

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The children from Room 1
and 2 are sharing.

Start Time - 220pm.

Venue - School Hall.

All welcome.

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 16 February 2026

- Thank-you
- Friday Assembly

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 School Picnic on Thursday evening and our Senior Swimming Sports on Friday – we appreciate your support. I thought there was a real community feel at the picnic. I was impressed with all our swimmers on Friday – there was plenty of Determination on show. Thank-you to those who entered the Biggest Splash (Winner Mr Teepa) and the Adult relay (Winners Mr Happer, Mick O'Connor and Ash Des Landes) – awesome to see you participating in our sports.

This week we start our Friday Assembly programme. There is no better way for us to wrap up the school week than coming together for our **Friday Assemblies**. It is the heartbeat of our school week—a time to celebrate with our children, staff and parents/whānau.

We have our year 6 team leading the Assembly – stepping up to the microphone, introduce speakers, and keeping the energy high. Watching these children develop their public speaking skills and take ownership of these events is a process that grows throughout the year. They aren't just hosting; they are setting a fantastic example for our younger students to follow.

Our assemblies are a living gallery of what happens at our school. It is an invaluable opportunity for our classes to share and celebrate their learning with a real-world audience.

We believe in catching our students doing the right thing. From **Leader Awards** to teacher **PRIDE Awards** is our time to shine a spotlight on the "good things and good people." Celebrating these successes together reinforces our school culture.

Finally, these assemblies are a bridge between school and home. We love seeing our **parents and whānau** filling the seats at the back of the hall. Sharing our school life with you makes these moments even more special. Your presence reminds our students that their efforts matter to the whole community, not just their teachers.

As always, we appreciate your support at our Assemblies. This week the children from Rooms 1 and 2 will be sharing. Start Time 220pm. All welcome.

This week

Tuesday –First Board Meeting of 2026

Friday – Assembly with the children from Rooms 1 and 2 sharing. 220pm start time in the school hall. All welcome.

School Accounts – are attached to the newsletter.

As a school, we have opted in to the MOE donation scheme which means no school contribution is asked for by the Board as per the requirements of being part of this scheme. We are committed to keeping cost as low as possible for families and ensuring every child has access to learning opportunities.

However, we do rely on payments for optional activities, events and resources such as Year 5 – 6 ski trips, Year 6 camp, township bus - these are some examples of what is provided and we want you to help us continue providing great learning opportunities for your whanau.

We kindly ask that all requested payments are made promptly. We understand that larger payments can sometimes be difficult, and we are happy to accept small weekly payments to help spread the cost. Please speak to Felicity if this sounds like an option for you. Thank you in advance with your support.

Thank you to those who have returned their Green Medical information form. If there are any changes with afterschool routine, please get in touch with your child's teacher or the office.

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 all!

Just a quick note from me today to remind that PTA AGM is today at 3:30 at the school hall, thought we'd try a new time that isn't in the middle of bedtime. I look forward to seeing you there if you can make it.

Thanks all for reading my notes for the past few years, and for your amazing support of PTA - it is so appreciated. We've got the best wee school community, and it's been such a privilege to be part of PTA wearing different hats over the years. Keep up the good work everyone and I'll see you around (or this afternoon).

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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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

Ellesmere Promotions Trust
present the 15th

Leeston FETE

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21 March 2026
10am - 3pm
High Street,
Leeston

Free Entry
Free Entertainment

190+ vendors - craft & food



Vendor Registration
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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.