

COMING UP



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

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



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

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Tuesday 28 April 2026

- **Cross Country Friday 1 May**

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend for ANZAC. Special thanks to the children who led the National Anthem at the Dunsandel ANZAC service and to Amber and George who lay a wreath on behalf of our school.



Last Thursday Sophie captained our Padder Tennis teams against our friends from Leeston. It was a perfect day for padder tennis. After all the serving, forehands and backhands Leeston came out on top. Thanks to those who came along and supported our players.

Our annual **Cross Country** is scheduled for Friday 1 May – all details are on page 1 of this News and Notes. **As with all school events, we do require some helpers to make the 2026 Dunsandel Cross Country successful for 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.**

Please return your child's afterschool routine so we know which direction to send them after school. The form is at the end of the school newsletter.

A reminder we will be closed on the following days this term:-

Friday 15 May Teacher Only Day; on this day teaching staff will be working with teachers from Leeston, Southbridge and EC. This is a continuation of our work on the new Maths curriculum which was started last year.

Monday 1 June Kings Birthday

Last day of Term 2 – Friday 3 June.



“Paws and Reflect” Online safety with the PRIDE Lion

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

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FIND OUT MORE AT OUR ONLINE SAFETY HUB

This week

Friday 1 May School Cross Country

Coming Up

Thursday 7 May Playhouse Theatre at school.

Friday 8 May Assembly 220pm R2 sharing

Friday 15 May Teacher Only Day School Closed

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News

Greetings all!

It's been another great week at school.

With ANZAC Day just gone, it's been a nice time to pause and reflect on what it means, remembering those who served and thinking about the values of determination, empathy, and respect.

Lest we forget.

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their entry for our annual Quiz Night — the support has been amazing and we truly appreciate it! If you haven't entered yet, you still have time.

We are looking for 6 bakers to put together some yummy baking for supper. If this is something you could help with, please send me a message (details below) This will need to be dropped to school on Friday 22nd May before 3pm – no cream items please.

We have a meeting this Thursday 30th April at the Dunsandel Bar and Cafe 7:15pm start.

All welcome or if you would like to get in touch for any reason email on ptadunsandel@gmail.com, or message our Facebook page or text me on 0273355020.

Have a nice week

Shae Brown

Dunsandel School PTA President.

Calendar	Dunsandel School
Click here for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.	Irvines Road, RD2 Dunsandel 7682 Phone 03 3254079 www.dunsandel.school.nz
Buying Uniform	Office Email
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.  <i>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.</i>	admin@dunsandel.school.nz Principal Dave Robinson principal@dunsandel.school.nz Deputy Principal Tracey Harrold tracey@dunsandel.school.nz School Secretary Felicity Pluck felicity@dunsandel.school.nz Board Presiding Member Mick O'Connor PTA President Shae Brown School Account Number Board of Trustees 02-0860-0049250-00

After School Routine – Term 2 2026

If you haven't returned your child/ren after school routine, please complete and return to the office.

Child Name

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

E.G – My child will be on the bus Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Walking bus on Thursday, Pick up on Friday