

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



Monday 29 June 2026

- Written Reports; Class Changes; Staff Changes for term 3.
- **NO HOT LUNCH FRIDAY** this Friday

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Coming home today with your Dunsandel School News and Notes will be our mid-year written reports. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we have worked to implement into our reports what the Ministry of Education and Minister of Education want so you will see some changes to what has been done previously. I do want to thank and acknowledge my teachers who prepare and write these reports to reflect your child's learning at school over the past 2 terms.

A full description of this new reporting format we have implemented can be found on our school website – the Reporting to Parents page can be found under the Parent Information banner on the home page. This information was also in our School News and Notes on 2 June 2026.

I also mentioned in our School News and Notes on 15 June that some children in Rooms 1 and 2 will be shifting classes for the start of Term 3 – if your child is moving there will be a letter with the written report confirming this for the start of Term 3.

Staffing

At the end of this week, we farewell Mrs Ewing who will be on maternity leave and we will welcome Mrs Webb into Room 1. We wish Lizzie and Mitch all the very best for this new exciting chapter and we will look forward to seeing Lizzie back at the end of her maternity leave.

With Mrs Webb teaching in Room 1, Mrs Hyslop will be the release teacher for Room 4 for the rest of 2026. Mrs Hyslop knows our school and is looking forward to working in Room 4 for Terms 3 and 4.

Assembly

There is no assembly this week. Thank-you to everyone who has supported our Friday Assembly programme over the past term. We appreciate you making the time to be with us on a Friday afternoon.

Friday PRIDE and Wear What You Like Day – we are having a Matariki PRIDE Day on Friday; see front page. **For part of this we will provide sausages and bread for lunch. Children will still need to bring their usual snacks and extra lunch items.**

Hot Lunch Friday

There will be NO Hot Lunch Friday this week. We will continue with Hot Lunch Fridays next term.

School Accounts Please find your invoice attached. We kindly ask that payment is made promptly. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your invoice, please contact Felicity. We understand that paying school costs can sometimes be challenging, and we work hard to keep our fees as affordable as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please get in touch to discuss arranging smaller weekly payments to help spread the cost.

Looking ahead to next term, we will be holding our annual Chocolate Fundraiser. Each family will be asked to sell one box of chocolates valued at \$60. This amount will be added to your eldest child's school account, with further information about the fundraiser being sent out at the beginning of next term.

This Week

Friday 3 July Last day of Term 3.

Coming up

Monday 20 July Term 3 starts

Monday 27 July Chocolate fundraiser sent home

Tuesday 18 August Ellesmere Zone Winter Tournament @ Leeston

Thursday 20 August Year5/6 Porter Heights Ski Trip

Friday 21 August Teacher Only Day

Friday 18 September Country Day

Term 2 is coming to an end – it seems to have been a long term as we move from autumn into winter. I want to thank all my staff for their dedication and loyalty to our children and school, to our children who come here every day to be the best they can be and to you – our families for your support over the past 11 weeks. I hope everyone has safe and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back recharged ready for term 3 on Monday 20 July.

Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

Itinerant Music Term 3 - 2026

Our music teachers travel to Dunsandel School each week to teach ukulele and piano lessons, and there are now spaces available for new students who would like to learn.

Term 3 Details:

10 lessons throughout the term.

Cost: \$200 for the term.

Lesson length: Approximately 30 minutes.

Lessons take place during school class time.

Once your child is enrolled, they are committed to the programme for the full term.

Payment is required before the third lesson, unless an alternative arrangement has been made with the school office.

If your child would like to participate, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Thursday 2 July. Children who participated in the programme during Term 2 will automatically continue into Term 3, unless the school is advised otherwise by a parent or caregiver.

Itinerant Music Term 3 2026 enrolment form

Name

I give permission for my child to take part in ukulele or piano *circle one*

I understand my child will be out of class for no longer than 30 mins.

I understand payment needs to be paid before the third lesson.

