

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026



The children from Room 5 are sharing.
Start Time - 220pm.
Venue - School Hall.
All welcome.

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE

JOIN IN. For our school Participate means: PARTICIPATE, RESPECT, INITIATIVE, DETERMINATION, EMPATHY. THINK FOR YOURSELF. For our school Initiative means: PARTICIPATE, RESPECT, INITIATIVE, DETERMINATION, EMPATHY. TRY HARD AND DON'T GIVE UP. For our school Determination means: PARTICIPATE, RESPECT, INITIATIVE, DETERMINATION, EMPATHY. THINK OF OTHERS. For our school Empathy means: PARTICIPATE, RESPECT, INITIATIVE, DETERMINATION, EMPATHY. PRIDE IN OURSELVES, OUR LEARNING AND OUR COMMUNITY.

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

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Monday 15 June 2026

- Junior School Class Adjustments
- Assembly this Friday
- News and Notes in Tagalog

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Junior School Class Adjustments

Our junior school community is growing a wee bit faster than we anticipated from the start of the year! Over the last few weeks, we have welcomed a wonderful influx of new enrolments—both expected arrivals and some lovely, unexpected surprises.

To ensure we maintain optimal class sizes and provide the best possible learning environment for everyone, we are making some proactive classroom adjustments. These shifts will allow our teaching teams to continue delivering targeted, high-quality learning.

Upcoming Class Transitions for Term 3

Here is a summary of the movements taking place:

- From Room 1 to Room 2: Our older, more experienced R1 children will be moving into R2.
- From Room 2 to Room 3: Our Year 2 students currently in R2 will be moving to R3.

We know that change can bring a mix of excitement and a few butterflies. Please rest assured that our teachers are working closely together to ensure these transitions are smooth, positive, and seamless. The children will have an opportunity to visit their new space and connect with their new peer groups before the official move in Term 3.

Individual families affected by these changes will receive a letter confirming the move with their child's mid-year report on Monday 29 June. If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's current classroom teacher.

Assembly

Thank-you to everyone who attended our Assembly on Friday. We appreciate your support. There will be an Assembly this Friday with the children from Room 5 sharing. 220pm start. All welcome.

Our School News and Notes in Tagalog

On our school website we have a dedicated page on our school website to our School News and Notes translate into Tagalog. Generally the weeks notes will be up on a Tuesday – this is after the translation is done and checked by Elsie Alagos. We appreciate Elsie doing this for us.

Hot Lunch Friday - Friday pie day has been a great hit – thank you for your help by writing names on each item and wrapping in tinfoil. This helps us a lot. Just a reminder, we are only heating, NOT cooking items, so please defrost your child's pie before sending it to school so they won't be disappointed with a frozen uncooked pie.



This Week

Wednesday 17 June Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country.

Friday 19 June Assembly 220pm Room 5 sharing.

Coming up

Thursday 25 June Board Meeting.

Friday 26 June Assembly 220pm Room 3 sharing.

Friday 3 July Last day of Term 3.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed the beautiful weather! It definitely made Rugby for us on Saturday morning not too cold.

Much the same this week with the Food Fundraiser being our main focus. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. Today is the last day to get your orders in so please have them to the school office by 3pm or you can email them to ptadunsandel@gmail.com. Orders will be available for collection on **Wednesday 2 July**.

Thank you again for helping make this fundraiser a success. Every order makes a difference and supports our school community.

Have a great week

Shae Brown

PTA President

PRIDE Awards 12.6.26

Room 1 – George - George, you are off to an amazing start to life at Dunsandel School! I have been so impressed by how quickly you dive into new learning and how much effort you put into everything you do. You have done an awesome job at mastering all of our new sounds, and watching you confidently blend them together to read and build words is fantastic. Not only are you a total learning superstar, but you are also such a kind, reliable, and caring friend. You bring a great energy to Room 1, always sharing your awesome smile and making sure your classmates are included in games and learning. Keep up the phenomenal work, George!

Room 2 – Mackenzie - Mackenzie, I am very proud to be your teacher. You are a real diamond in our class. You always have the kindest things to say to others, and you are always the first to offer help to people that need it. I think you are one of the world's best readers and your maths and writing is super great too! I love your excitement for learning new things about the world and the way you arrive off the school bus with the biggest smile. Keep it up Mackenzie - you're awesome!

Room 3 – Lahyelah - Lahyelah, this PRIDE Award is for you for being the best that you can be every day at school. You are kind, helpful, hardworking and a fantastic classmate to everybody. Your learning is flying along because



you always put a huge effort into your work and I am very proud of you for that. Keep working hard on those tricky maths problems and vowel teams because I'm sure you can do anything when you put your mind to it! Lahyelah, you are a star ★!

