

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

SENIOR KAPAHAKA SHARING.

START TIME - 220PM.

VENUE - SCHOOL HALL.

ALL WELCOME.



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 7 September 2026

- Country Day, Duathlon, Court Theatre Performance, Fire Brigade, Kapahaka Assembly.

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Country Day Country Day is 11 sleeps away. A reminder that the last day to hand in Pet Projects/Research Projects to teachers is next Monday 14 September. All our Country Day information is up on our website – click the link on our home page. We are looking forward to a great day on Friday 18 September.

Duathlon Our Duathlon team was competing at the Canterbury Primary Schools Duathlon today. I know our team were looking forward to this event. I look forward to hearing from our captain Millie at our Assembly on Friday on how our team went at Ruapuna Raceway. Thank-you to the parents and caregivers who supported our team and to Mr Happer for being a marshal out on the course.

Court Theatre Performance – On Tuesday we have a members of the Court Theatre presenting their touring show for us – He Kura Kōrero. We are fortunate to have this funded by the Selwyn District Council -we appreciate them doing this for us.

Fire Brigade – We have an annual visit from members of the Dunsandel Volunteer Fire Brigade on Wednesday. Each class will have a session based on the Fire Safety message.

Strum Strike Blow – Our Year 5/6 group performed at the Strum Strike Blow event last Wednesday evening at Wolfbrook Arena. It was a special time as they performed in front on a large audience. Thank-you to Mrs Birnie for her expert teaching of the ukulele and to Mrs Douglas, Miss McCloy and Mrs Righton for their organisation of our group.

Assembly – Thank-you to everyone who came along to our assembly on Friday. We appreciate your support. Our last Assembly for this term is this Friday starting at 220pm. Our senior kapahaka will be sharing.

Chocolate update – Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser, you all have been so amazing. All the money will need to be returned back to the office by Friday 18 September. You can pay directly to the school bank account – Board of Trustees 02-0860-0049250-00 and use chocolate and name as reference. Once we have the money in, we will make the draw for the 3 prizes.

Have a great week.

Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PRIDE Awards

Room 1 – Max T - Max, I am so proud of you for being such a brave boy, and joining in on everything school has to offer. I have loved seeing you get more and more confident with all that you do, and seeing the giggles that you have with your friends! 😊 I have been so incredibly impressed with the way you have learnt your alphabet sounds and how you blend them together to read all your books! Not only that, but

you are so thoughtful about things too. Thank you for being such a happy, kind, and brave member of the Room 1 team. Keep up the amazing work, Max. You're a star! ★

Room 2 – Lachie - Lachie, this award is for just how much energy you give to your school work each and every single day. You are usually the first to crack on with your tasks and you don't ever stop until the job is done. You have blown me away with how well you are reading and you are such a speedy writer and mathlete as well! I have loved watching you settle in to your learning and I can see how proud of yourself you are Lachie - how cool! To top off all this incredible school work you are such a funny guy in our class and Room 2 would definitely not be as fun without you around!

Keep it up Lachie - you are awesome! 😊

Room 3 – Jonty - Jonty this PRIDE award is for you for all the hard work you put into your learning. I am impressed with the way you have moved through the flash facts levels and how you challenge yourself to do better each day. Your reading is awesome and I enjoy listening to your ideas and answers, which show great understanding of the story. On top of that Jonty, your handwriting is always beautiful and correctly presented. We are lucky to have you in our class Jonty because you are a kind and caring friend to us all. Keep up the fantastic work and you can achieve anything!

Room 4 – Freyja - Freyja, this PRIDE award goes to you for your determination, respect, and empathy. You have been working so hard in your learning and have done an amazing job mastering all about fractions. Your focus during class time is truly impressive, allowing you to dive deep into every lesson and give your absolute best effort. Beyond your hard work, your kind nature and incredible patience stand out every single day. You take the time to listen, encourage, and show great empathy when helping others with their learning, making our classroom a warmer and more supportive place for everyone. Keep shining, Freyja!

