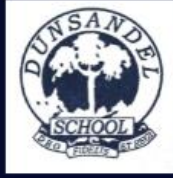


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Dunsandel School Assembly

Start Time - 220pm.

Venue - School Hall.

All welcome.

Rooms 1, 2 and 3 sharing

This is our final Friday
 Assembly for 2024.

Friday 29 November 2024



COMING UP

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Wednesday 11 December

Dunsandel School End of Year Assembly

Start Time - 630pm.

Venue - Ellesmere College

All welcome.



Children will need to be at the Ellesmere
 College Hall by 6:15pm in correct, clean
 uniform including white or navy socks



Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 25 November 2024

PRIDE



PRIDE IN OURSELVES,
OUR LEARNING AND
OUR COMMUNITY.

Key Information in this Newsletter

- Monday 2 December - Coffee and Cake evening
- Final Friday Assembly 220pm
- This Week and Coming Up
- 2025 School Year News

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Next Monday (2 December) Mr. French (Acting Principal) and other members of the Ellesmere

College Senior Leadership Team will be hosting a 'Coffee and Cake' evening at **6:00 pm** for the **parents and caregivers of our Year 6 students** off to Ellesmere College next year. **I would encourage parents and caregivers of children in Year 5 to come along as well.** This will be held in the Dunsandel School Library.

This is an opportunity to meet the Senior Leadership Team at Ellesmere College and ask any questions that you might have in an informal, casual meet-and-greet style evening.

All the best to Cedric Unabia and Pippa Michael who will compete at the Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics on Wednesday at Ngā Puna Wai. I know they will compete with PRIDE.

Food bank - This week we are doing a non-perishable food item collection for the Ellesmere Food bank. We normally ask for a donation during our Christmas Cracker day, but decided we will be running this throughout this week. If you can send a non-perishable item to school and leave it under the Christmas tree in the foyer. It doesn't necessarily need to be a food item; it can be toiletries or anything you think that would be appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Subway – Our last subway lunch is next Wednesday 4 December. All orders need to be in the office by Monday 2 December, no late orders will be taken.

Music recital - Our itinerant music programme is having their music recital next Wednesday 4 December at 6.30pm in the school hall. This is where the children who take part in the piano and ukulele lessons show their families what they have been learning though the year. All welcome.

Thank-you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday. **Our final Assembly for the year is this Friday starting at 2.20pm.** All welcome. The children from Rooms 1,2 and 3 will be sharing.



WHATS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tuesday 26 November – Year 6 half day visit to Ellesmere College

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 – Food item collection for Ellesmere Food Bank

Wednesday 27 November – Canterbury Primary School Athletics

Friday 29 November – Final Friday Assembly for 2024 – 2:20pm

Coming Up

Monday 2 December Coffee and Cake 6:00pm for parents and caregivers of Year 6 students going to EC next year; School Library.

Tuesday 3 December – Board Meeting #8

Wednesday 4 December – Year 6 Surf trip

Wednesday 4 December – Subway lunch

Monday 9 December Written Reports sent home to Parents and Caregivers

Wednesday 11 December – End of year Assembly at Ellesmere College 6:30pm

Thursday 12 December – Christmas Cracker; Our Christmas Cracker will be held for our children on this school day – it will be a Wear What You Like Day – Please wear something red, green or Christmas themed. Staff will organize some games including some with water.

Friday 13 December – Last day of school 12:00pm close (buses will run at this time)

OUR END OF YEAR ASSEMBLY

Our End of Year Assembly will be held at Ellesmere College on Wednesday 11 December. This will start at 6:30pm. Children will need to be at the Ellesmere College Hall by 6:15pm in correct, clean uniform including white or navy socks. At this assembly, all of our children will perform on stage and there will be a variety of presentations. This is a formal occasion. We look forward to all our families coming along and sharing this occasion with us.

There will be some special Awards presented at the Assembly which are listed below.

Koru Award donated by the Pluck Whānau

This Award is presented to the pupil who has shown an all-round commitment and growth as a cultural learner. For 2024 this means being part of the Kapahaka group, being a positive role model during classes and performance, and has shown a willingness to learn new concepts and has a positive impact to the group he or she has worked with.

Barron Family Trophy for Excellence in the Arts

This trophy is awarded to the Year 6 pupil who has shown excellence in the Arts. The Arts comprises of 4 areas – Art, Dance, Drama and Music.