My child will be committed to the program for the term.

Sign Parent Name and signature.

PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone,

It's collection week! This is your reminder that the Food Fundraiser collection is this Thursday. Come and see us at the school hall between 2pm and 3.30 for collection. We can't wait to get all those delicious goodies into your hands!

For all the dairy farmers amongst us, it's almost calving season, which means our Calf Fundraiser is just around the corner! If you're interested in donating a calf this year, we'd love to hear from you. Details in the flyer attached.

We're also looking for someone who has a paddock available to hold donated calves for around 10 days in November while we collect them. If you can help, please get in touch.

As a little pick-me-up for all our calf rearers and hardworking farming teams, we're also running a small fundraiser with Nothing Naughty Bars. Grab a box (or two!) for the shed to help get you through those long days.

Not a dairy farmer? You can still support the fundraisers by purchasing a Virtual calf or a box of bars for those quick after school or sports snacks. Both great ways to get involved and help make a difference.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support. We really appreciate it!

If you want to get in touch about either of these great fundraisers or anything else PTA related send me a message on 0273355020 or Ptadunsandel@gmail.com

Can't believe it's the last week of Term two and I don't know about you but I'm definitely looking forward to a bit of a break from school runs and lunch boxes.

Enjoy the week

Shae

PTA President

PRIDE Awards 26.6.26

Room 1 – Max - Max, what a super start you have made to life at school! You have been such a brave boy, tackling absolutely everything school has to offer with a smile on your face. I have been so incredibly impressed with the way you have picked up learning your alphabet sounds, and you are a total whizz at blending them together to read words and books! Not only that, but you are a super kind friend to everyone in our classroom. Thank you for being such a happy, kind, and brave member of the Room 1 team. Keep up the amazing work, Max. You're a star!

Room 2 – Erich - Erich, Mrs L and I are so proud to give you this award today because you are a superstar in Room 2. We love your beautiful colouring, your tricky letter-sounds work, your amazing drawings and your awesome counting. You take such good care of yourself and you are so kind to your friends. We love how carefully you put on your lipstick in the mirror and the way you make the best soft sand in the sandpit! Keep it up Erich - we all love everything about you!

Room 3 – Marty - Marty, this PRIDE award is for you because of all the great learning you have been doing in Room 3. I have noticed how hard you are working and how well you are listening and keeping up with your work. You blow me away with how easily you are learning new spelling blends and how quickly you are writing your dictation. Your handwriting has improved in leaps and bounds, and your basic facts are on fire right now.

You are a great mate to us all in Room 3, and we are very lucky to have you in our class.

Keep being amazing Marty because you are just the best!

Room 4 – Charlie - Charlie, this PRIDE award goes to you for all of your determination, respect, and empathy! You have shown such incredible determination within your learning lately, and it has been absolutely wonderful to see you shining so bright over these past few weeks, working hard, staying focused, and making great choices. I am so proud of your hard work in writing your speech, and watching you present it so confidently made my heart sing! I love how you are always showing respect and empathy to everyone around you. You have such a kind heart and a beautiful way of making sure those around you feel happy and valued. You make our class a happier place to be. I am so proud of you, Charlie, keep being the amazing, funny, and kind person you are!

Floss - Floss, this PRIDE award goes to you for all of your hard work, kindness, and that award winning smile! You have been putting such incredible effort and determination into your work lately, and it is so wonderful to see! You have picked up new things in math so quickly and have written an awesome speech! Every single day, you walk into the room with that huge, infectious smile on your face, instantly making our classroom feel so much brighter and happier. On top of that, you have been so incredibly kind, showing great respect and empathy to those around you and always making sure everyone feels heard and included. You are an absolute joy to have in Room 4, keep shining bright and being your amazing self, Floss!

