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STRUM STRIKE BLOW

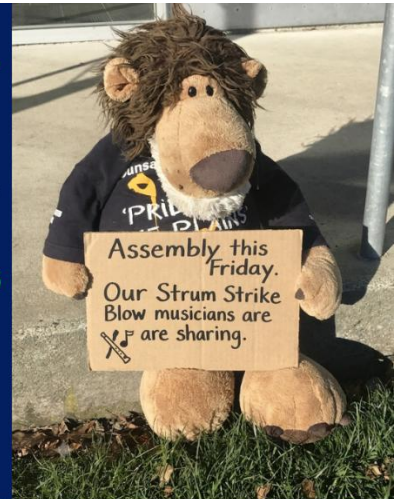
WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER
WOLFBROOK ARENA
700PM



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

OUR STRUM STRIKE BLOW
MUSICIANS ARE SHARING.
START TIME - 220PM.
VENUE - SCHOOL HALL.
ALL WELCOME.



SCHOOL PHOTOS THIS THURSDAY

ANY FAMILIES WANTING PRESCHOOLERS
IN A FAMILY PHOTO WE WILL SEE YOU AT
830AM.



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 31 August 2026

- Country Day, SSB, Canterbury Duathlon, Kapahaka, Lions Basketball, Assembly.
- Dad's Breakfast postponed to Friday 23 October
- Chocolate update

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Country Day is less than three weeks away. A big Thank-you to everyone who has returned the purple entry form to us by last Friday – this makes our planning and organisation run smoothly as we work through getting our judges organised etc. Also remember to get your Bake a Cake entries in.

Dad's Breakfast – We have had limited response to our Dad's Breakfast so we have postponed this event to Friday 23 October and see if we can encourage more of our Dad's, stepdads, and male role models to attend this.

Strum Strike Blow – Children from Rooms 5 and 6 will be performing at the Strum Strike Blow event on Wednesday evening at Wolfbrook Arena. It was a pleasure to announce Henry as our Strum Strike Blow captain at our Assembly on Friday – I know he will lead his team with all the PRIDE values.

Canterbury Duathlon – We have a team of six representing our school at the Canterbury Duathlon at Ruapuna Raceway on Monday 7 September. Our team will be led by Millie who was announced as our captain at our Assembly last Friday. I know Millie will lead by example and will show all the PRIDE values. The rest of our team is Liam, Hope, Archer, Jasper and Lewis.

Kapahaka – It was a pleasure to announce Archer as our senior kapahaka captain for 2026. Archer will lead his kapahaka with PRIDE at a number of performances over the next term and half. The Pō Whakangahau event which includes our friends from the ECEs, Leeston, Southbridge and EC has unfortunately been cancelled for this year. This decision was made in light of us not having a suitable venue to hold an event of this size. We are working to find an alternative solution and I'll keep you posted when any decisions are made. In the mean time our kapahaka group will be performing at a school assembly on Friday 11 September and at our Country Day on Friday 18 September. I know they will be looking forward to performing for you. Special mention and thank you to Andrea Brown for working hard in the background sewing new kapahaka uniform for our group.

Lions Basketball – Our 2 Lions basketball teams have finished their season for the year. I would like to thank Matt and Kieran Stone for volunteering their time to coach our teams at lunchtime on Mondays and to Tracey Stone for her organisation on matchdays. Thank-you to the parents who got their children to the games and for their support during the season.

Assembly – Thank-you to everyone who came along to our Assembly on Friday. We have an Assembly this Friday starting at 220pm. Our Strum Strike Blow team will be performing for us. All welcome.

Wear What You Like (Yellow) Day – Thank-you for supporting this on Friday. We are sending \$206.00 to the Cancer Society in support of Daffodil Day Friday.

School accounts – These have been sent home today, if you have any questions or queries, please contact the office – felicity@dunsandel.school.nz

Chocolate Update – We only have a small number of chocolate boxes left to sell! Let's give these last few boxes a final push and get them out into the community.

If you still have outstanding money, please return it to school in the envelope provided or let Felicity know if you have paid online. Your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

Remember, the prize draw will be drawn as soon as all the chocolate has been sold, so let's get those final boxes moving! Thank you so much for your support of our school fundraiser!

Subway – We have our Subway lunch next week, please have orders in before Monday 7th September.

School Photos – Our school photos are this Thursday. The photographer will start at 8.30am for families wanting to have photo's taken with preschoolers. Please make sure your child has clean and correct school uniform on.

Enjoy the week ahead as we move into Spring!

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PRIDE Awards

Room 1 – Sota - Sota, we love having you in Room 1. You are such a clever boy joining in with everything at school. I have been so impressed with the way you have been listening and doing all your work like a big school boy. You are now reading books and getting so clever at doing your maths and writing all by yourself! Not only that, you are a super caring friend and have all the best questions. I am so incredibly proud of all the progress you are making, you are zooming along faster than a racing train! 🚂 Keep being a Super-duper Sota super star!

