

COMING UP

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS



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

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE

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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

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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 9 February 2026

- Senior Swimming, School Picnic
- Subway Lunch / Music lessons

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Thank-you to everyone who came along to our Leadership Assembly on Friday afternoon. We appreciate your support. I have confidence our Year 6 Leaders will do a fine job in 2026 and based on what I have seen already they have made a great start. I am also looking forward to the contribution our Student Council will make to our year.



This 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. **We will have the school pool open for the first hour – if your child/ren are swimming please ensure they have a parent supervising at the pool - thanks**
- **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. 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!

Subway Lunch – On **Wednesday 18 February** we have our Subway lunches. Subway lunches happen twice a term. Complete the form at the back of the newsletter and return it with the correct change before Monday 16 February 9am Change will be given if needed. NO LATE ORDERS will be taken, so please have them in early.

Itinerant Music Lessons – Ms Chamberlain and Mrs Birnie are our music teachers who offer private lessons at school each term. Lessons are no longer than 30 minutes in length and typically cost \$20 per session (costs may vary slightly each term) These lessons are to be paid before their third lesson

Ms Chamberlain teaches piano, and Mrs Birnie teaches ukulele and recorder.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please complete the Music Lesson form and return it to the school office. For further information, please contact or speak with Felicity.....

Have a great week

Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

Music Lessons

Child's name _____

Yes I give permission for my child to take part in music lessons.

- I understand my child will be out of the class for no longer than 30 minutes for lessons.
- I understand payment needs to be paid before the third lesson.
- My child is committed to the program for the term.
- My child would like to do **Piano** or **Ukulele** or **Recorder** lessons

(please circle one)

Signparent name and signature.

PTA

Kia ora everyone!

Just a quick reminder that PTA AGM is next Monday, 16th February at 3:30pm at the school hall (where assemblies are held). Love to see a new face or three there! If you have any questions about what PTA volunteering entails, please get in touch on ptadunsandel@gmail.com, message our Facebook page, or have a chat to someone who is involved (Selene, Shae, Georgina, Tracey Stone, Linda Douglas, Rebecca Royal, Liz des Landes, Sharne Teepa, Claire Gillespie to name some folks). Hope to see you at AGM next week!

Until next week's reminder,
Katharine

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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PTA President

Katharine Sheppard

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JAB Registration Day BBQ



Sunday 1st March
Dunsandel Domain
11am - 1pm



Come down to the Dunsandel Domain on Sunday 1st March 11am to 1pm. Registration at 11am in the Club Rooms, followed by a game of touch and drills at 11.30am.

The BBQ will be on at 12pm for all to enjoy a sizzling sausage.

Boys and Girls of all ages, register with your home club and we will organise a team for you to play in.

- Second hand Footy Boot sale.
- **Cash Only**
- If you have boots to sell, register with Liz email e.j.eyre@live.com
- Please include the sizing and price you are wanting to sell for.



For more information, please
contact Mark Hutchings Junior Club
Captain on 027 612 9581 or email
hutchinsfl@outlook.com

Dunsandel Market Day

Your neighbourhood market with heart

28th Feb 2026

10am - 4pm

Trinity Church Dunsandel
44 Hororata Dunsandel Road
corner of Highfield Road

*Explore a beautiful market setting filled with artisan soaps,
handmade jewellery, preloved fashion, fresh baking, plants,
produce & more.*

*Grab a bite to eat and enjoy the music.
From our hands, to your home, for our community.*



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PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM ON MONDAY 16 February

Full Name: _____

Class: _____

Choice of:

Six Inch with cookie (\$5.00) ☐

Gluten Free Wrap (4.50) ☐

Or

Footlong and Cookie (\$8.00) ☐

Salad Option (\$5.00) ☐

Or

Six Inch only (\$4.50) ☐

Salad Option with cookie (\$5.50) ☐

Please tick what you would like in your Sub

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

White
Garlic
Italian
Rye
Wheat

Ham
Salami
Beef
Tuna
Vege Delight

SALADS

Cheese
Onion
Lettuce
Tomato
Cucumber
Pickles
Capsicums
Carrots

SAUCES

Honey Mustard
Mayo
BBQ
Marinara
Sweet Onion

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