

COMING UP



**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.**

PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE

JOIN IN. For our school...
TRY HARD AND DON'T GIVE UP. For our school...
THINK OF OTHERS. For our school...
PRIDE IN OURSELVES. For our school...

**DUNSANDEL
SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY**

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026

**THE CHILDREN FROM ROOMS
5 AND 6 ARE SHARING.
START TIME - 220PM.
VENUE - SCHOOL HALL.
ALL WELCOME.**



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COUNTRY DAY 2026



**Country Day
forms due back
at school
by Friday**

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**DUNSANDEL SCHOOL
DAD'S BREAKFAST**

**MR R AND THE PRIDE LION INVITE ALL DUNSANDEL SCHOOL DADS,
STEPDADS 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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STRUM STRIKE BLOW

**WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
WOLFBROOK ARENA
700PM**



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**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



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.**



Monday 24 August 2026

- Dad's Breakfast
- Wear What You Like Day, Assembly, Strum Strike Blow
- Country Day entries due this Friday

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

We have our annual Dad's Breakfast on Friday 4 September. This event is for all Dad's, Stepdad's and male role models from our school – come along and share breakfast and hear from Matt McIntyre on Men's Health issues in New Zealand. For our planning, if you are intending to come along, please RSVP to Felicity by Friday – email felicity@dunsandel.school.nz or leave a message on the phone line.

Staffing - Kim Jones is now on Maternity Leave and we wish her, Mike and William all the best. Linda Douglas will now be teaching fulltime in Room 6 which will make for a smooth transition for the children in that class.

Wear What You Like Day (Yellow) for Daffodil Day – We have a Wear What You Like Day this Friday 28th August. Let's create a sea of yellow for Daffodil Day. Gold coin donation please for the Cancer Society.

Country Day – Thanks-you to those who have returned their Country Day forms. A reminder to get these in by Friday.

Chocolate update – We are on the home stretch to get the last lot of chocolate boxes sold. There are just 19 boxes left to sell and that's it! We're so close to the finish line, and we need our amazing families to help us get these last boxes out the door and sold. If you can help, please book on our website and we will send them home with your child. Thank you.

Assembly – There will be an Assembly this Friday starting at 220pm. The children from Room 5-6 will be sharing. All welcome.

Ski Trip – Our year 5-6 group enjoyed an awesome day up at Porters on Friday. The weather was absolutely perfect. Special thanks to our PTA for funding the bus which allows us to make this trip possible. Thanks to those who came up the mountain and helped and supported our skiers.



Strum Strike Blow – A reminder to parent's and caregivers going to this to book your tickets. All details on how to do this have been sent home.

Hot lunches - Hot lunches are back this Friday! Please remember to clearly write your child's name on their lunch with a vivid. With 134 children at school, unnamed lunches can be very tricky to match to the right child! A quick reminder too - we have limited oven space, so please keep lunch portions to a reasonable size. Whole pizzas or large tinfoil dishes filled with food can take up an entire oven rack, leaving little room for everyone else's lunches to be heated. Please help us make hot lunch Friday run smoothly for everyone!

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson; Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone,

I hope you've all had a great weekend!

It's much the same as last week with the PTA.

We are in full swing organising our bits and pieces for Country Day.

Don't forget to get your cake entries in for the famous cake auction. We'll also have cupcakes and a sausage sizzle for sale on the day, so come along, enjoy the festivities and grab something tasty while supporting the school.

Got a bull calf spare that was born before the 20th of August? It's not too late to donate it to the PTA. Get in touch and register your donation with Selene today.

Our next PTA meeting is Thursday 3rd September 7.15pm at the Dunsandel bar and cafe. We'd love to see some new faces, so everyone is welcome to come along and get involved. Great excuse to get out of the house for a sneaky drink or dessert.

A huge thank you, as always, for your continued support of the PTA. We really appreciate everything our school community does to help us raise funds for our children and make these events such a success.

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

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 Friesian Herd - No worries we will take any Beef calf that meets the other criteria

Killinchy Tennis Open Day 2026/27 Season

Sunday 13th September 2026

10am-11am

All current and new players welcome
Junior to Senior team players required

10am to 11am
coaching and
fun games for
all ages of
kids

Players of
all ages and
skills
welcomed

Killinchy Tennis Courts
@ Killinchy Community Hall
658 Leeston Dunsandel Road
killinchytennis@gmail.com



ANNUAL PTA CAKE AUCTION

COUNTRY DAY

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

THEME:
LIFE ON EARTH

ENTRY FORM

TICK ONE CATEGORY:

OPEN	KIDS CUPCAKES	DADS CAKE	FIRST TIME ENTRY
☐	☐	☐	☐

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

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

Thank you for helping us celebrate Dunsandel School Country Day! ♥