

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL

ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2026

The children from Room 6 are sharing.

Start Time - 220pm.

Venue - School Hall.

All welcome.



HOT LUNCH FRIDAY THIS FRIDAY

Hot Lunch Friday is where children can bring a pie or sausage roll or pizza or toasted sandwich for their lunch.

ONLY ONE ITEM PER CHILD

Food must be wrapped in tinfoil and clearly named, with the name of your child, their room number and what's inside the parcel.

There will be labelled baskets outside the school hall before school for children to place their items in.



Hot tip: for those of you wrapping pizza, if you pop a piece of baking paper on the top of the topping, the topping won't stick to the tinfoil.



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Tuesday 2 June 2026

- **Reporting to Parents**

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. We have five weeks left in term 2 so we are over halfway.

Reporting to Parents 2026

You will notice a few changes in how we share your child's progress this term. The Ministry of Education has introduced some mandatory new updates for school reporting, and we are adapting our formats to meet these new standards. To help navigate these changes, we have included a quick guide with this newsletter explaining exactly what's new and what to expect.

Important Takeaways:

- **Report Delivery:** Term 2 reports will head home with students on **Monday 29 June** (the last Monday of the term).
- **Online Access:** Lost the paperwork? No worries. This information is always available on our school website under the **Parent Information** tab (Reporting to Parents).

Assembly This Friday we will have the children from Room 6 sharing at our Assembly. All welcome. 220pm start.

Hot Lunch Friday - We are excited to bring back Hot Lunch Fridays for the term.

Subway Lunch next Wednesday 10 June. It is a short week this week, please get orders in before Monday 8 June 9am. Please **DO NOT** tape money to the form, no late orders will be taken.

Friendly Reminders: A friendly reminder to **please name all clothing items** so we can return them promptly to their owners. If your child is away from school, please remember to let the office know. Mrs Pluck will then pass the message on to the teacher. Sometimes teachers may not see emails or hear phone messages regarding your child's absence during the busy school morning. Also, it is important to **let the office know if something changes with your children after school routine**, especially on Thursday's walking bus. This will ensure all children go in the right direction without any holdups.

This Week

Friday 5 June Hot Lunch Friday

Friday 5 June Assembly 220pm Room 6 sharing

Coming up

Friday 12 June Assembly 220pm Room 4 sharing

Wednesday 17 June Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country

Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA

Hello

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful King's Birthday weekend and had the chance to relax and recharge with a little extra break from the usual routine.

A big thank you to our school community for your ongoing support of the PTA. Our current food fundraiser is now underway, and we'd love your help to make it a success. Every order contributes to supporting valuable resources and opportunities for our students.

Thank you for the early orders but don't worry there is still plenty of time. Orders are due by **15 June**. We encourage you to share the fundraiser with family and friends as well every order makes a difference.

Thank you again for your support

Have a great week

Shae

PTA 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.

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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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Selwyn Netball Centre

Ellesmere Satellite

FUN STARTS HERE!

Netball for Year 1-4's!

Why Join?

Make new friends
Enjoy a fun, supportive environment
Learn to catch, pass & shoot from day one
Build confidence and fundamental movement skills
Explore netball in a fun, age-appropriate way.

When & Where:

Starts 23rd July - 17th September
Thursday afternoons, Ellesmere Courts, Leeston Park

Register with a club today!

Contact Ellesmere Combined, Southbridge or
Dunsandel Netball Club for more info!

ellesmerecombinednetball@gmail.com
southbridgenetball@gmail.com
drfcnetball@gmail.com



Ready, Net, Go!

2026 Food Fundraiser Dunsandel School PTA



Naked Baker Family Pies,
\$8.50 each (8 flavours)

Frozen Croissants, \$27 (20/bag)



Pasta Vera Family Meals 1.3kg
Lasagne (Beef or Chicken & Basil) \$24.99 ea
Mac & Cheese \$21.99



Orders in by 15th June

GROUP FITNESS with RACHEL



Start a positive change in
your life by joining
Backroad gym!

REGISTER NOW

www.backroad.fit

Rachel Scott
Personal Trainer
02040146279

A fun, supportive place to train, make connections and challenge yourself. My small group classes are suitable for all fitness levels, with coaching every step of the way and community vibes. Classes run for 45 mins and can be booked online. Sessions are held Wednesdays at 9am, 2pm, 6:45pm & Fridays at 9am. No matter where you're starting from, I'd love to help you.

Dunsandel School PTA Food Fundraiser Order Sheet

Parent name:
Phone number:

(We'll need these details to arrange pickup of chilled/frozen food)

Orders must be in by 5pm Monday 15th June

Orders must be picked up from school between 2pm and 3:30pm Thursday 2nd July (last Thursday of term)

Orders must be fully paid before pickup

- ☐ I've enclosed full payment in cash
- ☐ I've paid the full amount directly into the PTA account with my name as a reference (02-0860-0040555-000)

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All Pasta Vera product will be chilled, rather than frozen as in previous years	Family Meals 1.3kg		
	Beef Lasagne	Chicken & Basil Lasagne	Macaroni Cheese
	\$24.99	\$24.99	\$21.99
Total quantity			
Total to pay			

REPORTING TO PARENTS

SUMMARY

- What the Ministry of Education has mandated in Reporting to Parents for schools.
- What we are doing to meet these mandates and what our reports will look like from Term 2 2026.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

At least twice a year, schools are required to provide a written report to you, in plain language, on your child's progress and achievement across the curriculum. From 2027, schools will be expected to include the following 5 elements. This will be in addition to other information the school currently includes in its reports.