Scotty This PRIDE award goes to you, Scotty, for your determination, empathy, and active participation in everything you do. I love how you are always willing to give anything a go and constantly give 100% effort. Your determination shines through in your learning as you tackle new challenges with enthusiasm and resilience. On top of trying your hardest, you are an incredible friend. You consistently check in on your classmates, show outstanding kindness, and ensure everyone in our room feels included and valued. Your positive attitude makes our class a happier, brighter place to be every single day. Keep being awesome, Scotty!

Room 5 – Wyatt - Wyatt, this PRIDE award goes to you for the determination that you have been displaying across all areas of your learning this term. You have put in so much effort during our fractions learning and you are zooming through the Flash Facts maths levels. I have been really impressed with the ideas that you've been contributing to our One and Only Ivan novel study, too. On top of all your hard work, you've been striving to ensure that you're living the PRIDE values in our school, and I know that you'll make a fabulous Year 6 leader next year. Wyatt, you can be so proud of yourself for the progress that you're making in your learning – keep working hard to be the best that you can be!

Hirun - Hirun, this PRIDE award goes to you for the fantastic growth in confidence you have shown this term. It is so great to see you starting to share your valuable ideas during whole class discussions, and your great sense of humor makes you such an asset to our team. You listen carefully to new learning, try your absolute best with every task, and you are making some good progress with your learning that you can be really proud of. I have been especially impressed with the progress you've made with your basic facts learning. We are so proud of you Hirun, and lucky to have you in Room 5!

Room 6 – Saoirse - Saoirse, this PRIDE award is to recognize your wonderful contributions as a Year 6 leader. You bring such a calm and steady presence to Room 6, and it is a pleasure to watch you lead with such patience and fairness. You have stepped up as a Year 6 leader with grace, always listening thoughtfully and treating everyone with kindness. I have loved being a part of your learning journey, and I know that by consistently living our PRIDE values and being such a reliable role model for others, you will continue to achieve great things. Thank you for the positive impact you have on our class every day, Saoirse!



PTA News and Notes

Hello everyone

I hope you all had a great weekend.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our meeting on Thursday. There was some great planning done and we are excited to be able to support the school library with a bit of funding to get resources and displays.

We are in need of help from a few superstars. Firstly, we need 12 plates of baking. Some for our judges morning tea on Country Day and some for a fundraising event the next day at the Ellesmere Golf Club. Secondly, we are looking for a couple of helpers on Saturday 19th to either make sandwiches in the morning or plate up and serve afternoon tea in the afternoon for the Ellesmere golf club tournament. We have done this for the last few years and it's a great wee fundraiser for the PTA. Any help for these would be appreciated.

King Seeds

Get your orders in using the attached order form. You can email your completed form to ptadunsandel@gmail.com or drop it into the school office. Orders need to be in by Tuesday 15th September so we can get them to everyone by the end of term.

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

Lily Bulbs for sale. Check out the variety available this year. Just \$15 for 4 bulbs. Orders need to be in pretty quick to ensure we can have them ready for pick up by the end of term so please email them or drop the form to the office by Tuesday 15th September.

Pea Straw Bales

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

Country Day is creeping up fast but it's not too late to enter your cakes or cupcakes. Drop your form to the school office or email them to us. Looking forward to seeing all your amazing creations.

WOW I feel like we have a lot going on. Thanks as always for your amazing support of the PTA. 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.

Dunsandel School

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Dunsandel 7682
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www.dunsandel.school.nz

Office Email

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.



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 NETBALL CLUB



We are after children from year's 1 to 6 for some fun session packed with ball skills, exciting drills, games and plenty of laughs!

learn new skills and have fun on the court.
No experience required

STARTS
WED 9TH SEPTEMBER

TIME & LOCATION:
3:15PM - 4PM
DUNSANDEL SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT LEXIE 027 332 6032 OR LOUISE 027 305 5215

Dunsandel Market Day

Your neighbourhood market with heart

10th Oct 2026
10am-3pm

Trinity Church Dunsandel
Hororata Dunsandel Road
corner of Highfield Road

*Explore a beautiful market setting filled with artisan
soaps, handmade jewellery, preloved fashion, fresh
baking, plants, produce & more.*

Grab a bite to eat and enjoy the music.

