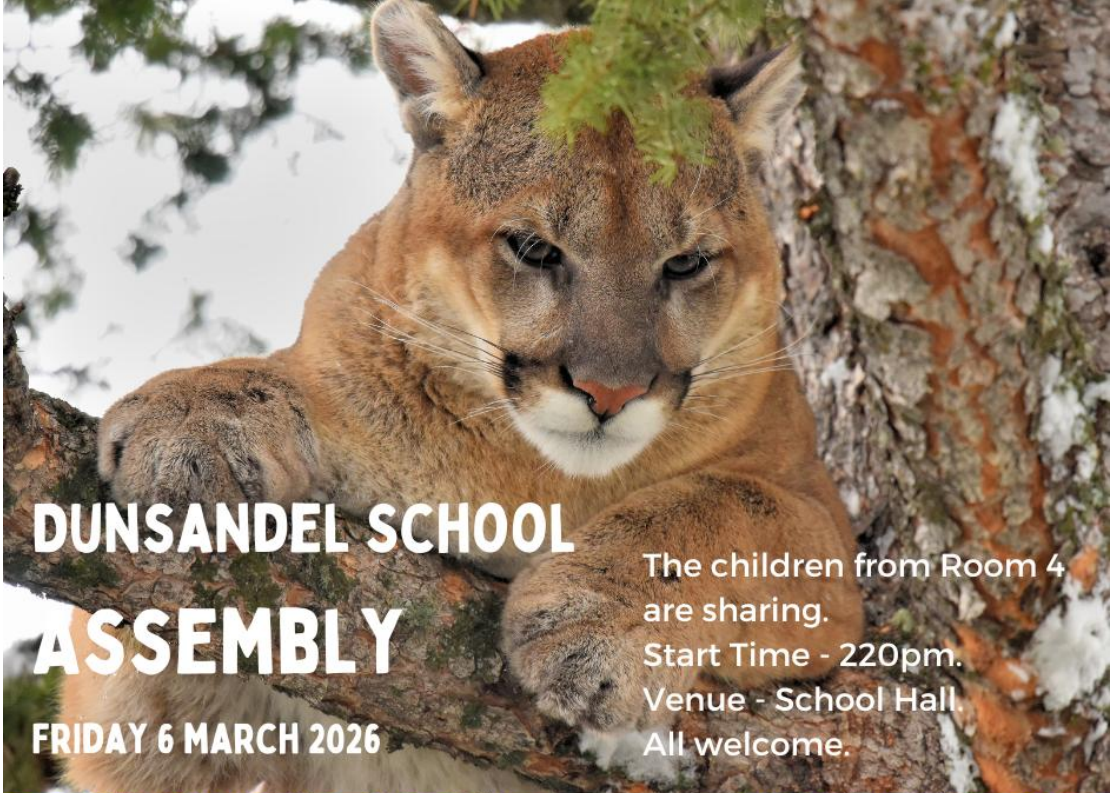


COMING UP



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026

The children from Room 4
are sharing.
Start Time - 220pm.
Venue - School Hall.
All welcome.



THESE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE YOU.....

**OUR TERM ONE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ARE SCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY 16 MARCH AND TUESDAY 17 MARCH.**

**BOOKING INFORMATION IN OUR SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES
ONLINE BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN UNTIL 900AM ON
WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH**



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE

PARTICIPATE For our school Participate means **JOIN IN.**
RESPECT For our school Respect means **TREAT OTHERS LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED.**
INITIATIVE For our school Initiative means **THINK FOR YOURSELF.**
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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



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Monday 2 March 2026

- **Parent Teacher Interview booking information.**

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Well done to all our swimmers on Thursday at the Ellesmere Zone Swimming Sports. Our team was led by our captain Miah and all our swimmers gave their races everything they had.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Term One Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Monday 16 March and Tuesday 17 March.

These sessions are designed to be an opportunity for you to meet with the teacher to discuss how your child has settled into class so far. On Monday we will start at 2:00pm and on Tuesday start time will be 3:20pm. These interviews will be 10 minutes. Children will be supervised on Monday afternoon and buses will run at the normal times.

We have an online booking system for our Parent Teacher interviews. Either use the **QR code** or **Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter suhau** as the code and follow the onscreen instructions.

Step One – Enter your name, email address and student names – press GO

Step Two – Choose the teacher/s you want to see – press GO

Step Three – To choose an interview time/s click the check boxes. Missing check boxes mean that time has already been booked by someone else.

Press GO to confirm the interviews.

Your interview is confirmed – on this page you will see your interviews listed.

You can cancel, update, add, reschedule and print.

Click finished when completed.

Online bookings are now open and will close at 9:00am on Wednesday 11 March.

After this date you will need to contact the school office to make any changes or late appointments. We will do our best to accommodate your changes, but this cannot be guaranteed.

An email will be sent to you to confirm the day and the times you have selected. For those of you who do not have access to the online booking system please contact the school office by phone or come in and Felicity will book online for you and confirm your day and times.

