

COMING UP

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.

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE



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Participate means
JOIN IN.



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Respect means
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LIKE YOU WOULD
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**THINK FOR
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**DUNSANDEL SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY**
FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026

The children from Room 5
are sharing.
Start Time - 220pm.
Venue - School Hall.
All welcome.

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ONLINE SAFETY

HELPING OUR CHILDREN THRIVE ONLINE

INTRODUCING THE DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ONLINE SAFETY HUB

As our children spend more time in digital spaces, staying informed is the best way to keep them safe. We are excited to provide our parent community with a dedicated Online Safety Hub—a one-stop shop for practical advice, app guides, and digital wellness tools.



What can you find on the Hub?

The Hub is designed by experts to take the guesswork out of digital parenting. It includes:

App & Game Reviews: Get the “need-to-know” facts on trending apps like TikTok, Snapchat, Roblox, and Instagram. Learn about age ratings, potential risks, and how to use privacy settings.

Parental Control Guides: Step-by-step instructions on how to set up safety filters on your home Wi-Fi and individual devices (phones, tablets, and gaming consoles).

Expert Articles & Videos: Access a library of resources on hot topics like cyberbullying, screen time balance, and managing “big feelings” after being online.

Conversation Starters: Not sure how to bring up online safety? Use the Hub’s guides to start open, shame-free conversations with your child about their digital life.

Quick Ways to Get Started

Bookmark the Site: Keep it handy for when your child asks to download a new game.

Check an App Review: Search for an app your child currently uses to see if the privacy settings are optimized.

Why it Matters

The digital world doesn’t stop at the school gate. By using this Hub, we can work together to ensure our students are respectful, responsible, and resilient online.

Scan here to explore the Hub now!



Visit the Hub: dunsandel.onlinesafetyhub.nz

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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 9 March 2026

- Online Safety Hub and Parent Safety App
- Parent Teacher Interview booking close 900am on Wednesday
- Assembly and Wear What You Like Day this Friday

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

ONLINE SAFETY HUB + PARENT SAFETY APP (QUSTODIO)

Digital Safety is very important to us at Dunsandel School. To assist, we have partnered with an organisation called Linewize who ensure the highest possible level of safety for our students' school accounts and devices by providing filtering and safeguarding. Alerts for risky or harmful online behaviour will be sent to senior staff and at times parents may be contacted.

Part of this partnership with Linewize includes a dedicated online safety hub website with parent resources for all parents. Delivering insights by world leading safety experts, this central hub helps parents build knowledge to take an active role in your child's online safety.

Through the Online Safety Hub you now have access to resources, information and free tools to help keep children safe online when using their devices at home.

The hub includes **special access to the world leading Qustodio parent safety app** used by over 8 million parents. Families receive free access to the Qustodio Parent App, a world-leading tool used by millions to manage home device usage. The app allows parents to filter web content, block specific games, and set healthy boundaries by pausing internet access during mealtimes or bedtimes. Compatible with iOS, Android, Chromebook, and Windows, Qustodio enables parents to receive instant search alerts and manage screen time across multiple devices.

How to get started

1. Visit the Online Safety Hub - dunsandel.onlinesafetyhub.nz
2. Create your free parent account via the main page (scroll down)
3. Install Qustodio on your child's devices

***Qustodio works across multiple different devices** - iOS, Chromebooks, Android & Windows. Works with apple screentime and Google Family Link.

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 long, please stick to the 10 minutes, if you need more time, you can arrange to meet with your child's teacher at another time. Children will be supervised on Monday afternoon and buses will run at the normal times.



Qustodio
by Qoria

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.



Lunches – A friendly reminder to please pack a healthy lunch for your child each day. Nutritious food helps children stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the day. Great options include fruit, vegetable sticks, sandwiches, wraps, yoghurt, or crackers. Please try to limit sugary snacks and remember that water is the best drink for school.

We are also a **peanut-free school**. Please do **not** send peanut butter sandwiches or any foods containing peanuts, as we have a child with a severe peanut allergy that can be life-threatening. Thank you for helping us keep our Tamariki healthy and safe.

Swimming

This will be the last week we will have the swimming pool open.

Duathlon – Next week we have our annual year 3-6 duathlon. For this day to run smoothly, we require parent helpers. If you can lend a hand and help direct children in the right direction, please email Felicity – felicity@dunsandel.school.nz or let your child's teacher know.

Assembly

Thank-you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday – we appreciate your support. **This Friday the children from Room 5 will be sharing.** Start time 220pm. All welcome.