From our hands, to your home, for our community.

Stall info contact
Rachel 0212609769

Flyer by Born to be BoHo



Public notice of AGM

Burnham Dunsandel Irwell Rugby Club
will hold their Annual General Meeting
on November 9th 6pm at Dunsandel
Rugby club rooms.

All welcome.



LEESTON SOUTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

2026/27 JUNIOR INFORMATION

BOYS AND GIRLS FROM YEAR 1-8

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

[https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/
org/leeston-southbridge-cricket-club/652dcf81/register](https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/org/leeston-southbridge-cricket-club/652dcf81/register)

JUNIOR SEASON PLAYING DATES



17th Oct to 12th Dec and
31st Jan to 20th March

No cricket Labour/Chch
Show/Waitangi weekends

SUBS:

-  Junior Hardball - \$90
-  Junior Softball - \$75

SMASH PLAY CRICKET

- HELD AT LEESTON DOMAIN

Best option for (Y1-3)
who want to give cricket a go



Mondays 5:15 - 6pm
starting 2nd November -

Four week program, \$20
register using link above

SECTION 3 & 4

- ✓ Saturday 9am till approx 10:30 am
- ✓ Highly modified beginner cricket, use a soft ball
- ✓ Games played in Selwyn
- ✓ All uniform & gear provided

SECTION 1 & 2

- ✓ Saturday 9am till approx 12pm
- ✓ Games played in Selwyn
- ✓ Use a hard ball
- ✓ All uniform and cricket gear is provided

JUNIOR OPEN DAY

★ FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER ★

4PM ONWARDS • LEESTON DOMAIN

COME DOWN AND SEE WHAT OUR CLUB CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD AND TEST OUT YOUR CRICKET SKILLS!

For further information:
[facebook.com/
LeestonSouthbridgeCricketClub/](https://facebook.com/LeestonSouthbridgeCricketClub/)

or email
LeestonsouthbridgeCC@gmail.com

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELPERS FOR THE SEASON!

As well as Coaches and Managers we are looking for volunteers to help us with pitch and ground preparation each week.
If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you!



Seeds
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Seed Fundraiser ORDER FORM

Organisation Name:

Dunsandel School

Sellers Name:

FULL NAME &
PHONE NUMBER

SUBTOTAL NO.
OF SEED PACKETS

SKU	VARIETY	PRICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
FLOWERS													
F1001	Achillea Pastel Fruits	\$5.00											
F1031	Aster Cut Flower Assortment	\$4.00											
F1083	Cosmos Unique Mix	\$4.00											
F1134	Helichrysum Swiss Giants	\$4.00											
F1225	Poppy Shilley Double Mix	\$4.00											
F1271	Sunflower Autumn Beauty (mixed)	\$4.00											
F1268	Sunflower ProCut Orange F1 (mixed)	\$6.00											
F1282	Sweet Pea Old Spice Mix	\$5.00											
F1324	Wildflower Pollinator Blend	\$6.00											
F1316	Zinnia Liliput Mix	\$4.00											
ORGANIC VEGETABLES													
O6003	Bean Runner Cobra	\$3.00											
O6005	Beetroot Detroit Dark Red	\$4.00											
O6006	Broccoli Belstar F1	\$6.00											
O6055	Butternut Honeynut	\$6.00											
O6091	Capiscum California Wonder Red	\$5.00											
O6014	Carrot Belicum	\$4.00											
O6025	Cucumber Marketmore	\$3.00											
O6027	Eggplant Black Beauty	\$4.00											
O6034	Kale Tuscan Black	\$4.00											
O6036	Leek Carenton Giant	\$4.00											
O6043	Leitfuce Oak Solid Bowl Green	\$5.00											
O6044	Leitfuce Oak Solid Bowl Red	\$5.00											
O6048	Onion Red Amposta	\$5.00											
O6051	Spring Onion Tokyo Long White	\$4.00											
O6060	Rodish Cherrabelle	\$4.00											
O6064	Rocket	\$4.00											
O6069	Tomato Beefsteak Select	\$4.00											
O6075	Tomato Cherry Rosella	\$5.00											
O6077	Tomato Roma	\$5.00											

