

COMING UP



SPORT VS LEESTON THURSDAY 30 JULY 100PM

OUR NETBALL, SOCCER AND RUGBY
TEAMS WILL PLAY AGAINST OUR
FRIENDS FROM LEESTON SCHOOL ON
THURSDAY STARTING AT 100PM.
VENUE - LEESTON SCHOOL.



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026

THE CHILDREN FROM ROOMS 1
AND 2 ARE SHARING.
START TIME - 220PM.
VENUE - SCHOOL HALL.
ALL WELCOME.



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

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.

Bonus! For every box of chocolates sold, your child will receive
one entry into the prize draw. There are 3 fantastic prizes:

- Senior School (R5-6): School Ski Trip paid for your child or
A \$50 Lucky Book Club voucher
- Middle School (R3-4): A \$50 Lucky Book Club voucher
- Junior School (R1-2): A \$50 Lucky Book Club voucher



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



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JOIN IN.



For our school
Respect means
**TREAT OTHERS
LIKE YOU WOULD
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Determination means
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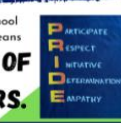
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Monday 27 July 2026

- **Chocolate Fundraiser 2026**
- **Subway Lunch**
- **Reading and Library Books**

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

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

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.dunsandel.school.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.

The best part is that this fundraiser doesn't have to cost your family a cent—just a little of your time and effort to sell the chocolates! We need as many boxes sold as possible to help raise funds for valuable school resources, especially as we do not ask families to pay school fees.

Bonus! For every box of chocolates sold, your child will receive one entry into the prize draw. There are three fantastic prizes:

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- **Middle School R3-4):** A \$50 Lucky Book Club voucher
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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.

This is a trial for 2026, and we hope this new system makes the process simpler and more convenient for everyone.



Winter Sports – Our Netball, Rugby and Soccer teams will play their first games of the Winter Sport programme on Thursday against our friends from Leeston. Our teams are being coached by Matt Stone (Rugby), Miss McCloy and Mrs Hurst (Netball) and Mr Happer (Soccer). I expect our players will give their games their best and all our PRIDE values will be on display. Games will start at 100pm at Leeston School.

Assembly – Our first Assembly for the term will be on Friday starting at 220pm. The children from Room 1 and 2 will be sharing. All welcome.

Subway Lunch – Wednesday 5th August. We have Subway lunch next Wednesday, please have orders in before Monday 3rd August 9am. Do not Cellotape money to order forms, we have bags available at the office. No late orders will be taken.

Ellesmere College Exploration Day - Our Year 6 students intending to go to Ellesmere College in 2027 will go to the Ellesmere College Exploration Day on Tuesday 11 August. Ellesmere College provides transport for our students. If any parents wish to attend and have a look please be at the new Auditorium by 1250pm. See graphic in Community News and Notes

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 cello tape white paper to the tinfoil, we have vivid's here for students to use when they arrive at school.

Teacher Only Day – School will be closed on Friday 21 August for a Teacher Only Day. We will be working with our colleagues from Leeston, Southbridge and EC.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson;
Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

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.




FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

TEACHER ONLY DAY

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY FOR OUR TEACHERS TO ATTEND MATHS CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WITH OUR COLLEAGUES FROM LEESTON, SOUTHBRIDGE AND EC.




PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE

JOIN IN.

For our school Participate means: **JOIN IN.**

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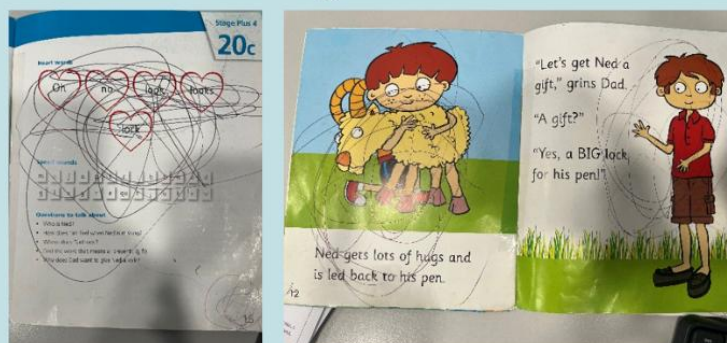
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Reading and Library books

When children take books home to read, please help your child look after them by keeping them away from younger siblings who may accidentally scribble in or damage them. Our books are shared resources for everyone to learn and enjoy, caring for them shows respect for our school and other students. Please note that families may be charged for books that are lost or damaged beyond normal wear and tear. Thank you for helping us keep our books in great condition.



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PTA News and Notes

Hello,

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered our Nothing Naughty protein bars. We really appreciate your support! We'll let you know as soon as they're ready for collection.

As we head into gardening season, we still have a few medium bales of pea straw available for sale. These have been generously donated by Sheat Contracting, with all proceeds going towards our PTA fundraising. Bales are \$60 each. If you'd like one, please get in touch with Selene on 022 344 6069 or email us using the address below.



Selene has been keeping very busy lately, as she's also coordinating our annual calf fundraising. It's fantastic to see donations already coming in, thank you to everyone who has pledged a calf so far! If you're able to support this fundraiser, we'd love to hear from you. Please see the attached calf fundraising flyer for all the details and Selene's contact information.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get involved with the PTA, 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.

That's all from the PTA for now. Have a great week!

Shae Brown
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.



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

2027 Exploration DAY
TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST

We warmly invite all current Year 6 students interested in coming to Ellesmere College - Te Kāreti o Waihora in 2027 to come along to our Exploration Day, join in on the fun and games and get to know the college!

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WELCOME!

START TIME 12:50PM IN THE AUDITORIUM



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL Wednesday 5 August 2026

PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM ON **Monday 3rd August.**

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

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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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