Teacher Only Days in 2026

There will be **three teacher only days this year**. The first two of these are **Friday 15 May** and **Friday 21 August** – we will be working with the teachers from Leeston, Southbridge and EC on the Maths curriculum. The final teacher only day is **Thursday 12 November**. Please mark these days on your calendar as school will be closed on these days.

Assembly

Thank-you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday – we appreciate your support. **This Friday the children from Room 4 will be sharing.** Start time 220pm. All welcome.



This week

Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 March – Life Education Truck at school.

Friday 6 March – Assembly 220pm Room 4 sharing

Coming Up

Monday 9 March – Cohort entry T1 #2

Friday 13 March – Assembly 220pm Room 5 sharing

Friday 13 March – Wear What You Like Day – Hero's

Enjoy the week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

DRobinson

Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY.....HERO'S FRIDAY 13 MARCH

IN SUPPORT OF OUR MRS PLUCK WHO IS TAKING PART IN THE SKY TOWER CLIMB. THIS IS FUNDRAISING FOR LEUKEMIA AND BLOOD CANCER NZ. THIS MEANS WE CAN DRESS UP AS A SUPERHERO, A FAMOUS SPORTSPERSON, A SINGER, A LION, MUM OR DAD, SISTER OR BROTHER, OR EVEN A FIREFIGHTER LIKE MRS PLUCK - ANYONE YOUR CHILD THINKS IS AWESOME AND LOOKS UP TO. GOLD COIN DONATION.

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PRIDE Awards

Room Two – Penny - Penny, I am so proud of you for always arriving at school with a huge smile and the best attitude towards school. You are flying along with your learning, and you always have really interesting and funny things to say. You are super kind, you go out of your way to help others, and you are teaching us lots about horses! Keep doing what you're doing, because you are one very clever cookie!

Room Three – Liam - Alexander this PRIDE Award is for you for all the hard work you have put into your learning so far this term. You are a basic facts champ and a place value expert during our maths time. You are also so incredibly neat with both your handwriting and your story writing books.

Keep up the awesome effort and you can achieve anything!

Room Five – Alex - Alex, this PRIDE award goes to you for the kindness that you have and the empathy that you show to those around you. You are quick to help others with their learning when they need it, you're the first person to lend someone stationery, you take an interest in your peers when they talk, and you always take care of your classmates when they're upset. These are marvelous qualities to possess, Alex. These qualities, along with your Respect, Determination and Initiative, make you a PRIDE value super star in our school!

Room Six – Connor - Connor, you have had a fantastic week! You've shown great participation and enthusiasm during our iBike lessons, and you did an amazing job with your baking for maths - even Mr R thought so! We were so proud of you for giving up your lunchtime to help a friend look for something he had lost, that shows true kindness and integrity. Finally, we love that you have started to challenge yourself with your learning! Keep up the positive work and keep making good choices. Well done.



PTA News

Hello everyone .

Feels like it was yesterday I was writing my bit for the last newsletter. The weeks are certainly going fast.

Not much going on for the PTA this week we are all just working in the background to get a date locked in for Quiz night. If anyone has goods or services they would like to donate for raffles or prizes or knows someone who we could contact please let me know. Either email ptadunsandel@gmail.com or Phone/ txt me 0273355020

I would like to apologise I got my dates wrong last week for the next PTA meeting. Correct date is 9th March 7pm at the Dunsandel bar and cafe. Hopefully this still fit in your schedule, and we will see you there.

Until next week

Shae

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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Community Newsletter

Netball

Dunsandel RFC Netball Club registration is open for the 2026 season! <https://www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelrfc/Registration-1> is the link to register. We will be having a registration day/run around at the Dunsandel courts on Thursday 5th March, 3:30pm for years 1-6 (these years are non-competitive), and 5pm-6pm for year 7 through seniors (trial). The season doesn't start for another couple months but it will be here before we know it! If anyone needs any further info, please get in touch at drfcnetball@gmail.com - getting registrations in ASAP would be amazing, then we know what we're working with!

A promotional poster for Dunsandel RFC Netball Club. The top section has a black background with "DUNSANDEL RFC" in white, "NETBALL CLUB" in blue, and "REGISTRATION DAY!" in large blue letters. Below this, "THURS 5TH MARCH" is written in white on a black banner. The middle section lists registration times: "• 3:30pm for Years 1-6" and "• 5pm Year 7s up to Seniors". It also mentions "A second day tbc if required" and "At Dunsandel Sports Centre". The bottom section features a blue banner with "PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:" and the URL "www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/474466". Below that, it says "For more info:" and provides the email "drfcnetball@gmail.com". The background of the poster shows a netball player in a blue and white uniform jumping to catch a ball, with a netball court and a goalpost visible.



Firefighter
Sky Tower Challenge

Donate Today!



SCAN ME

Firefighters are coming together from across the globe to climb the 1,103 steps in the Sky Tower in full firefighter gear to raise money for those affected by blood cancer in Aotearoa.

**Help support their cause and
donate through the QR code!**