Room 5 – Jed - Jed, you can be so proud of yourself for the determination that you put into every area of your school life. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, in the music room, or on the Kapa Haka stage, you put 110% effort into everything you do, which is an admirable quality to possess. You are flying along with your learning—you thrive on a challenge and push yourself until you've reached success. This was particularly evident in our recent speech writing and presentations. Good luck at the upcoming Kāhui Ako speeches, Jed. You have really earned your spot in the Zone finals!

Harrison - Harrison, what a fantastic term you have had. You've been trying hard with your learning and it's great to see you putting your best effort into your school work. You can be proud of yourself for the fantastic speech that you wrote about "Why Everyone Should Do Gymnastics" - You gave this speech your very best effort and your finished product was a well planned, well written and entertaining speech! Harrison, it is such a pleasure to have you in Room 5. Your sense of humour is excellent and you're very kind. Keep being the best version of you, because you're great!

Room 6 – Henry - Henry, you are absolute gold to have in Room 6! Your quick wit, great sense of humor, and love for a good yarn bring so much joy and positive energy to our classroom. You have a wonderful ability to connect with anyone and instantly lift the room. We were all incredibly proud of the dedication and charisma you showed in your speech about country life. Standing up to speak takes serious guts, but you stepped up with absolute confidence and completely nailed it!

Keep bringing your brilliant words, sharp wit, and wonderful attitude to everything you do, Henry aka 'The Angel Child'. We think you are simply the best.

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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Dunsandel School PTA 2026 Calf Fundraiser

Wanted: Friesian bull calves

(5 white points, no black feet)

- All calves must be NAIT tagged and registered
- Born before 20th August 2026 and 100kg+ on collection
- Vaccinated & debudded as per your normal replacement programme
- Calves will be collected mid/late November or can be sold through your agent



Scan this QR code to take you to a Google Form to express interest in donating a calf this year

A big thank you to all the families who donated calves last year! A total of over \$21,000 was raised which is being used to fund education outside the classroom - real life experiences helping shape a child's life including Year 6 camp to Aoraki Mt. Cook, Year 5/6 ski trip to Porter Heights, class swimming and museum trips, and our very special PRIDE days! We are hoping we can do it all over again!



Want to donate a Virtual Calf
PTA Acc: 02 0860 0040555 002
Ref:calf

For more info: Selene Harvie 022 344 6069 or email ptadunsandel@gmail.com
Don't have a a Fresian Herd - No worries we will take any Beef calf that meets the other criterra

Fundraising Bars Order Form

Thank you for helping support our fundraising efforts. We have partnered with Nothing Naughty – a proudly New Zealand-owned health food and supplement brand based in the small farming town of Tīrau. They make supplements, snacks, and pantry staples that are allergy-conscious, affordable, and genuinely feel-good. The range is made from nourishing and intentional ingredients, natural sweeteners, and nothing unnecessary.



Purchase a box of bars (mixed or single flavour) for: Dunsandel PTA - Ptadunsandel@gmail.com

Product	Price	Quantity	Total
Nothing Naughty Fruit Bars Box (12 x 35g Bars)			
Very Berry Fruit Bars	34.95		
Nothing Naughty Protein Bars Box - Whey (12 x 40g Bars)			
Mint Choc Cookie	34.95		
Pineapple	34.95		
Chocolate Brownie	34.95		
Raspberry White Chocolate	34.95		
Salted Caramel	34.95		
Vanilla Bean	34.95		
Flat White	34.95		
Lime White Chocolate	34.95		
Mixed Flavours (Mint Choc Cookie, Pineapple, Chocolate Brownie, Raspberry White Chocolate, Salted Caramel, Vanilla Bean, Flat White, Lime White Chocolate)	34.95		
Nothing Naughty Low Carb Request Bars Box (12 x 40g Bars)			
Liquorice	34.95		
Mint	34.95		
Toffee	34.95		
Mixed Flavours (Liquorice, Mint, Toffee)	34.95		
Total			

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Bank account details for payments: Dunsandel PTA - 02-0860-0040555-00

Orders close 24th July 2026



Scan for Nutritional Information