

COMING UP



**DUNSANDEL SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY**

Our first Assembly for 2026
is our Leadership Assembly.
Start Time - 145pm.
Venue - School Hall.
All welcome.

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026

**WE ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 6
FEBRUARY FOR WAITANGI DAY.**



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SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS



INCLUDING THE BIGGEST SPLASH AND
PARENT/STAFF RELAY
FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026 AT SOUTHBRIDGE POOL
SCHEDULED START TIME 1030AM

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School Picnic

All Dunsandel School families and staff are invited to a 'back to school' picnic on Thursday 12 February 5:00pm - 7:00pm, at our school. There will be a free sausage sizzle and the swimming pool will be open. Please remember to pack some extra picnic treats, a rug to sit on and sun hats. A great way to start the new school year and to catch up with others in our school community.



Thursday 12 February 2026
500pm - 700pm

Dunsandel School Picnic THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026

Family Name

Number intending to come to our School Picnic

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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 2 February 2026

- **Senior Swimming, Waitangi Day, School Picnic**
- **Notices and forms to be returned as soon as possible**

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

I hope everyone has settled back into the school rhythm smoothly. My staff and I truly enjoyed welcoming everyone back last week as we launched the new school year together.

A major highlight was our first **PRIDE Day** on Friday. It was wonderful to see the excitement—especially for those wearing their PRIDE tee shirts for the very first time! We focused on one of our PRIDE values - **Participation**, which to us means "**Joining In.**" The children put this into practice during an afternoon of activities, including the Boffa Tag, Slip and Slide, Minesweeper, and Musical Chairs and a short movie emphasising Participation.

Thank-you to everyone who has returned the forms that came home last week. We appreciate you doing this promptly. If you haven't done this yet, I encourage you to, so we have your up to date information.

This week

- **This Wednesday** our Year 3-6 children will be heading to Southbridge Pool to familiarise themselves with the pool and surroundings before our Swimming Sports on Friday 13 February. At some stage this week our Year 3-6 children will come home with a form with the events they have entered – please confirm this and return to school so we can finalise our races for this day. Thank-you in advance for doing this. Parents are not required to attend this event.
- We have our Year 6 **Leadership Assembly** starting at 1:45pm on Thursday in the school hall. This is a special assembly for our Year 6 children where they will be presented with their School Leader certificates and badges. We will also announce our Bus Monitors, Librarians and School Council for 2026, and we will welcome new faces to our school.
- **Waitangi Day** – We will be closed on **Friday 6 February**.

Next Week

- **On Thursday 12 February we have a School Picnic from 500-700pm at school.** My staff and I look forward to seeing you there. To help us with the sausage and bread buying please complete and return the form attached to this newsletter. Further information in the graphic is in this newsletter.
- **Senior Swimming Sports** - Our annual **Senior (Year 3-6) Swimming Sports** will be held at Southbridge Pool on **Friday 13 February**. We hope to see as many parents and supporters there for our swimmers as possible. Some races will be combined/or straight finals due to the number of entries. We start at 10:30am with the 2 length finals (and any required 1 length

heats) followed by our width programme. We will stop for lunch – we will have a free swim followed by the 17th annual Parent/Staff Biggest Splash Competition and the Parent Relay Race. We will have the 1 length finals and House relays as our last events of the day. It is expected that all swimmers will stay until the completion of the day. We encourage you to take your child home from the pool at the end of the day as we only have one bus returning to school. Thanks in advance.

Monday 16 February

PTA AGM - Our PTA AGM is being held in the school hall on **Monday 16 February** starting at 3:30pm. The PTA does a fantastic job supporting our school and students through their fundraising and service efforts. I am sure they would love to welcome new parents and caregivers to join them!

School Stationery - Thank you to those who have organised stationery over the holidays. If you still need to purchase stationery, you will find the list on our website www.dunsandelschool.co.nz. You still have time to order through OfficeMax. All the information is on our website. Please only purchase the items on the list.

Uniform - You can purchase our school uniform from our supplier <https://www.mainlanduniforms.nz/241-dunsandel-school> School hats are compulsory during Term's 1 and 4 – we have a limited supply at school for \$13, if your child doesn't have a hat, they are required to play in the shade. Please name every item of clothing including undergarments.

Have a great week

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

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.



We are a 100% smoke free school in accordance with the Smokefree Environments Act. This means the whole school is smoke and vape free - indoors and on the school grounds.

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