

COMING UP



SPORT VS SOUTHBRIDGE
THURSDAY 13 AUGUST
100PM

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



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE

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THINK FOR YOURSELF. For our school, Initiative means: I will try to do something new or different.

TRY HARD AND DON'T GIVE UP.

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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2026

THE CHILDREN FROM ROOMS 3 AND 4 ARE SHARING.
START TIME - 220PM.
VENUE - SCHOOL HALL.
ALL WELCOME.



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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.




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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.





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



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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 10 August 2026

- Speech Finals; Winter Sport; Assembly EC Exploration Day; Teacher Only Day
- Country Day Pet Opportunity

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

The last couple of weeks have been a challenge for us with a number of children and staff absent from school. There is a nasty flu doing the rounds and it has hit our staff and their families too. If your child is showing signs of flu or isn't well, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return. You can leave an absence message either on the phone line or the app.

Speech Finals - On Wednesday evening we have Miah, Henry, Noah and Alex competing in the annual Ngā Mātapuna o te Waihora Speech finals against our friends from Leeston and Southbridge Schools. This year the event is being hosted at Leeston School. I know all four will do their very best and I look forward to seeing them present their speeches.

Assembly – Thank-you to everyone who came to our Assembly on Friday. Our next assembly is this Friday starting 220pm. The children from Rooms 3 and 4 will be sharing. All welcome.

Winter Sport – We are hosting Southbridge School on Thursday afternoon. Our rugby, netball and soccer teams will have their last games before the Ellesmere Winter tournament next week. Games will start 100pm. All welcome.

Ellesmere College Exploration Day – Our Year 6's will be spending the afternoon at Ellesmere College on Tuesday 11 August at the Ellesmere College Exploration Day. Thanks to EC for providing the transport for our children to get there and from Leeston.

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.

Country Day Pet Opportunity - With Country Day coming up in week 9, we understand that not all families have pets at home for a variety of reasons. Thanks to the generosity of one of our school families, there is a wonderful opportunity for children without a pet to experience caring for an animal by raising a calf as if it were their own.

The commitment involves spending a little time each day after school feeding and caring for the calf. It's a rewarding opportunity to learn responsibility, build confidence, and enjoy the experience of caring for an animal. If you think this is something your child would enjoy and benefit from, please contact Liz on **021 258 8316** for more information.

Chocolate Fundraiser – Once again, thank you for your support, we still have a few boxes at the office available for anyone who would like more. Please make sure you book on our website.

School Accounts – These have been sent home today, if you have any questions please see the office. Enjoy the week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PRIDE Awards

Room 1 – Bryn - Bryn, what a super start you have made to life at school! You tackle every new challenge with such a positive attitude and always try your absolute best. You are a star at blending your sounds to read your books and not only are you doing take-aways with your maths you are taking off! You are also a wonderful friend to everyone and I have been very impressed with the way you use initiative to help and welcome new children to our classroom. We are very lucky to have such a kind, caring boy like you in our classroom. Keep up the great work, Bryn—you're a star!

Room 2 – Sonny - Sonny, I am so proud to give this award to you today because you are doing incredible things with your learning. This whole year you have not once given up on anything. You get your work done without any fuss or bother and it always looks amazing! I love how you are really flying along with your reading and you are gobbling up really tricky reading books these days. We all love you for your sporty ways - (especially your huge rugby kicks) and your kindness towards others. Keep up the awesome work Sonny - you are one very cool kid!

Room 4 – Freddie - Freddie, You are an absolute superstar! This PRIDE award goes to you for all of your outstanding determination, empathy, and respect. I have loved watching your learning take off recently. You are using your addition strategies so well, reading like a total pro, and comparing fractions like you've been doing it your whole life! I am so proud of your hard work, and I can't wait to see what amazing skills you master next. On top of your brilliant efforts in the classroom, it has been wonderful to see how kind, thoughtful, and caring you are to everyone around you. You always show great respect to your classmates and make sure everyone feels included. Keep shining bright and being your wonderful self, you make our room a happier place!

Lily-May - This PRIDE award goes to you Lily-May for all of your hard work and empathy. I have loved seeing your determination in your learning, you are reading like a pro and writing some fantastic stories. Your hard work is inspiring to those around you. I also love the way you are so kind to others, making sure everyone feels included, heard, and valued in our school. You bring such calmness to our classroom with your gentle presence and are always making us smile and laugh. I love hearing you share your ideas and insights. Keep it up Lily-May, you are amazing!

Room 5 – Tym - Tym, you can be so proud of yourself for all of the effort you put into your learning. You are a maths whizz who solves problems so quickly! You are working hard to master the English language and are flying along with your progress in speaking, reading, and writing. It is wonderful to see you use your initiative to learn the meanings of new words during writing sessions. We love having you in Room 5; you bring so much fun and have a great sense of humour. You are also super sporty, and we love your enthusiasm for Mr Happer's sports sessions, especially soccer! Keep up the great work, Tym—you're a star!

Jack - Jack, what an epic year you are having! You're zooming along with your learning, taking brave risks when learning new concepts, and giving every task your best effort. It is also so great to see your confidence in yourself as a learner continue to flourish! Your creative brain amazes me—you bring so many great ideas to the classroom, you are a true artist, and you use such wonderful vocabulary in your writing! You are also such a kind and caring friend to everyone in Room 5. Be proud of yourself, Jack! I can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

Room 6 – Richie - This PRIDE award is for consistently living our PRIDE values every single day. Richie, you are a shining example of hard work and dedication, putting 100% effort into everything you do. Beyond being an amazing student, you are the ultimate big brother and a truly kind, funny, and wonderful friend. Your passion for goldfish really shines through in your art, showing incredible care and attention to detail and I can't wait to see your finished Country Day masterpiece! We've also been so proud to watch your confidence grow as you share your learning, thoughts, and brilliant ideas with the class. Room 6 is a better place because you are in it! Keep being awesome, Richie!



PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone,

I hope you've all had a great weekend and are enjoying the start of Term 3!

Nothing Naughty bars have arrived!

I have contacted everyone but just a reminder, they will be ready for collection from the PTA kitchen (next to Room 6) from 3pm Monday 10th. Thanks so much to everyone who supported this fundraiser — we really appreciate it!

Country Day is coming up!

Time to get your cake entries in for our annual Country Day cake auction! We'd love to see lots of delicious creations entered! Check out the flyer for all the information on what's needed and how to enter.

We are still taking donations for our calf fundraising and if you are thinking about your spring garden we have still have some bales of straw for sale as well.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the PTA. Every fundraiser and contribution helps us provide extra resources and opportunities for our children, and we really appreciate everyone getting behind us.

If you have any questions, ideas or just want to get in touch with the PTA, feel free to contact me on 0273355020

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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Community News and Notes

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

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!



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

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 critterra

ANNUAL PTA CAKE AUCTION

COUNTRY DAY

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

THEME:

LIFE
ON
EARTH



ENTRY FORMS DUE BY **THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER**



ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TICK ONE CATEGORY:

☐

OPEN

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KIDS CUPCAKES

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DADS CAKE

☐

FIRST TIME ENTRY



Thank you for helping us celebrate Dunsandel School Country Day!