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of support, you can
grow a field of hope"

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SUBTOTAL NO.
OF SEED PACKETS

SKU	VARIETY	PRICE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	VEGETABLES											
V8047	Becon Dwarf Xera Select	\$5.00										
V8048	Becon Runner Blue Lake	\$5.00										
V8060	Beetroot Cylindra	\$4.00										
V8066	Broccoli Sprouting Tasty Stems F1	\$6.00										
V8067	Broccoli Summer Green F1	\$5.00										
V8074	Cabbage Copenhagen Market	\$4.00										
V8082	Capiscum Bell Colour Mix	\$5.00										
V8099	Carrot Rainbow Blend F1	\$6.00										
V8101	Carrot Touchon	\$4.00										
V8102	Cauliflower All The Year Round	\$4.00										
V8115	Chilli Spicy Blend	\$4.00										
V8132	Corn Golden Sweet F1	\$6.00										
V8425	Cucumber Amia F1	\$5.00										
V8363	Lettuce Cos Little Caesar	\$3.00										
V8188	Lettuce Iceberg Great Lakes	\$4.00										
V8200	Mescun Lettuce Blend	\$5.00										
V8213	Onion Italian Long Keeper	\$4.00										
V8019	Pck Choi Green Ace F1	\$5.00										
V8229	Pea Greentast	\$4.00										
V8232	Pea Snow Pea Goliath	\$5.00										
V8239	Pumpkin Crown Prince F1	\$6.00										
V8287	Silverbeet Rainbow Lights	\$5.00										
V8292	Spinach Santiano F1	\$4.00										
V8318	Tomato Black Cherry	\$4.00										
V8342	Tomato Moneymaker	\$4.00										
V8314	Tomato Beetsteak Blend	\$4.00										
V8353	Zucchini Black Coral F1	\$6.00										
	HERBS											
O6001	Basil Sweet Genovese	\$4.00										
H3030	Chamomile German	\$4.00										
H3033	Chives Brood Leaf	\$4.00										
H3035	Coriander Picante	\$4.00										
H3050	Lemongrass	\$6.00										
H3096	Parley Italian Flat Leaf	\$4.00										
H3082	Thyme English Winter	\$4.00										
TOTAL NO. OF SEED PACKETS												
TOTAL COST												
PAYMENT MADE Cash (C), Bank transfer (B)												

\$

TOTAL COST OF SEEDS



Seeds
OF SUPPORT™

Payment

Please enclose CASH
payment with your order
or pay by bank transfer to:

ACCOUNT NAME:

Dunsandel School PTA

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

02-0860-0040555-00

Please use your NAME and
SEEDS as the reference.
One payment per whole form please.

Thank you!

Return form & money

DATE: 15th September

TO: School Office

Rakaia Lions Lilies 2026



Red Eyes



Redford



Siberia



Sorbonne

Oriental Lilies

Bag of four lily bulbs For \$15.00

The roots form from the top of bulb which should be planted 10cm deep.

Rakaia Lions Lilies 2026



Liber Snow



Mendota



Palazzo



Prophecy

Oriental Lilies

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Rakaia Lions Lilies 2026



Tobi



White Tornado



Wonder

Oriental Lilies

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The roots form from the top of bulb which should be planted 10cm deep.

Rakaia Lions Lilies 2026



Bathilde



Concert D'Or



Liber



Liber Lady

Oriental Lilies

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