

COMING UP

KEY DATES TERM 3 2026

MONDAY 20 JULY TERM 3 STARTS
THURSDAY 30 JULY WINTER SPORT DUNSANDEL [A] LEESTON
FRIDAY 31 AUGUST ASSEMBLY R1/2
FRIDAY 7 AUGUST ASSEMBLY SPEECH FINALISTS
TUESDAY 11 AUGUST YR6 EXPLORATION DAY [A] EC
WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST COMBINED SCHOOLS SPEECH FINALS
THURSDAY 13 AUGUST WINTER SPORT HOSTING SOUTHBRIDGE
FRIDAY 14 AUGUST ASSEMBLY R3/4
TUESDAY 18 AUGUST ELLESMERE WINTER TOURNAMENT
THURSDAY 20 AUGUST YR5/6 SKI TRIP TO PORTERS
FRIDAY 21 AUGUST TEACHER ONLY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
MONDAY 24 AUGUST COHORT ENTRY T3 #2
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST ASSEMBLY R5/6
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER STRUM STRIKE BLOW
FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER DAD'S BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY KAPAHAKA
MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER CANTERBURY DUATHLON
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER ASSEMBLY STRUM STRIKE BLOW
WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER CANTERBURY WINTER TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER COUNTRY DAY
WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER PO WHAKANGAHAU (KAPAHKA) [A] LEESTON
FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM 3



OUR WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES
 WILL HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL
 UPCOMING EVENTS.

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE



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.**



For our school
 Pride means
**PRIDE IN OURSELVES,
 OUR LEARNING AND
 OUR COMMUNITY.**



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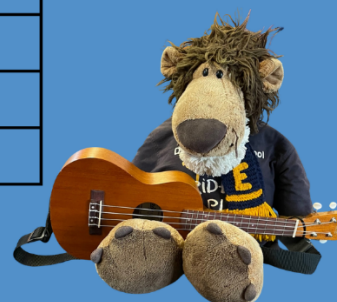


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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TERM THREE 2026

Week	Date	Assembly
1	24.7	No Assembly
2	31.7	Room One/Two
3	7.8	Speech Finalists Year 5-6 (4)
4	14.8	Room Three/Four
5	21.8	No Assembly - School Closed TOD
6	28.8	Room Five/Six
7	4.9	Senior Kapahaka
8	11.9	Strum Strike Blow
9	18.9	No Assembly - Country Day 2026
10	25.9	No Assembly

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DETERMINATION
EMPATHY



COUNTRY DAY 2026

LIFE ON PLANET EARTH

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER



KEY DATES

Wednesday 26 August All Country Day forms back at School

Monday 14 September Last day to hand in Pet Projects

Friday 18 September COUNTRY DAY 2026

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 20 July 2026

- Country Day
- Teacher only Day
- Chocolate Fundraiser
- Hot Lunch Friday is Back

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday break. Term 3 is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one, with a highlight for many—**Country Day**—coming up in **Week 9, on Friday 18 September**. This is always a favourite day for both students and staff, and this year's theme is Life on Planet Earth. More information about our day will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Staff will be working alongside our colleagues from Leeston, Southbridge and Ellesmere College on **Friday 21 August** – this is our second **Teacher Only Day** with the Ministry of Education on the Maths Curriculum. Please note **school will be closed on this day**.

On the front page of this News & Notes, you'll find our **Term 3 Assembly Schedule** along with other **key dates** to note. Please stay informed about what's happening at school by keeping up with the school newsletter and your child's class newsletter.

You can also stay connected with us through **Facebook** and our **school app**. To download the app, search for *SchoolAppsNZ* in your app store and then select *Dunsandel School* from within the app.

Chocolate Fundraiser – Exciting times! Our school chocolate fundraiser kicks off next week!

This year we will be trying something a little different from the previous years. Instead of sending a box of chocolate home with your eldest child, we will be using a Google Form to manage chocolate orders.

