

COMING UP



ELLESMERE WINTER TOURNAMENT
TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 100PM
 OUR NETBALL, SOCCER AND RUGBY TEAMS WILL PLAY AGAINST OUR FRIENDS FROM LEESTON AND SOUTHBRIDGE ON TUESDAY STARTING AT 100PM.
 VENUE - LEESTON DOMAIN



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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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STUDENT COUNCIL WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY... FOR DAFFODIL DAY FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

LET'S HAVE A SEA OF YELLOW FOR DAFFODIL DAY. PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION FOR THE CANCER SOCIETY.

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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL DAD'S BREAKFAST

MR R AND THE PRIDE LION INVITE ALL DUNSANDEL SCHOOL DADS, STEP DADS AND MALE ROLE MODELS FOR BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 7.00-8.30AM AT SCHOOL. PLEASE RSVP TO FELICITY IN THE OFFICE BY TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

COME ALONG -

- HAVE A BACON AND EGG BURGER AND COFFEE/TEA.
- HEAR FROM MATT MCINTYRE AND LEARN ABOUT MOVEMBER AND MENS HEALTH ISSUES IN NEW ZEALAND.
- HAVE A CHAT WITH OLD AND NEW DADS.




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COUNTRY DAY 2026

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

LIFE ON PLANET EARTH

KEY DATES
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST
 ALL COUNTRY DAY FORMS BACK AT SCHOOL.
MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
 LAST DAY TO HAND IN PET AND RESEARCH PROJECTS.
FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
 COUNTRY DAY 2026.



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DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



For our school
Participate means
JOIN IN.



For our school
Respect means
**TREAT OTHERS
LIKE YOU WOULD
BE TREATED.**



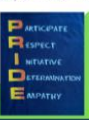
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Initiative means
**THINK FOR
YOURSELF.**



For our school
Determination means
**TRY HARD
AND DON'T
GIVE UP.**



For our school
Empathy means
**THINK OF
OTHERS.**



Monday 17 August 2026

Country Day 2026

With today's School News and Notes is our Country Day information and entry form. Country Day is a highlight on our school calendar and we can't wait for this year's event.

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

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

Ellesmere Winter Tournament – We hosted our soccer, netball and rugby friends from Southbridge School last Thursday. Thank-you to our referees – Ross Aymes (Rugby), Sarah Legg (Netball) and Mr Happer (Rugby). Tomorrow our teams play in the Ellesmere Zone Winter Tournament at the Leeston Domain. Games start at 100pm. Special thanks to our coaches Matt Stone (Rugby), Miss McCloy and Mrs Hurst (Netball) and Mr Happer (Soccer) for getting our teams ready for play.

Year 5-6 Ski Trip – Our Year 5-6 children are heading to Porters on Thursday for a skiing day. Special thanks to our PTA for funding the bus which keeps our costs down and allow us to provide this opportunity for our children. All details have been sent home with those going.

Dad's Breakfast - We have our annual Dad's Breakfast scheduled for Friday 4 September – see the details on the front page of this News and Notes. Please RSVP to Felicity felicity@dunsandel.school.nz in the office by Tuesday 1

September. I would like to acknowledge and thank Ray Seebach and Lynne Swanson for donating the bacon for this event. This is very much appreciated.



School Council Wear What You Like Day - We will have a Wear What You Like Day (Yellow if you can) on **Friday 28 August** with a gold coin donation to go to the Cancer Society.

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.

After school routine – Thursday walking bus has come to an end due to the end of the rugby season. Please let Felicity know if there are any changes to your child's afterschool routine.

Assembly – Thank-you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday. As always, we appreciate your support. Our next Assembly will be on Friday 28 August.

There is a lot happening over the next few weeks. On behalf of my staff, we appreciate your support as we enter a busy period for our school.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson;
Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

Chocolate updates

Our chocolate fundraiser is going really well — thank you to everyone who has been getting behind it! We're making a great effort, but we need one final push to sell the remaining chocolates. For every box sold, you will go into the draw to win a fantastic prize! Rooms 1 and 2 have the chance to win a \$50 Scholastic voucher, Rooms 3 and 4 can win a \$50 Scholastic voucher, and Rooms 5 and 6 can win their ski trip paid for, or a \$50 Scholastic voucher. If you or your family would like to take another box to sell, please register on our website www.dunsandel.school.nz and follow the prompts. Every box sold helps support our school — thank you for your continued support!