John Griffith's Shield for the Highest Achieving Sports Person in Year 6

This Shield is awarded to the pupil who achieves the highest placing in any sport while in Year 6 – either individually or as part of the team.

Mervyn Barnett Trophy for All Round Achievements in Year 6

This trophy is awarded to the pupil who demonstrates all round achievement at school while in Year 6.

AJ Sheat Memorial Prize for Academic Excellence in Year 6

This Prize is awarded to the pupil who has demonstrated Academic Excellence across all curriculum areas in Year 6.

Pride Cup

These cups are awarded by the Principal to the Year 6 pupil (girl and boy) who has consistently shown the PRIDE values during their whole time at our School. These cups were introduced in 2015.

Children who win these awards will have the opportunity to have photos with the award/cup etc but we are asking for the cup/trophy to remain with us. We have had trouble getting some of these back in previous years due to families moving away and changes in circumstance. We will be displaying the Cup/Trophy at school with a photo of the recipient. Thank-you for your understanding with this.

The 2025 School Year

Next year we will have six classrooms which means we are looking closely at the make-up of these classes. It could mean for some children that they 'miss' a teacher or classroom they were expecting to be in. Our class make up for 2025 is as follows:-

Room 6 Year 5/6 Mrs Kim Jones Monday to Thursday and Mrs Linda Douglas on Fridays

Room 5 Year 4/5 Miss Tracey Harrold

Room 4 Year 3/4 Miss Esther Weir

Room 3 Year 2/3 Miss Lydia Wilson

Room 2 Year 1/2 Mrs Anna Robinson

Room 1 Year 1/NE Mrs Lizzie Ewing

Some key dates for next year

Tuesday 28 January School Starts for children

Thursday 30 January School Picnic – 500pm-700pm

Thursday 13 February Leadership Assembly

Friday 14 February Senior Swimming Sports at Southbridge Pool

Friday 12 September Country Day

28-31 October Year 6 Camp to Aoraki Mount Cook

Friday 12 December Final school day for 2025

Enjoy the week ahead

Ngā mihi

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Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PRIDE AWARDS

Room One - Erich Mosquera - Erich, you are such a groovy girl. We love having you in room 1. We have been so impressed with the way you have been joining in with all the classroom activities. Especially the Chitter Chat Chants we do to learn our alphabet sounds. We love your super sense of humour and the way you joke around and make others laugh. Erich, you are a superstar! Keep up the great work!



Eisel Alagos - Eisel, you are such an awesome part of Room 1! You're zooming along with your reading and blending your sounds like a superstar. You've been working so hard to follow our routines, and you're getting super speedy at packing your bag all by yourself—great job! You're also a kind and wonderful friend who makes everyone smile. Keep shining bright, Eisel. You're a star! 🌟📖🌟



Room Three – Lui Salmon - Lui, you are such a super star. You have a brilliant work ethic and always give things a go, even when they might be tricky. You have come so far with all your learning so far this year, especially with your literacy. You are such a whizz with your reading! I love your creativity and seeing you shine during our Kapa Haka and music sessions. You are a great role model for our class. It is a privilege to be your teacher Lui. Keep up the amazing mahi! 😊

Daniel Barnett - Daniel, you are a rockstar. I love the determination you show and how you embrace challenges with a positive attitude. You are such a maths whizz and I love your curiosity. You have a fantastic sense of humour and I always look forward to reading your stories at writing time! You are always willing to lend a hand and help others, which always makes me smile. Ka pai Daniel, we are super lucky to have you in Room 3! 😊

Alex Davison - Alex, you are an awesome member of Room 3. You have worked exceptionally hard this year and I love the effort and determination you always put into your learning. You have great confidence, and I always look forward to you sharing your expertise about hunting and the outdoors

with us! You are also super helpful, and I can always rely on you to take on extra jobs or responsibilities without being asked. Thank you for being such a star Alex, I am super proud of you!

Room Four – Sanudi Konara - Sanudi, what a fabulous year you have had in Room Four. I am so impressed with the effort you put into all of your learning, especially when the going gets tough. The way you present all of your work so neatly is outstanding and your willingness to help others is commendable.

I love the way you spread your kindness over everybody, making sure nobody is left out or feeling sad. Sanudi, you are well on your way to becoming an awesome leader in Year Six next year. You make me feel proud to be your teacher.

