupcake entries rolling in, thank you to those of you who have already got forms in, and to Mrs Pluck for keeping those aside for us. You can also email us at ptadunsandel@gmail.com with cake entries.

PEASTRAW - if you're keen for any for your garden, we have 10x medium squares to sell for \$60 each, delivery can be arranged close to Dunsandel. Thanks very much to Sheat Contracting for the donation of peastraw to the PTA cause, we really appreciate it! Perfect time to get some peastraw down before these norwesters suck all the moisture out of the ground and the weeds get the upper hand. Please text Katharine on 027 307 8345 if you are keen for a bale or two.

Lily bulb fundraiser - please find with the newsletter an order form for lily bulbs. We are grateful for the support of the Rakaia Lions Club to be able to do this fundraiser - if you'd like a bit of height and colour to add to your summer garden, just bung them in the ground and they come back year after year with zero effort required! Some of mine from previous years are taller than I am, and they are such a day-maker. There are also freesia bulbs for sale this year. Quick turnaround - orders in to the school office by September 13 please, and we will aim to have these orders ready to collect on Country Day.

Last but not least - if you're a keen seed-raiser, we are hoping to have a fundraiser with Kings Seeds up and running by next week - so watch this space. We realise time is of the essence in regards starting seeds so will make it another quick turnaround one so everyone can get their garden planted. We'd rather not run lots of things concurrently but that is springtime in a nutshell! We appreciate any and all support of any of our fundraising efforts, thanks to our awesome school community for always making them a success.

Until next week,
Katharine

2024 PTA Cake Competition

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



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

Community News

Dunsandel Tennis Club News:

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING COMMITTEE

We Need You!

Dunsandel Tennis Club held its AGM on Tuesday. Unfortunately, election of office bearers resulted in the following positions remaining vacant:

Club President

Club Secretary

Junior Coordinator/Administrator

Sadly, the Club can no longer continue to run junior tennis or tennis lessons without new people stepping up and helping our club in these roles.

Please help us save our great little club - we urgently need parents of young kids to get involved and take up the roles that have been filled by the same people for many years. If you can help, please email dunsandeltennis@gmail.com for more info on the roles and what they entail. Full handover training will be given.

There will be another meeting at the Dunsandel Tavern on the 24th Sep at 7pm. Unless those positions are filled prior to the 20th Sep, the final decision to SUSPEND JUNIOR TENNIS AND ALL COACHING for this season will be made, and administration action to scale back the club will be worked through.



AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT!

Ahoy there me hearties! Luminaires is seeking singers, dancers and actors for their next major show, "Pirates of the Curry Bean" For ages 8-25. No experience necessary.

For more information and to register go to <https://forms.gle/PaGDwAc7gNDMP49P7>

If you have any questions or would prefer to be involved behind the scenes then find us on social media or email us luminairescharitabletrust@gmail.com


LEESTON SOUTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

Junior Club Open Day
Sunday 15th of September 3-5pm
Leeston Domain

Have you got a child keen to play cricket this season?

We cater for boys and girls 5 years and above playing soft and hard ball cricket

In younger grades rules are modified so all players have equal opportunity

Come down and see what our club can offer your child

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