The elements are:

- progress descriptors for each of Reading, Writing, and Maths
- a visual representation of a student's progress over time
- information about how progress descriptors were selected, and about how you can support next learning steps
- assessment results
- an attendance record.

These components are not designed to replace current reports, but they need to be included in some way in all reports from the start of 2027 onwards.

HOW WE HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD.

- Looked at what is being asked of schools in the mandates from the Ministry of Education.
- Reviewed our Reporting to Parents format.
- Took what we had and what is required and designed a new format.
- We have ensured we are following the intent of what the MOE wants from reporting to parents. We have ensured we have used the resources they have provided to ensure there is consistency across the reports.
- We have ensured the system we now have in place from 2026 onwards provides the information the Minister of Education has said parents want.
- We have designed a system that is user friendly for our teachers.

OUR REPORTING TO PARENTS FORMAT

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL

MID YEAR REPORT 2026

Name	The PRIDE Lion		
Teacher	Melman		
Year	Four	Room	Five



Name, Teacher, Year Level and Room

Attendance - 28 January to 13 June 2026	
Present Percentage	100%

This report provides a clear snapshot of your child's learning journey, highlighting their current achievements and personal growth across the curriculum.

Attendance at School - shown as a percentage for the dates shown.

PRIDE Values	What it means for our school.	Strength, Usually, Sometimes
Participate	Participate means Join in	Strength
Respect	Treat others like you would like to be treated	Strength
Initiative	Initiative means Think for Yourself	Strength
Determination	Determination means Try hard and don't give up	Strength
Empathy	Empathy means Think of Others	Strength

PRIDE Values - teacher judgement using Strength, Usually or Sometimes as the markers.

Teacher Comment	
Teacher Signature	
Principal Signature	

Teacher Comment - personalised comments from the class teacher.

Next Learning Steps for Writing based on the Writing Curriculum and what the child has already achieved.

WRITING		Progress Descriptor												
		Proficient												
Comment The PRIDE Lion is on track to meet Year 4 expectations and shows evidence of this through: • writing for extended periods with increasing fluency and legibility • spelling many multisyllabic words with long vowels and common affixes correctly Throughout the writing process the PRIDE Lion: • uses organisers to plan their writing including making notes of key words and phrases • makes simple revisions to their texts to improve the clarity for the intended audience and purpose														
Next Learning Steps	How can you help at home?													
- Rereading to check at the sentence, paragraph, and whole-text level - Making simple revisions to their texts to improve the clarity for the intended audience and purpose (e.g. replacing words, adding sentences, using audience and peer feedback)	With your child, you could: • encourage them to write for pleasure, for example, emails to friends and family, postcards, poems, jokes, and comic strips • write shopping lists, birthday and thank you cards, invitation lists for family events, and menus for special dinners Check our website for supporting your child's learning at home - www.dunsandel.school.nz . Click on the Parent Information tab and click on Learning Links.													
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Overall Progress Descriptor.**

Comments made specific to Writing from the MOE resource.

How you can help at home in Writing.

We are required to show progress over time - will be added to with each reporting cycle.

Use the progress descriptors for each knowledge strand (if taught in that time period) in the Writing curriculum - this informs the overall progress descriptor. **

READING		Progress Descriptor												
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Reading and Maths - same format but specific to Reading and Maths.

** See Progress Descriptor Explanation

OTHER CURRICULUM AREAS				
Area	Phase	Term	Topic	Effort and Attitude
Health	2	1/2	Bounce Back	Excellent -
Māori				-
PE	2	1	Swimming	Excellent -
Science				-
Social Sciences	2	2	Dunsandel Community	Excellent -
The Arts				-

OTHER SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS				
School Leader	Bus Monitor	Library Monitor	Zone Swimming	Kaphaka
Zone Cross Country	Canterbury Cross Country			

WHAT I THINK ABOUT MY LEARNING	
I am most proud of....	
I found this the biggest challenge....	

Other Curriculum Areas - three per reporting period to make the six by the end of the year.

Other School Achievements - please note this is for Year 5 and 6 reports only.

Student Voice.

HOW WERE THE PROGRESS DESCRIPTORS DECIDED FOR YOUR CHILD'S REPORT?

★★

The Progress Descriptor, or the level of achievement, was chosen by your child's teacher, using a range of information. This can include test results, classroom activities, observing your child in the class, and- conversations with their teacher.

Describing progress for mid and end of year reporting using five descriptors

The progress descriptors describe student progress across the school year. A student who has achieved proficiency is prepared for the next year of learning.

Progress descriptor	Emerging	Developing	Consolidating	Proficient	Exceeding
Mid-year reporting	Not yet on track to meet expectations		On track to meet expectations		
End of year reporting	Has not met expectations			Has met expectations	

THE PARENT PORTAL

The Ministry of Education has an online Parent Portal that you can use to find out more information about the new reporting, including a full description of the Progress Descriptors, and tips on how to discuss school reports with your child.





DUNSANDEL SCHOOL

Wednesday 10 June

PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM ON MONDAY 08 June

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) ☐

Or

Six Inch only (\$4.50) ☐

Salad Option with cookie (\$5.50) ☐

Please tick what you would like in your Sub

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

White	☐	Ham	☐
Garlic	☐	Salami	☐
Italian	☐	Beef	☐
Rye	☐	Tuna	☐
Wheat	☐	Vege Delight	☐

SALADS

☐	Cheese
☐	Onion
☐	Lettuce
☐	Tomato
☐	Cucumber
☐	Pickles
☐	Capsicums
☐	Carrots

SAUCES

☐	Honey Mustard
☐	Mayo
☐	BBQ
☐	Marinara
☐	Sweet Onion

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WEDNESDAY 10 June 2026

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