

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026

The children from Room 3 are sharing.
Start Time - 220pm.
Venue - School Hall.
All welcome.



MATARIKI PRIDE DAY AND WEAR-WHAT-YOU-LIKE DAY! COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVOURITE DISCO OUTFIT

FRIDAY 3 JULY

Morning - Matariki activities.

BBQ for a sausage sizzle lunch (sausages and bread provided), but please remember to pack your usual snacks and extra lunch items.

Afternoon - Disco time.

All activities will happen in school hours.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR TAMARIKI!



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



For our school
Participate means
JOIN IN.



For our school
Respect means
**TREAT OTHERS
LIKE YOU WOULD
LIKE TO BE
TREATED.**



For our school
Initiative means
**THINK FOR
YOURSELF.**



For our school
Determination means
**TRY HARD
AND DON'T
GIVE UP.**



For our school
Empathy means
**THINK OF
OTHERS.**



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Monday 22 June 2026

- Last Friday Assembly for the term.
- PRIDE Day Friday 3 July

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Assembly Thank-you to everyone who came to our Assembly on Friday. Our final Friday Assembly for the term is this Friday starting at 220pm. The children from Room 3 will be sharing. All welcome.

Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country – Last Wednesday Kylie, Morgan, Amber, Miah, Sophie and Liam ran against the best in Canterbury at Ngā Puna Wai. I know they ran with PRIDE. Thank-you to those parents who provided support and travel for our runners. Also thanks to Mr Happer who was a marshal on the course during the event.

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 - 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

Thursday 25 June Board Meeting.

Friday 26 June Assembly 220pm Room 3 sharing.

Coming up

Monday 29 June Mid Year Written Reports sent home

Friday 3 July Last day of Term 3.

Monday 20 July Term 3 starts

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend and that everyone came through Saturday's wild winds without too much damage or disruption.

Our Food Fundraiser has now wrapped up, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported it by placing an order. Thanks to your generosity, we sold an impressive 299 pies, 52 Pasta meals and 32 bags of croissants! That's over \$4500.00 worth of delicious food to help keep fridges and freezers stocked throughout the winter months!

Fundraisers like this are only possible because of the support of our amazing school community. Every order, big or small, helps us raise valuable funds that will go directly back into our school, supporting exciting activities,

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.

experiences, and classroom resources for our children.

On behalf of the PTA, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing how these funds will benefit our students in the months ahead.

Have a great week!

Shae Brown

PTA President

PRIDE Awards 19.6.26



Room One – Poppy - Poppy, what a super start you have made to life at school! You tackle every new challenge with a great big smile and absolutely smash it every time. You are a star at blending your sounds and a total spelling finger whizz! Not only that, but you are a superstar at getting all of your jobs done—talk about a speedy bag packer! Thank you for being such a kind, happy, and determined member of the Room 1 team.

Keep up the great work, Poppy. You're a total star! 😊

Room Two – Kyrie - Kyrie, this award is for you because I am beyond proud of you for the work you have put into your learning. You try so hard and are zooming along with your reading, writing and your maths too. We love that you know how to treat people very well, and you also

have the world's best manners. Thank you for always being the best that you can be Kyrie! 😊

Luca Bahian - Luca, I am proud to give you this award today because you are one of the good guys. You have a very big heart and you always know how to make people feel better. I love how much effort you have put into your school work and of course we all love your Godzilla roars Luca! Miss Harrold is going to love having you in her class next term and I will miss you so much! Keep working hard and being awesome. 😊

Room Three – Leland - Leland, what a great term you have had in Room Three! I have been impressed by your enthusiasm for learning new things and your willingness to share your ideas and answers. Your general knowledge about the world around us is awesome and I enjoy your curious questions if you are trying to find out new things. I am proud of you for the way you keep working hard at those basic facts, you are becoming such an addition and subtraction expert. As well as all that, your work is always so neat and well presented. Ka Pai to you Lealand, you are awesome!

Room Four – Yosef -Yosef, this week's PRIDE award goes to you. We love having you in Room 4. Your jokes, smile, and energy brighten every room you walk into. You have been showing so much determination in your English language learning, and making such amazing progress, but I have loved seeing the way your face lights up when I ask you to do some writing or reading in your language. That PRIDE in your home is inspiring. I was also so impressed with how confidently you presented your speech this week. Keep up the amazing work Yosef, you are amazing!

Room Five – Ellie - Ellie, you can be so proud of yourself for the PRIDE values that you display in every area of your life at school. You work hard, try your best at everything that you do and you are a kind, thoughtful and helpful friend to everyone in Room 5. Ellie, the determination that you put into your learning is awesome. You can be especially proud of the hard work that you put into your recent speech writing. You thought carefully about your speech topic and the points that you wanted to express and your finished piece was a really great speech about why everyone should have a pet dog. All of this hard work has paid off and you have now qualified for the upcoming school speech finals! Keep being the best version of you, Ellie, the sky truly is the limit!

Room Six – Andre - Andre, you truly brighten our day with your smile and infectious laugh! We love seeing the progress you are making with your learning. We so appreciate your confidence in speaking up when a task feels like a lot of writing - and we are incredibly proud of how you knuckle down and get the job done anyway. Your hard work and knowledge when tackling negative numbers in maths have been super impressive; integers can be tricky, but you have tried so hard to master them! We love having you in Room 6 and think you are just the best!

Kai - Kai, what a phenomenal start at Dunsandel School! You have slotted into Room 6 seamlessly, forming beautiful friendships and involving yourself in everything. Every day you walk through the door with a big smile and a warm "good morning" - every day is truly a better day with you in our class! You consistently display our PRIDE values, confidently share your ideas, and showcase beautiful handwriting. Your enthusiasm for learning - especially your quiet request for "just one more chapter" of *War Horse* - is wonderful to see. Watch out, Country Day 2026 handwriting enthusiasts! We have a strong contender!

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. 	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
 <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>	
Community News and Notes	



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

future FERNs

Ready. Net. Go!

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.



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



#SPN
SELWYN PARENTING NETWORK