

COMING UP

KEY DATES TERM 2 2026

MONDAY 20 APRIL TERM 2 STARTS

THURSDAY 23 APRIL PADDER TENNIS V LEESTON [AT] DUNSANDEL

MONDAY 27 APRIL ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE - SCHOOL CLOSED

FRIDAY 1 MAY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY 8 MAY ASSEMBLY R2 SHARING

TUESDAY 12 MAY ZONE CROSS COUNTRY [AT] LEESTON

TUESDAY 12 MAY BOARD MEETING #3

THURSDAY 14 MAY PINK SHIRT DAY

FRIDAY 15 MAY TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

TUESDAY 19 LINCOLN ROTARY QUIZ

FRIDAY 22 MAY ASSEMBLY ROOM 1 SHARING

MONDAY 1 JUNE KING'S BIRTHDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

TUESDAY 2 JUNE COHORT ENTRY T2 ENTRY 2

FRIDAY 5 JUNE ASSEMBLY ROOM 3 SHARING

FRIDAY 12 JUNE ASSEMBLY ROOM 4 SHARING

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE CANTERBURY CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY 19 JUNE ASSEMBLY ROOM 5 SHARING

THURSDAY 25 JUNE BOARD MEETING #4

FRIDAY 26 JUNE ASSEMBLY ROOM 6 SHARING

FRIDAY 3 JULY PRIDE DAY AND LAST DAY OF TERM 2

OUR WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES WILL HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL UPCOMING EVENTS.

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2026

TAKE YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO AS FAST AS YOU CAN...



FRIDAY 1 MAY AT THE DUNSANDEL DOMAIN.

COURSE MAP ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

START TIME 1:00PM



TAKE YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO!!

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY FRIDAY 1 MAY AT THE DUNSANDEL DOMAIN



Our School Cross Country is being held on Friday 1 May, at the Dunsandel Domain. **This event starts at 1:00pm.** The course maps for the races can be viewed on our school website and there is a copy of the course maps on the window in the office foyer.

The programme for this event is:

1:00pm - Welcome

1:05pm – Racing will commence at this time, with the Year 6 Boys and Girls starting. Races will be ordered by year level. (Children from R1/2 will come down to the Domain at 1:45pm)

The pre-schoolers' race will follow at the conclusion of the school races.

Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear for running – no one will be running in bare feet.

All children will walk to the Dunsandel Domain.

Buses will leave from the Dunsandel Domain at the end of the school day. Please be aware that no one will be at school to collect bus or after-school messages from 12:30pm onwards on this Friday. Please ensure any messages regarding after school arrangements are at the office before this time.

As with all school events, we do require some helpers to make the 2026 Dunsandel Cross Country successful for all of our children. If you are able to help with directing and encouraging children around various points on the courses, please complete the form with this newsletter or let Felicity know in the office.

As always, the staff and children really appreciate the support of our parents and whānau.



Parent Help Name

Yes I can help with Cross Country – meet at the Dunsandel Domain at 12.50pm.

Return this back to Felicity at the office or email felicity@dunsandel.school.nz

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 20 April 2026

- Padder Tennis, ANZAC Day, Cross Country
- Lions Basketball Year 5/6

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break over the past two weeks. My staff and I are looking forward to Term 2. On the front cover of this News and Notes are all the key dates for the term – details of the events are in our News and Notes as each event comes up. **There are three days that school will be closed this term – ANZAC Day observance on Monday 27 April; a Teacher Only Day on Friday 15 May and Kings Birthday on Monday 1 June.**

In the last week of the term our **Year 5 and 6 Padder Tennis teams** had their matches postponed – these are now scheduled for this **Thursday** starting at 9:45am. Sophie is our captain for this event.

Thank-you to everybody who replied to the ANZAC Service notice last term. If your child/ children are planning on coming to represent our school by leading the singing of the National Anthem, they will need to be in clean, correct school uniform and be assembled at the Cenotaph by 8.20am on Saturday 25th April.

Our annual **Cross Country** is scheduled for Friday 1 May – all details are on page 2 of this News and Notes. As with all school events, we do require some helpers to make the 2026 Dunsandel Cross Country successful for all of our children. If you can help with directing and encouraging children around various points on the courses, please complete the form with this newsletter or let Felicity know in the office.

Afterschool routine – Now that netball and rugby season is upon us, some children will have a different afterschool routine in term 2. We have a walking bus that walks down to the domain after school on Thursdays unsupervised. Please return the form attached and return it back to Felicity in the office. Friendly reminder that school opens at 8:30am and finishes at 3pm. For your child's safety, please do not drop children off early.



