

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL

ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

The children from Room 1 are sharing.
Start Time - 220pm.
Venue - School Hall.
All welcome.



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 18 May 2026

- Zone Cross Country
- PTA Quiz Night
- Board News and Notes

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Our teaching staff spent Friday with our colleagues from Leeston, Southbridge and EC working on the Maths curriculum. Thank-you for your support on this Teacher Only Day.

Ellesmere Zone Cross Country

I was proud of all our runners at the Ellesmere Zone Cross Country last Tuesday at the Leeston A & P Showgrounds. Thank-you to everyone who came along and supported our team. Special Congratulations to the following children who gained top 6 placings

Year 6 Boys 1st Liam

Year 6 Girls 4th Miah; 5th Amber; 6th Sophie

Year 5 Girls 3rd Morgan; 5th Kylie

Year 4 Boys 5th Albie

Year 4 Girls 1st Athalia

The children gained a top 6 placing in the Year 5 and 6 races have qualified for the Canterbury Cross Country on Wednesday 17 June.

Wear What You Like Day

The school was a sea of pink on Thursday for our Pink Shirt Wear what You Like Day. It was great to see this day well supported.



PTA Quiz Night

I know there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes for the PTA Quiz Night on Friday evening. Thank-you to our PTA for organising this event and to everyone who is supporting this fundraiser. Over the past couple of weeks our PTA has provided funding for classroom resources, our class music lessons, the treats at our cross country and an automatic chlorinator for the swimming pool – this was installed a couple of weeks ago. As always, we appreciate the support our PTA gives our school and children.

Lions Basketball

We have two teams competing in the local competition starting this afternoon. Special thanks to the Stone family – Matt and Kieran for running practice sessions with our teams and to Tracey for being our Teams co-ordinator. I know our players are excited about this opportunity.

Wellness

As we head into the colder months, we are seeing an increase in coughs, colds, and seasonal illnesses. To help keep everyone well, please keep your child at home if they are unwell, especially if they have a fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, or persistent cough. Good hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when sick all help protect our school community. If your child is absent from school, you can leave a message on our school phone line, on the school app or email the school office.

Assembly

We have an Assembly on Friday starting at 220pm. The children from Room 1 will be sharing.

This week

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

Friday 22 May Assembly Room 1 sharing

Friday 22 May PTA Quiz

Coming up

Monday 1 June Kings Birthday Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 2 June School Cohort entry T2 Entry 2

Friday 5 June Assembly



“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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Enjoy the week ahead!

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA

Hello Everyone!

Sharpen your pencils and stretch those trivia muscles! The COUNTDOWN is on for the PTA Quiz Night this Friday 22nd May. Whether you're a mastermind of useless knowledge or just in it for the laughs, it's not too late to get a team together and join us for a fun-filled night. If you haven't got a team, let us know and we will find you one!

There are great prizes up for grabs, the raffles are ready to go, and we have a few silent auctions happening throughout the night:

- 50 Native plant seedlings in socks.
Donated by Synlait planting programme.
- x2 Ride-on Mini Tractors valued at \$135 each from Cochranes.
- \$500 Ellesmere Transport voucher.

Sheat Contracting has generously donated 10 medium bales of pea straw. We are selling these for \$60 each, grab yours before they go!

We are still looking for a few superstar bakers for supper, so if you can help please let us know. Plates can be dropped off at school on the morning of Friday the 22nd.

Thanks to everyone who has got involved so far, we really appreciate the support.

Liz Des Landes - PTA Vice President



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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GREAT FUN



GREAT FITNESS



TEAM
ENVIRONMENT



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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