PRIDE Awards

Room 2 – Porter - Porter, this award is for you because I think you are awesome! You have come so far with your learning this year and I could not be more proud of you. I love how you are managing your time so well and giving your best to all of your learning tasks. Porter, you have so many friends in our class because you are very funny and you always know how to make people feel better. What a great skill to have. Keep it up buddy - you're the best!

Room 3 -Liam Liam this award is for you because I am so proud of your learning progress this year. Every day you come to school bringing your best and ready for what the day has in store. You have made such awesome progress with basic facts, your spelling is on fire and your reading out of this world.

I am also proud of you for exploring new friendships and games during break times. I am so pleased to see you getting along with lots of different children and enjoying new activities. Keep being awesome Liam because you are just the best!

Room 4 – Ayesha - Ayesha, what a clever, special person you are! This PRIDE award goes to you for your determination, empathy, and respect. I have absolutely loved reading your fabulous stories in writing time and have really enjoyed watching the determination and hard work you've been putting in to get your stories just right. You have an incredibly creative mind. You are a master Artist, out doing me every step of the way. Your drawing and colouring skills are out of this world, a future Picasso or Leonado Da Vinci! The way you are always calm, kind, and



compassionate towards others spreads happiness everywhere you go. Ayesha, you have made our school such a brighter, happier place to be, and we are so lucky to have you here with us!

Lukah - Lukah, what a super star you are! This PRIDE award goes to you for your determination, participation, and respect. I love how you are always willing to give anything a go. Your hard work and determination are really starting to show off as your learning is beginning to soar. You are our expert speller, our go to for help and Room 4 is grateful you share your skills with us. Your respect and empathy when helping others doesn't go unnoticed. You are always so kind to others and willing to lend a hand. I love hearing your ideas and of course your jokes. Lukah, you are one spectacular kid. Keep being your helpful, clever, hard working self. You rock

Room 5 – William - William, you can be so proud of the Determination you have been putting into your schoolwork this term. You are so switched on with your learning and making fantastic progress, especially in maths! You are also a wonderful participant during Mr. Happer's sports sessions, and you show true empathy by working hard to include everyone around you. We love having you in Room 5, William. Keep trying hard—you are such a clever cookie and can achieve anything you put your mind to!

Room 6 – Millie - Millie, this PRIDE award is to recognize your awesome year as a Year 6 leader! You truly brighten up Room 6 every single day with your infectious smile, great sense of humor, and wonderful stories about your darling 'Blokey'. You have stepped up into leadership with absolute ease, staying completely true to who you are as a person and taking every new challenge in your stride. I have loved being a part of your learning journey, and I know that by always living the PRIDE values and being such a consistent role model for others by doing the right thing, you can achieve absolutely anything.. After all, out of **millie-ons** of people, you are truly one in a million!

PTA News and Notes

Hello Everyone

Another weekend gone. I feel like it was just yesterday I was writing last week's PTA news.

Cakes & Calves are on our radar this week. Don't forget to get your calf donation registered with Selene and your cake entries into the office for Country Day. These are 2 of our biggest fundraisers for the year. Thank you to everyone who has already put their names down for these.

We're proud to support our Year 5/6 ski trip this week by paying for the bus for the day to get the kids to Porter Heights. We hope the kids have an awesome time on the slopes!

Our next PTA meeting is coming up on **Thursday 3rd September** at 7.15pm at the Dunsandel Cafe & Bar. Everyone is welcome to come along — we'd love to see you there!

Thanks, as always, for your continued support of the PTA and our school community.

Shae Brown
PTA President

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 criterra

Calendar	Dunsandel School
Click here for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.	Irvines Road, RD2 Dunsandel 7682 Phone 03 3254079 www.dunsandel.school.nz
Buying Uniform	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. <i>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.</i>	admin@dunsandel.school.nz Principal Dave Robinson principal@dunsandel.school.nz Deputy Principal Tracey Harrold tracey@dunsandel.school.nz School Secretary Felicity Pluck felicity@dunsandel.school.nz Board Presiding Member Mick O'Connor PTA President Shae Brown School Account Number Board of Trustees 02-0860-0049250-00
Community News and Notes	

ANNUAL PTA CAKE AUCTION

COUNTRY DAY

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

THEME:

LIFE
ON
EARTH



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

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TICK ONE CATEGORY:

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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! ♥