This week

Monday 9 March – Cohort entry T1 #2

Tuesday 10 March – Canterbury Rugby at school; sessions for all classes

Friday 13 March – Assembly 220pm Room 5 sharing

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

Coming Up

Monday 16 March Parent Teacher Interviews Day 1

Tuesday 17 March Parent Teacher Interviews Day 2

Thursday 19 March Junior Swimming Trip to Ashburton

Friday 20 March Year 3-6 Duathlon

Enjoy the week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Robinson'.

Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PRIDE Awards

Room One – Jaydd - Jaydd, you have made such a super start to life at school. You are an absolute reading rockstar! You blend words like a true pro, and it's fantastic to see you zoom through your books! Not only is your reading amazing, but you're also fantastic at following our classroom routines and moving between stations all by yourself. You're a true independent star! 🚀 Way to go Jaydd, you're amazing.

Room Two – Erik - Erik, this award is because you are one in a billion squillion! You are always so calm and thoughtful. You have an incredible brain that just seems to know the answers to so many things already. I love how you go out of your way to help others and how you really listen in class. Your schoolwork is always very

neat and careful, and you always want to learn more and do more! I am very proud to be your teacher Erik.

Room Three – Zadok - Zadok, what a great start to the year you have had. I am so impressed by your enthusiasm for learning and your ability to pick up new concepts so fast. You are like a little sponge, soaking up all the information! I enjoy our chats about the world we live in and every day you amaze me with little snippets of knowledge you have about so many different things.

Also, you are such a kind and caring member of our class and we are very lucky to have you.

Zadok I am really looking forward to going on your learning journey with you this year, the sky's the limit.

Room Four – Ella - Ella, this PRIDE award is for you. I love the care and effort you put into everything you do. You always aim to produce work you can be proud of. I'm so proud of the initiative, respect, and empathy you show, especially when supporting others. You help make Room 4 a place where everyone feels valued and capable. Keep being your thoughtful, hardworking self, Ella.

Alisha - Alisha. You amaze me. I have loved seeing your growth and the way you have stepped up as a leader in Room 4. You are always showing empathy, respect, and are constantly trying your absolute hardest. I have loved reading your writing recently! Your ideas are starting to blossom and are creative and detailed. You work well to hook the reader in, and I can see you working in as many adjectives as you can. Keep being your lovely, creative self, you brighten up our day.

Room Six – Paddy - Paddy, you are a wonderful member of Room 6 and a fantastic role model for those around you. Your calm and quiet nature, along with your great sense of humour, brings such a positive energy to our classroom. You always try your best in everything you do and show kindness and respect to everyone around you. Thank you for always encouraging others to be their best. We love having you in Room 6 and look forward to the coming months. Keep up the awesome work, Paddy!



PTA News

Hello all.

What an amazing weekend we have just had. I hope everyone enjoyed a bit of sunshine.

Great news the Dunsandel School PTA Quiz night is booked in. 22nd of May 2026. Pop the date in your Calendars, get your teams together and start practicing. It's a great night of fun!

You will probably hear a lot more about quiz night for the next week while but if anyone has any other fundraising opportunities, please pass them on to us. The kids look to have a pretty packed next few weeks with activities and we like to support as many as we can.

Any questions for the PTA or ideas you want to share get in touch Either email ptadunsandel@gmail.com or Phone/ txt me 0273355020 better still join us at tonight's meeting 7pm at the Dunsandel bar and cafe.

See you tonight

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

B.D.I. RUGBY CLUB

Burnham, Dunsandel, Irwell Rugby Combined

Its not to late to register for the 2026 season. Registrations are open for all boys and girls.

Copy and Paste the link below:

<https://auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/login?clientId=portal&codeChallenge=&redirectPath=%2F>

or find it on our Facebook Page.

For more information contact

Mark Hutchins - Junior Club Captain
on 0276129581 or email hutchinsfl@outlook.com

EST 2013

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Pre-Season Dates



NEW TO HOCKEY?

Try hockey for the first time in a relaxed and supportive setting

Have a go #1 - Thursday 5th March (4-5pm)

Have a go #2 - Friday 13th March (4-5pm)

ALREADY A WAIKIRIKIRI PLAYER?

Catch up with you friends and sharpen your skills

Muster 1 - Sunday 8th March (12-2pm)

Muster 2 - Sunday 15th March (12-2pm)



All sessions are for school years 3-8 players and will be held at the Foster Park blue & green turfs. These sessions help us allocate teams for the season so please make the effort to get along to one of them. Check out our website and socials for more information!

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www.waikirikirihockey.co.nz

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[Waikiri Hockey](https://www.facebook.com/WaikiriHockey)



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Wednesday 18 MARCH

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

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) ☐

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Please tick what you would like in your Sub

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

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Italian
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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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