Child's Name..... Term 2 After School Routine

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

E.g - My child will be on the bus Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – Walking bus Thursday, pick up Friday.

Lions Year 5/6 Basketball - Our intention is to enter the Lions into the local Selwyn Hawks Basketball competition again in Term 2 & 3. So, we have an idea of how many children are wanting to play, please click on the link on our school website home page and fill in the Google Form. A reminder the games are 3v3 on a half court and are played on a Monday afternoon (anytime between 330pm and 700pm, times vary). There is a commitment from parents to get their children to the games which are held at the Selwyn Sports Centre in Rolleston. The competition starts Monday 18 May and finishes on Monday 24 August. The cost will be around \$70 for the season – this will be confirmed. All players are required to wear a mouth guard. For this programme to work for our players we do need parents to be responsible for the teams on game day. **Please register interest by Thursday 23 April.** Once teams have been finalised there will be an option to purchase Lions Basketball hoodies which will cost approximately \$70. Note, it is not compulsory to purchase the Lions basketball hoodie.



“Paws and Reflect” Online safety with the PRIDE Lion

“PAWS & REFLECT”
ONLINE SAFETY WITH THE PRIDE LION
 ROARING TIPS FOR A SAFER DIGITAL WORLD

FORTNITE

FORTNITE IS A HUGE POPULAR ONLINE VIDEO GAME BEST KNOWN FOR ITS BATTLE ROYALE MODE, WHERE PLAYERS CAN PLAY SOLO OR AS PART OF A TEAM

FORTNITE HAS A LARGE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY ON DISCORD, A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION PLATFORM WHERE PLAYERS CAN CONNECT, CHAT, AND SHARE CONTENT. PARENTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF DISCORD'S RISKS.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FORTNITE?
FIND OUT MORE AT OUR ONLINE SAFETY HUB

Itinerant Music programme

Our itinerant music programme with Ms Chamberlain (piano) and Mrs Birnie (ukulele) still has space this term if your child would like to take part. The cost for term 2 will be \$220 and will need to be paid by week 3, Tuesday 5 May. There is an option to make weekly payments – please email Felicity felicity@dunsandel.school.nz if you have any questions.

This week

Thursday 23 April Annual Padder Tennis Tournament v Leeston @ Dunsandel

Saturday 25 April ANZAC Day

Coming Up

Monday 27 April ANZAC Day observance – School closed.

Friday 1 May School Cross Country

A reminder we will be closed on Monday 27 April for ANZAC Day observance. Enjoy the first week back.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News

Welcome back from the school holidays. I hope you all managed to do something fun and enjoyed some of the beautiful autumn days we had.

Term 2 starts to get busy for us as we get organised for quiz night in week 5 and following that we will be kicking off our annual food fundraiser.

Thank you very much to those sponsors and entrants who have got in touch with us over the holiday. We are off to a great start. Check out the attached flyer for entry details or get in touch on ptadunsandel@gmail.com, message our Facebook page or text me on 0273355020 if you want to know anything about quiz.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursdays 30th April at 7.15pm. We love to welcome new faces so pop the date in your calendar and come and see what the PTA is all about.
Have a nice week.

Shae
Dunsandel School PTA President

**COME ALONG TO
DUNSANDEL SCHOOL PTA'S ANNUAL**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR 6:30 START
DUNSANDEL COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Have a fun night full of challenges and win prizes! Theme your team (prize for the best dressed team)
\$20 per person or \$60 / team of up to 4.
Payable to Dunsandel PTA 02 0860 0040555 00
Bring cash for raffles/ games, bar will be open (with EFTPOS),
supper provided by PTA

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!
email ptadunsandel@gmail.com

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 News and Notes

Dunsandel Fire Brigade had such a great response with the Bingo Nights at the Dunsandel Bowls Club with lots of fun, laughs and great prizes. Thank you for your huge support.

You have an opportunity to attend their last night this Friday 24 April. All for a great cause 'Blood Cancer New Zealand' Come support the guys and gals heading up the Sky Tower on Saturday 23 May. All welcome to attend.

Message Dunsandel Fire brigade on their facebook page to lock in your seat!

Door sales on the night EFTPOS Available.

Good food. Great company. Awesome cause.



Dunsandel Stair Climb Team

All funds go to
Blood Cancer NZ

RAFFLE

First Prize
BOSCH Professional
18V Sander Kit &
Kaiwaka Oilskin Vest
VALUE \$500!



Second Prize
Freshly split fire wood

Third Prize
Meat Tray

Tickets \$5 each

Message the
Facebook page
for a ticket or
text

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