Room 4 – Autumn - Autumn, you are a super star! This PRIDE award is for you for all of your kindness and hard work. I love the way you are so passionate about being kind and showing respect. You are always making sure everyone feels included and valued in our class. You make our space a brighter, happier place to be. I have also loved seeing how hard you work. You have a great work ethic, you're always putting your best effort in and show me that you are proud of the work you are doing. This is a great quality to have. Keep shining bright Autumn, you're amazing:)

Room 5 – Stellar - Stellar, this certificate goes to you for always being the best version of yourself. You consistently give 110% effort to all of your learning tasks and work incredibly hard to master new skills, always asking thoughtful questions to further your understanding. We were very impressed with the determination and effort that you displayed during your speech writing - tweaking, adding and removing ideas until you created a speech that you were very proud of. You are also a wonderfully kind and loyal friend; we are so lucky to have you in our corner, ensuring everyone around you is treated with fairness and respect. Thank you for always brightening our days and making us laugh with your stories about Sunny, too. Stellar, you are an absolute star!

Fletcher - Fletcher, what a pleasure it is to have you in Room 5. Your kindness, empathy and sense of humour lights up our classroom and what lucky people we are to have a friend like you! It is a real testament to your character that you always look out for others, help people without being asked and you go out of your way to ensure that the people around you are happy. You put a lot of effort into your learning and it's fabulous to see your confidence in yourself as a learner continuing to flourish. The determination and depth of thought that you put into your recent speech writing was awesome, and you produced a speech about 'why everyone should play rugby' that you can be proud of. Keep up the great work, Fletcher!

Room 6 – James - James, what an incredible year you are having! You have stepped up to Year 6 with absolute ease and have eagerly taken advantage of every opportunity that has come your way. Your learning - especially your writing - is showing fantastic progress and is something for you to be proud of. A true highlight of your dedication was when you asked to resit a reading test because your incredible **99%** score wasn't quite enough; you were striving for a perfect **100%**! James, we are so incredibly impressed by your work ethic, your determination, and your constant drive to achieve your absolute best. Keep shining. We are incredibly proud of how far you have come, and with this momentum, the sky is truly the limit.

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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Community News and Notes

Year 1-4 Netball @ Leeston!

Any year 1-4 aged kiddos out there keen to give netball a go, here are the details! Dunsandel RFC Netball Club, Ellesmere Combined Netball Club and Southbridge Netball Club all come together for a 1-4 program at the Leeston courts. This year, the start date will be July 23rd, and it will run through 17th September, Thursday afternoons (guessing 3:30-4:15 or thereabouts). The way we do netball with kids now probably looks very different to when you parents were playing as kids - they start with skill building and try and keep things fun, work on skills for half an hour or so and then a sort of modified game at the end of the session. Every year new skills are introduced and old ones refined, and traditional 7 a-side netball doesn't happen now until year 7! Year 1-4s play with smaller balls, smaller groups of children, and awesome helpers who make the program possible. If you're keen, please register at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/dunsandelrfc/Registration-1> - we'd love to have you join us! If you have any questions, please email us at drfcnetball@gmail.com. Subs are only \$50/player.

- Katharine Sheppard, Secretary, Dunsandel RFC Netball Club



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

Woolworths future FERNs

Ready. Net. Go!



Parenting Through Big Bursting Behaviours

Understanding the "why" behind meltdowns, overwhelm and big emotions.

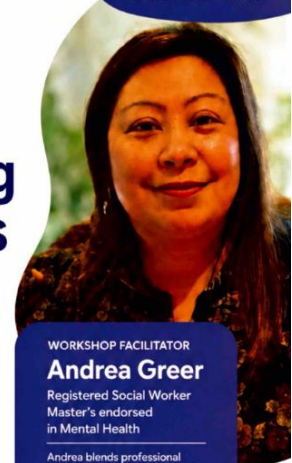
A practical, down-to-earth workshop for parents and caregivers supporting children with emotional regulation, sensory or neurodivergent challenges.

You'll walk away with practical ideas, greater understanding, and strategies you can use in everyday life.

PARENTS WILL LEARN:

- What may be driving the behaviour underneath the meltdown
- How to respond in the moment without escalating things further
- Practical strategies to support emotional regulation at home
- Ways to better understand sensory overwhelm and neurodivergent behaviours
- How to move from surviving... to feeling more confident and connected

EMPOWERING THE VILLAGE
WITH ANDREA GREER



WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

Andrea Greer

Registered Social Worker
Master's endorsed in Mental Health

Andrea blends professional expertise with real-world lived experience supporting children and families navigating emotional and behavioural challenges.

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026

6:30PM - 8:00PM

DUNSANDEL COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE EVENT
Registrations essential

Register now via Humanitix

