

COMING UP

FREAKY HAIR AND WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE FRIDAY

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

**SIMPLY WEAR A WIG OR HAVE A FUNKY HAIRDO
AND IT'S ALSO WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY**



**THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE
OUR 2026 COUNTRY DAY A SUCCESS. WE
APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR JUDGES,
AUCTIONEERS, CAKE MAKERS, CAKE BUYERS,
BBQ COOKERS, PTA, PARENTS,
GRANDPARENTS, FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND OUR
ANIMALS.**



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 21 September 2026

- Thank-you
- Freaky Hair and Wear What You Like Day the Friday and last Hot Lunch Friday for the year.
- Key Dates for Term 4

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

I hope everyone enjoyed our Country Day on Friday. The weather was perfect for this special community event. I do want to acknowledge Miss Harrold for her organisation of the day and to all my staff for their before, during and after the event work to make it a successful day. Thank-you also to those of you who helped us with clearing the field at the end of the day.

This Friday we have a **Freaky Hair and Wear What You Like Day** to finish the term. There is no contribution/donation required for this day.

This Friday is the last **Hot Lunch Friday** for the year. Thank you so much for your co-operation with wrapping food in tinfoil and clearly naming their items.

Term 4 Itinerant Music lessons will start on the first week back in term 4. If you would like your child in the music programme, please let Mrs Pluck know or complete the form below and return back to the office.

Term 4

Key Dates we have confirmed for Term 4 so far are –

Monday 12 October Term 4 starts

Friday 16 October Year 3-6 Athletics

Friday 23 October Dad's Breakfast

Friday 23 October Board Meeting #7

Monday 26 October Labour Day School closed

Tuesday 27 October to Friday 30 October Year 6 Camp to Aoraki Mount Cook

Tuesday 3 November Ellesmere Zone Athletics at Southbridge School

Thursday 12 November Teacher Only Day School closed

Friday 13 November Canterbury Show Day School closed

Wednesday 18 November Canterbury Athletics

Thursday 3 December Board Meeting #8

Friday 11 December Last day of the 2026 school year. School closes at 1200pm

We are currently finalising arrangements for our End of Year Assembly. Please note that the Ellesmere College gymnasium is no longer available as a venue. We are actively working on an alternative solution and will share updated details as soon as they are confirmed.

Thank-you to everyone for their support this term. I trust you all will have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Term 4 starts on Monday 12 October – we look forward to seeing everyone back then.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News and Notes

Hello.

I hope everyone managed some rest over the weekend after our amazing Country Day on Friday.

The weather was great. There were soooo many animals to look at and the kids all looked to be having a great time.

I would like to thank everyone who brought a cupcake or sausage on the day, your support to the PTA was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the PTA committee and everyone who gave up their time to help on the day. Special thanks Alistair and Gaynor Sutherland for their time cooking all the sausages.

Thank you to those who baked a cake and cupcakes. I was blown away by the generosity and talent we have in our community. Congratulations again to the winners. Evan Seymour for the dad's cake, Amber Hutchins for the Open category and Nafla for the First time. We hope it won't be your last.

For the kids cupcakes we had 1st place to Freddie, 2nd place was Wyatt and 3rd place to Jed. Amazing work.

A massive thank you to those who put their hands up to bid on the cakes. Whether or not you took one home, you were all part of helping us raise a huge \$13,250 for the PTA.

We look forward to putting these funds to good use for the school and the children.

Thank you to our Cake Judges Russell Dalzell and Nara's Nana (aka Chris Wilson), this is definitely a tough job, and we appreciate you giving up your time to do this for us.

Thanks to Ethan from Hazlett our awesome auctioneer. Without you how would we sell the cakes.

On Saturday our super PTA team followed up with a successful catering event for the Ellesmere Golf Tournament.

Thank you to Tracey for organising all the food and getting people into the right places to make this work.

Thank you to the people who did the work making sandwiches, plating up, serving and cleaning up. This also wouldn't happen without the help of the people in our community who put their hands up to provide baking. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. I have cleaned and popped your containers back to school for collection.

Lastly if you order Seeds and Bulbs, we are hoping to have these ready for collection this week. Liz or Georgina will be in touch once they have their hands on them.

Enjoy the last week of Term 3. I know my kids are definitely ready for a holiday. It's been a busy term.

Shae Brown.

PTA President



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Itinerant Music lessons Term 4	
Ms Chamberlain and Mrs Birnie are our music teachers who offer private lessons at school each term. Lessons are no longer than 30 minutes and cost \$20 per session. (Cost slightly change each term). These lessons are to be paid before their third lesson unless arrangements are made with the office. Complete the form if you would like your child to take part in these lessons. Name of child My child would like to take part of the Music programme and learn the <i>(Please circle one)</i> Piano / Ukulele. Parent signature	