Sophie Anderson - Sophie, it has been an absolute pleasure to teach you this year. I have loved watching you make new friendships, learn new things and even have the confidence to stick to your ideas when you believe your answer is correct.

I know I can rely on you 100% to be responsible and sensible both inside and outside the classroom and I appreciate all the extra duties you do around the classroom.

Keep being you Sophie because you are awesome!

Room Five – Casey Williams - Casey, what a term you have had. We are so proud of the way you are putting more effort into your school work and that you are making better choices both in and out of the classroom. You are always so enthusiastic towards Mr Happers sport at both lunchtime and during class sessions. We have really enjoyed having you in our class this year and know that you will make a great Year 6 leader next year.

Keziah Camposano - Keziah, what an awesome member of our classroom you are. You are so kind, caring and respectful to all your friends and your fellow classmates and always have the biggest smile on your face. We are super proud of how you have continued to make good progress with your learning and always try your best which is great to see. Keziah, keep working hard at everything you do because the sky's the limit!

Calendar

[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!

We're on the home stretch now!! And as usually happens this time of year, we have a bit of a wind-up for the year and then someone kindly requests us to do a catering job - which is exactly what's happened this year! Details yet to be confirmed but best guess is that we'll need one helper around lunchtime and 4 plates of home baking for the 10th of December at the Dunsandel Community Centre - please get in touch with Shae (our catering coordinator) on 027 335 5020 if you are able to help with making/serving lunch or a plate of baking. Should have firm details by next week! Thanks to everyone who has donated calves to our calf fundraiser, to Lewis Sparrow of Braided River Vets for some work done on a few of the calves, and mostly to Selene Harvie and Johnny Michael for their amazing organisation and coordinating it all - I feel like it might be my favourite fundraiser because it's all out of my hands!! Again, thanks go to Scott Perkins of Livestock Exchange for selling the animals on our behalf and not charging us a commission fee - so appreciated. Hope to draw the prizes for calf fundraiser this week, and winners will be in next week's newsletter! I feel like that's about all from me this week - please get in touch with Shae if you are able to help in any way on the 10th - we know it is a super busy time of year so appreciate any help people are able to give.

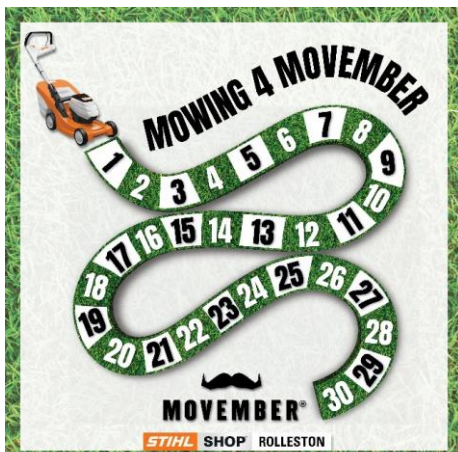
Until next week,
Katharine

Community News

Last opportunity for Matt to Mow your Lawn

Movember aims to combat Men's health issues. Men on average die 3.5 years earlier than women by preventable causes and Movember raises money to support initiatives to prevent this happening. This November local Movember Ambassador is mowing lawns for Movember, aiming for 30 lawns for the 30 days of November promoting Movement - we all feel better after being active. With the support from Stihl Shop Rolleston who have provided a lawn mower, Matt will come and mow your lawns for a donation to Movember.

Email him at mattyimcintyre@gmail.com or text 0224777628 to arrange a time to have your lawns sorted this Movember.



**DUNSANDEL
COMMUNITY
CAROLS**

**6:30pm
THURSDAY
19th DECEMBER**

at
TRINITY CHURCH

**ENTERTAINMENT
& CAROLS**

*Please bring a plate
to contribute to supper*



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL Wednesday 4 December

PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM MONDAY 2 DECEMBER

Full Name: _____

Class: _____

Choice of:

Six Inch with cookie (\$5.00)

Gluten Free Wrap

Or

(4.50)

Footlong and Cookie (\$8.00)

Or

Six Inch only (\$4.50)

Please tick what you would like in your Sub

BREAD(tick one only) MEAT (tick one only)

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Lettuce
Tomato
Cucumber
Pickles
Capsicums
Carrots

Honey Mustard
Mayo
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