Room 3 – Ollie- Ollie, this award is for you, for always being the best that you can be every day. I have been impressed with how your reading is flying along and I love that you always answer questions or add cool

wee bits of information to our group discussions. As well as that your fraction knowledge is amazing and you are a basic facts whizz. I really appreciate how you are the first to offer anybody help, or to look after somebody or open the door for me. Keep being the kind and caring soul that you are Ollie because you are one awesome boy!

Room 4 – Pippa - Pippa, this PRIDE award goes to you for all of your determination, empathy, and respect. I have loved seeing the way you have persevered through some tricky math and are now divided like a star! You are so good at asking for help when you are stuck and your confidence in your learning shines. I love seeing the way you treat everyone with kindness, making sure others are feeling included and valued in class and during break times, what a great friend you are. You are always making us laugh with your jokes and make us smile hearing your stories. Pippa, keep shining your joy, you bring light and laughter to our class:)

Room 6 – Hope- Hope, you are an absolute superstar in Room 6! You truly give your all in everything you do and it shows in the classroom and at sporting events. Not only are you talented, but you're an amazing friend, too. You bring such bubbly, happy energy to our classroom by constantly cheering for your friends and celebrating their wins with genuine excitement! Your kindness makes our class a brighter, happier place to be, and we are so lucky to have you. Keep shining bright, Hope, because you're simply the best!

Liam- Liam, you are making the most of every learning opportunity in Room 6! You don't just complete your work—you crush it, especially when tackling those tricky math challenges. You have such a brilliant brain for numbers! You take real pride in the presentation of your work and show great dedication to reaching your goals. I can depend on you to help when a job comes up, especially with a speedy pack up at the end of the school day. Your energy, determination, and positive attitude make our classroom such a fun place to be. Keep being your awesome self Liam!



PTA News and Notes

Hello Everyone



We're all about the garden this week!

Spring is just around the corner, so it's the perfect time to get your garden growing! Check out our spring fundraisers, with some great seed options from King Seeds. We'll also have Rakaia Lions Lily bulbs available soon, and our pea straw is ready to help keep those pesky weeds at bay!

King Seeds

Get your orders using the attached order form. You can email your completed form to ptadunsandel@gmail.com or drop it into the school office.

A couple of seed varieties are unavailable, but suitable substitutes are available:

- Organic Bean Runner Cobra → V8048 Bean Runner Blue Lake
- Organic Eggplant Black Beauty → V8150 Eggplant Midnight F1
- Lettuce Little Caesar → V8180 Lettuce Little Gem
- Spinach Santana F1 → O6065 Organic Beet Erbette
- Organic Tomato Beefsteak Select → V8314 Tomato Beefsteak Blend

Pea Straw Bales

Get in touch with Selene Harvie on 022 344 6069 if you'd like to get some pea straw. \$60 per bale, available now!

Country Day Cake Auction

A huge thank you to all the wonderful bakers who have already registered their cakes for our Country Day cake auction. It's not too late to get your entry in!

We love seeing the fantastic range of cakes and cupcakes each year, so get creative and send your entry through to us or drop it into the school office.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is this Thursday, 3rd September at 7.15pm at the Dunsandel Bar & Cafe. Everyone is welcome to come along. We'd love to see some new faces!

Thanks as always for your amazing support of the PTA. Every fundraiser helps us continue to provide great opportunities and resources for our tamariki.

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

Dunsandel School

Irvines Road, RD2
Dunsandel 7682
Phone 03 3254079
www.dunsandel.school.nz
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.

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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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Mick O'Connor

PTA President

Shae Brown

School Account Number

Board of Trustees 02-0860-0049250-00

Community News and Notes

Health Services

With health services experiencing high demand, online GP care is an option for accessing care and the service is now free for all ākonga up to, and including, the age of 13.

Appointments usually take place through a video app or a phone call and the service can prescribe medicine and send prescriptions to your nearest pharmacy. It also provides another care option for rural communities.

<https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/online-phone-healthcare/online-gp-care>

Online doctor



- Online or over-the-phone appointment with a doctor any time, including after hours and weekends.
- **Free for children aged 13 and under.**
- Low-cost appointments for ages 14-17 and Community Services Card holders.

Find an online doctor at
[healthnz.govt.nz/OnlineGP](https://www.healthnz.govt.nz/OnlineGP)

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 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

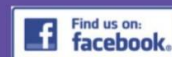
10am-11am

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

ENTRY FORMS DUE BY FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TICK ONE CATEGORY:

☐ OPEN

☐ KIDS CUPCAKES

☐ DADS CAKE

☐ FIRST TIME ENTRY

Thank you for helping us celebrate Dunsandel School Country Day!



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Wednesday 9 September

PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM ON **Monday 7th September**

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) ☐

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Please tick what you would like in your Sub

BREAD(tick one only) MEAT (tick one only)

White
Garlic
Italian
Rye
Wheat

Ham
Salami
Beef
Tuna
Vege Delight

SALADS

Cheese
Onion
Lettuce
Tomato
Cucumber
Pickles
Capsicums
Carrots

SAUCES

Honey Mustard
Mayo
BBQ
Marinara
Sweet Onion

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