You will find the google form on our school website homepage

www.dunsandelschool.co.nz this will make it quick and easy to request your initial box of chocolate and any additional boxes if you would like to sell more. This is a trial for 2026, and we hope this new system makes the process simpler and more convenient for everyone.



A box of chocolate is valued at **\$60**. Each chocolate bar sells for **\$2**, making it easy to share with family, friends, neighbours, or workmates and perfect timing for calving season. Once your order has been received, the cost of your chocolates will be added to your school account. Payment can be made once your chocolates have been sold or when you collect your order. You can pay directly in to our school account - Board of Trustees 02-0860-0049250-00.

Every box sold helps raise valuable funds for our school, and we greatly appreciate the support of our wonderful school community. Thank you for helping make this year's chocolate fundraiser a sweet success!

Hot Lunch Friday continues – Please make sure your child's food is wrapped in tin foil and clearly named at home with their name, room number and what the item is clearly written in vivid pen (we do not have spare tinfoil at school). There will be 3 labelled baskets (class groups will go together) on the walkway before school for children to place their items in. Please do not send children to school with noodles, or any items that require hot water. Only **ONE** item per child please (we simply do not have the space). If you do not have a vivid marker at home, please do not cellotape white paper to the tinfoil, we have vivid's here for students to use when they arrive at school.



Nut Allergy: A reminder that we have a child who has a nut allergy to peanuts and peanut based products. If this child comes into contact with peanuts or peanut based products, even touch some peanut residue left on surfaces, they can have a life-threatening allergic reaction. To avoid such an emergency, we ask that you limit the amount of peanut-based products or peanut butter you send to school in your child's lunch. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Enjoy the first week back

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

Itinerant music lessons Term 3 2026

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

Term 3 Details:

Piano – 7 lessons for term 3 = \$140

Ukulele – 10 lessons for term 3 = \$200

Please note: Ms Chamberlain will be away for the final three weeks of Term 3, so there will be **7 piano lessons** this term. **Ukulele lessons will continue as usual**, with Mrs Birnie teaching all 10 lessons.

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. 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.

Music lessons

Childs name.....

My child would like to learn the **Piano** or **Ukulele** *circle one*

Signed

After school Routine Term 3 2026

We understand some after school routines can change from time to time with sport and after school activities. At any time, you can contact the office or complete your new after school routine and send it back to school. If you have a message for after school, please leave a message on our bus line. **NO** emails will be checked for after school routine changes.

Childs name.....

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a relaxing break over the holidays and are feeling refreshed for Term 3!

Welcome back to what is always one of our busiest terms. We have plenty happening over the coming weeks, and we'd love your support.

This week is your last chance to get your orders in for our Nothing Naughty Protein Bars fundraiser. Orders close on 24 July. (Order form attached) I was lucky enough to get my hands on a sample over the holidays, and I can honestly say they're delicious, definitely worth giving them a try!

Our next big focus will be our Calf Fundraiser, which is always a fantastic fundraiser for the PTA. We'd love to welcome back all of last year's generous calf donors, and we're always excited to have new families get involved too. If you'd like to donate a calf or find out more, please contact Selene or see the attached flyer for all the details.

Not long until our annual Country Day Cake Auction. It might feel like it's still a little way off, but it will be here before we know it! So dust off those mixing bowls and start practising your cake decorating skills. Once the school announces this year's Country Day theme, we'll be looking for registrations.

Term 3 is certainly a busy one for me with calving on the farm, but it's also one of my favourite terms at school. I look forward to seeing the wonderful sharing at assemblies, cheering on our students at kapa haka events, and, of course, celebrating the highlight of the year—Country Day.

We'll be holding our next PTA meeting in early September, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to chat with me at school drop-off or pick-up, email us at ptadunsandel@gmail.com, or call or text me on 027 335 5020.

Have a fantastic Term 3!

Shae Brown
PTA President

Calendar

[Click here](#) for our School Calendar on Google.
School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.

Buying Uniform

Dunsandel School

Irvines Road, RD2
Dunsandel 7682
Phone 03 3254079
www.dunsandel.school.nz
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.



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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PTA President

Shae Brown

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Community News and Notes



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



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 Tirau. 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

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