

COMING UP

ELLESMERE ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



**TUESDAY 12 MAY AT THE LEESTON
A AND P SHOWGROUNDS**

ORDER OF EVENTS (APPROX. TIMES)

1.00PM WALK THROUGH FOR ALL COMPETITORS

1.30 PM YEAR 6 BOYS FIRST GIRLS TO FOLLOW

1.50 PM YEAR 5 BOYS FIRST GIRLS TO FOLLOW

2.10 PM YEAR 4 BOYS FIRST GIRLS TO FOLLOW



THURSDAY 14 MAY

WEAR WHAT YOU YOU LIKE DAY

Wear something pink or close to pink - to support Pink Shirt Day



*Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!*

FRIDAY 15 MAY

TEACHER ONLY DAY

**WE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY
FOR OUR TEACHERS TO ATTEND
MATHS CURRICULUM
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WITH OUR COLLEAGUES FROM
LEESTON, SOUTHBRIDGE AND EC.**



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 11 May 2026

- Teacher Only Day Friday 15 May
- Pink Wear What You Like Day Thursday 14 May
- Ellesmere Zone Cross Country Tuesday 12 May

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

A reminder we will be closed on Friday 15 May for a shared Teacher Only Day with our colleagues from Leeston, Southbridge and EC. This is a continuation of our work on the new Maths curriculum which started last year.

We have 35 children who will run at the Ellesmere Zone Cross Country tomorrow. They will be running against our friends from Leeston and Southbridge. The best of the Year 5 and 6 races will have the opportunity to run at the Canterbury Cross Country. It was a pleasure to name Liam as our Cross Country Captain for 2026. I know he will lead his team by example and with PRIDE.



We have a wear **What You Like Day on Thursday** in support of Pink Shirt Day. We encourage children to wear pink or something as close to pink as they can. Please send a gold coin donation to school.

Assembly -Thank you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday. We appreciate your support. Our next Assembly will be on Friday 22 May.

Message from Mrs Pluck and the Dunsandel Fire Brigade Sky Tower Team - A big thank you to our school for supporting our Sky Tower Challenge Team. Your donation of \$260 from the mufti day and Room 2 helping around at home with small jobs is truly appreciated from us. Without your support and encouragement, this challenge would be hard to achieve. Arohanui DVFB Team.

This week

Tuesday 12 May Ellesmere 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

Coming up

Tuesday 19 May Lincoln Rotary Quiz (Year 6 Dunsandel Team competing)

Friday 22 May Assembly Room 1 sharing



"PAWS & REFLECT"

ONLINE SAFETY WITH THE PRIDE LION

ROARING TIPS FOR A SAFER DIGITAL WORLD

MINECRAFT

MINECRAFT IS AN EXTREMELY POPULAR SANDBOX (OPEN-ENDED GAMEPLAY) VIDEO GAME THAT ALLOWS PLAYERS TO USE THEIR IMAGINATION TO BUILD AND EXPLORE VIRTUAL WORLDS MADE OF BLOCKS.

THE MULTIPLAYER MODE ALLOWS INTERACTION WITH OTHERS ONLINE, WHICH CAN BE BOTH BENEFICIAL AND RISKY. THE PLATFORM IS GENERALLY APPROPRIATE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF AGES; HOWEVER, YOUNGER CHILDREN MAY NEED MORE SUPERVISION DUE TO CHALLENGING GAMEPLAY OR ONLINE INTERACTIONS.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MINECRAFT?

FIND OUT MORE AT OUR ONLINE SAFETY HUB

Health and Safety – We have a child at Dunsandel School who has an allergy to peanuts and peanut base products. If this child comes into contact with peanuts or peanut based products, even touch some peanut residue left on surfaces, they can have a life-threatening allergic reaction.

Please limit peanuts in your child's lunch. If you ever bring any treats to school to share with the class, please ensure that it does not contain peanuts or peanut based products. And please let your child's teacher know in advance if you bring in food to share. We want to keep everyone safe.

School accounts – These have been sent home today with this newsletter. If you have any questions about your account, please see Felicity.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PRIDE Awards

Room 1 – Thomas - Thomas, you are such a fantastic member of Room 1. I have been so impressed with the way you always give learning your all. You show lots of determination and tackle all new things with a great big smile. You're like a reading superstar, and you are a numbers whiz too. Nothing ever seems too hard for you. Not only that, but you are amazing at caring for your friends and welcoming new children to room 1. Keep up the great work! 😊 ★

Room 2 – Kailo - Kailo, this award is for you today, because I think you are awesome! You are one of the most determined boys I know, and you are a real leader in our class. You listen to new learning, you work so hard and you are always figuring out how you can do things in a better way. I was incredibly

proud of you for your positive attitude when you spent 6 weeks of last term with a broken arm. Thank you for always being a kind, caring, funny, clever and very sporty guy! Tino pai Kailo!



Room 3 – Lukas Lukas, you have started the term with a hiss and a roar! I am so proud of you for all the effort you put into your learning, even when the going gets tough. The determination you show is awesome. I am impressed with the independence you are showing during writing and phonics time, and your reading fluency is fantastic. To top it off Lukas you are an all round Mr nice guy and a pleasure to have in Room Three!



Room 4 – Marcy O - Marcy, you blow me away everyday! I adore the enthusiasm you show in every aspect of your day. You make us laugh and smile all the time and brighten our day just by your presence. I am so incredibly proud of your amazing speech writing skills. You are a fountain of wonderful ideas and are doing such a great job with sounding out words for spelling and remembering your tricky heart words. I can't wait for you to finish and present this writing with confidence and PRIDE. Marcy, you sparkle even on the darkest days. Please keep being you, you make this world a brighter place.

Room 5 – Ethan - Ethan, it is such a pleasure to have you in Room 5. You are kind, funny and you are one of the most talented artists that I have ever met! The comic that you have created is amazing. You can also be so proud of yourself for the determination that you displayed during our 2026 Cross Country - I was so impressed with the way that you kept going, even when you were puffed, and you finished the race with a smile on your face. This is what Cross Country is all about - doing your best and having fun! Keep up the great work, Ethan!

Room 6 – George - George, this PRIDE award recognises the fantastic growth you've shown in Room 6 this year. You've come out of your shell and are thriving!

You approached Cross Country with great pace and a positive attitude and have put impressive effort and creativity into your clay sculptures. It's been so fantastic to see your confidence grow, especially when sharing your ideas during literacy. We will miss your cheeky sense of humour and bright smile George. All the very best for your next journey - Room 6 won't be the same without you!

PTA

Hello everyone.

Apologies for last week I missed the PTA update. I was so busy tidying things up after our great meeting on Thursday, then the excitement of Thomas's rugby team being selected to play their first game of the season at Te Kaha then it was Monday before I knew it.

Luckily things are much the same this week with the PTA. Count down is on for our annual quiz night with just 2 weeks to go. The prizes are looking amazing. The raffles are being organised and there will even be a few silent auctions happening throughout the night.

If you haven't entered a team, it's not too late. If you haven't got a team let me know and we will find you one!

If you can't make it on the night but still want to help, we are still in need of some bakers for supper. Plates can be dropped off to school on the morning of the 22nd. Please let me know if you can help.

Thanks for those who have got involved so far, we really appreciate the support.
Have a great week

Shae
PTA President

[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

**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