

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2026

YEAR 5-6 SPEECH FINALISTS
ARE SHARING.

START TIME - 220PM.

VENUE - SCHOOL HALL.

ALL WELCOME.



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.



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



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 3 August 2026

- Chocolate Fundraiser
- End of Day Routine; Assembly; Teacher Only day

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Chocolate Fundraiser – Thank-you to those who have been able to support our chocolate fundraiser. This has been a great start to our biggest fundraiser for the year and we really appreciate your help.

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.

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

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.

End of Day Routines – we are aware winter sports are coming to an end – please ensure your child's end of day routine is up to date with the school office. This allows us to get all our children away promptly at the end of the day.

We have noticed that some children are being dropped off at school before 8:30am. This is a friendly reminder that our school hours are **8:30am to 3:00pm**. To ensure the safety and appropriate supervision of all students, please arrange for your child to be dropped off no earlier than 8:30am and collected promptly at 3:00pm. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Winter Sports – Our winter sports teams played their Leeston counterparts last Thursday. Earlier in the week Amber (Netball), Isaac (Rugby) and Qyl (Soccer) were announced as the team captains. Congratulations to our captains – I know they will lead their teams with PRIDE and by example.

Sickness and Wellbeing - As we are currently seeing an increase in sickness and influenza within our school community, we kindly ask families to keep children at home if they are unwell. Sending sick children to school increases the risk of illness spreading to classmates and staff. Keeping children home until they have fully recovered helps protect everyone, particularly those who may be more vulnerable to serious illness.

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.

Assembly – Thank-you to those who came along to our Assembly on Friday. We have an Assembly on Friday starting at 220pm. Our Year 5-6 Speech first and second place getters will be presenting their speeches. All welcome.

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

PRIDE Awards

Room 1 – Laykan- Laykan, you are one super kind guy. I have been very impressed with the way you have started the term, you have sprinkled your kind and helpful self everywhere! You have shown such great initiative by helping your friends and sharing your things - you are always willing to help anyone out. Not only do you have kindness superpowers, you have also worked super hard to blend all the sounds you know into words and are now reading books – how incredible! I love how you are really thinking hard about your choices and making all the right ones like such a big school boy. Keep trying hard and being your best self Laykan. We love having you in Room 1. You're a star!



Room 2 – Kara - Kara, this award is for you because I am beyond proud of you for the progress you have made in all of your school work. You have such a beautiful and caring way about you and you really know how to take care of the people around you. Kara, you are also very clever and you know so much about how the whole world works! To top it all off, I do think you might have the world's best giggle! Keep working hard Kara - you are the bee's knees!

Room 4 – Summer - Summer, you bring so much warmth to our classroom! This PRIDE award goes to you for all of your empathy, respect, initiative, and determination. I have loved seeing you come out of your shell this year and watching your confidence grow every single day. You are always so kind, thoughtful, and gentle-natured towards those around you, which makes you such a caring and valued friend to everyone in our class. I love how you always put your absolute best effort into everything you do, and it is wonderful to see you producing work that you are genuinely proud of. Thank you for making our room a brighter, happier place to be. Keep shining bright and being your amazing self!

Room 5 – Lewis - Lewis, you can be so proud of yourself for the PRIDE that you display in all areas of your life at Dunsandel School. You work super hard with your learning, always giving your schoolwork your best effort. This hard work is paying off and you are flying along with your learning! You are also an extremely kind and funny friend and we are so lucky to have you in our class. I can't wait to see what else you achieve in 2026! Keep working hard to be the best that you can be, you are awesome!

Morgan - Morgan, this award goes to you for approaching everything you do with 110% effort. The determination you display in all areas of school life is second to none. You work so hard and persevere with every task until you're proud of the result. You are making incredible progress and should be so proud of your achievements. Thank you for being such a kind, thoughtful, and funny member of Room 5—it is a joy to have you in our class! Keep up the great work.

Room 6 – Amber - Amber, you embody what it means to lead with PRIDE every day. You always arrive ready to learn, brightening Room 6 with your love of dance and keeping us all entertained with Sunny's hilarious dog antics!

Your dedication shines through in your Country Day prep, from your fantastic start in handwriting to the impressive perseverance you show with art challenges. We are also so proud of you for being named Netball Captain for the 2026 Winter Tournament. We know you'll lead your team with true PRIDE. Well done, Amber!

PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a great weekend. It was definitely feeling a bit wintery for us at rugby on Saturday morning.

Update on our Nothing Naughty protein bars they should be ready for collection in Week 4 check out next week's newsletter for more details. A huge thank you to everyone who ordered! We've been told the Chocolate Brownie flavour has been so popular that they had to make another batch... so if you're a chocolate brownie lover, we'll let you take the blame for the slight delay!

We're also excited to share that the PTA has purchased new Jellybean tables and a floor mat for the classrooms. We can't wait to see the students and teachers making the most of them. Thank you for your continued support—every fundraiser helps us provide resources like these for our school.

For all our dairy farming families, calving season is well underway (or about to be!). Don't forget to lock in your calf donation before the season gets too hectic. Every donation makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

And finally, it's time to dust off those cookbooks and start planning your best baking! Our Cake Auction will be here before we know it, and we'd love to see plenty of delicious creations up for auction. There will be prizes for the best cakes!

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.

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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



Want to donate a Virtual Calf

PTA Acc: 02 0860 0040555 002

Ref: calf

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!

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

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OUR LOCATION

JUST A WORTH
WHILE 10MIN DRIVE
FROM ROLLESTON

WE HAVE A HUGE ONE OF A KIND, NATURAL
BACKYARD WITH OUR SPECIAL FOREST-BUSH
AREA

OUR CULTURE

WE VALUE STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH
WHĀNAU, CREATING A WELCOMING
COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY CHILD BELONGS
AND THRIVES



THIS IS US 100% FULLY QUALIFIED STAFF

LOW RATIOS



CONTACT US TODAY

2 TO 6 YEARS OLD
8:30AM TO 2:30PM
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
TERM BREAKS

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