

COMING UP

2026 YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

200PM LONG DISTANCE RACES FOR YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6.

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Time	High Jump	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put
945	Welcome and March Past of Athletes.			
1000	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4
1035	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 3
1110	Sprint 80m Timed FINALS/ Sprint 50m HEATS Year 6 80m TIMED B/G Year 5 80m TIMED B/G Year 4 80m TIMED B/G Year 3 80m TIMED B/G Year 0/1 50m HEATS B/G Year 2 50m HEATS B/G Year 6 50m HEATS B/G Year 5 50m HEATS B/G Year 4 50m HEATS B/G Year 3 50m HEATS B/G			
1210	Lunch			
100	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
135	Year 6	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
210	Sprint Finals Year 0/1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 Parent/Staff Relay House Relay House Shield Presentation			

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

The Weekly
Family Newsletter



PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY



Monday 12 October 2026

- Senior Athletics
- Dad's Breakfast
- Ellesmere A & P Show

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

Welcome to the final term for 2026. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break over the past two weeks.

This term is always an exciting one as we come summer – Year 6 Camp to Aoraki Mount Cook, Junior Sports afternoon, Senior Athletics including Zones and Canterbury events, swimming, music recital and our End of Year Assembly which will be held on Tuesday 8 December. This year our End of Year Assembly will be held at school outside Room 1 and 2 and will start at 600pm. With the Ellesmere College gymnasium no longer available as a venue I looked at trying to make their new auditorium work for us but unfortunately, we would go well over the capacity limit. This means we will have our end of year assembly at school. We will have a postponement day of Wednesday same time. I understand this will be a change after many years, but it is important for us to have everyone at our final Assembly for the year as we farewell our Year 6 group and celebrate the end of the school year.

School will finish on Friday 11 December at 12 noon for the year.

Please remember this term school will be closed for Labour Day (Monday 26 October) and Canterbury Show Day (Friday 13 November). We have a Teacher Only scheduled for Thursday 12 November.

Senior Athletics - Our Senior (Year 3-6) Athletics is scheduled for this Friday – the programme for the day is with this newsletter. We run our long-distance races on Thursday 15 October and our junior children will join us for the sprint races on the Friday. Parents, caregivers and friends of our school are most welcome to come along and share this event with us.

Selwyn A and P Show – We have two teams competing in the Cochranes Country Kids Challenge on Saturday.

The competition will involve a wheelbarrow race, a sack race, carrying small hay bales, catching a greasy pig and colouring a lamb in our school colours. If you are at the Show on Saturday, I'm sure our teams would love your support. This event will start at 100pm behind the pavilion near the cattle ring.

Dad's Breakfast – We postponed our annual Dad's Breakfast last term and have rescheduled this for Friday 23 October. This event is for all dads, Stepdads 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 use this link which can also be found on the home page of school website <https://forms.gle/pGssWdK6NQsEhU6o7>

Vandalism – You will be aware through our social media channels that there was glass smashed over our basketball/tennis courts during the holidays. The boys responsible for this were spoken to by the Police and did some work around the school last week. The courts

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 23 OCTOBER 7.00-8.30AM AT SCHOOL.

PLEASE RSVP TO FELICITY IN THE OFFICE OR USE THE RSVP LINK BY TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

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.



have been vacuumed, swept and water blasted and the grass area has been rolled.... unfortunately for our children it will be shoes on, on the school side for this term. My thanks to the Leeston Police, Lou Hodgson and her family, Ken Lee, Craig Happer, Nick Boon and Kate McCloy for their help as we dealt with this issue.

School Hats – As part of our compulsory sun safe policy in Term 4, all students are required to wear a navy wide-brim hat when outside. Please ensure your child brings one to school each day. We have a small number of hats available to purchase at the office for \$14 or contact our uniform supplier Mainland Uniforms. We will have sunscreen available. Teachers will encourage everyone to apply it before heading outside during play and lunch times. If your child brings their own sunscreen, please make sure it is clearly named.

Seasonal Allergies & Medication Reminder - With the change in season and high pollen levels affecting many, please let us know if your child suffers from hay fever and whether they take any medication for it. All allergy medications must be clearly labelled with your child's name and will be stored securely in the First Aid room. Please note that no medications are to be kept in school bags.

No Hot Lunch Friday – Reminder we no longer have hot lunch Fridays in Term 4.

Subway Wednesday 21 October – We have subway lunch next Wednesday. Please have orders in before 9am Monday 19 October. No late orders will be taken.

Monopoly Fundraiser – We have our very own Selwyn Monopoly Fundraiser board game coming out soon. You won't find this game in any retail stores! Be part of something special with this unique edition of Monopoly, celebrating our local Selwyn Community where properties will feature townships from around Selwyn, local schools will feature on the board, second chance draw or go straight to jail. Our school will be part of this new game. Very limited numbers for sale. If you would like to purchase a board game for \$60, please email felicity@dunsandel.school.nz. Or see the attached poster.

Important: Nut-Free Reminder – A reminder no peanuts in school lunches (e.g., peanut butter sandwiches, peanut bars, etc.). We have a student with a life-threatening nut allergy, and your cooperation helps keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support and understanding. Nutella or hazelnut spread is fine.

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

Tuesday 8 December End of Year Assembly at School

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

Enjoy the first week back!

Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News and Notes

Welcome to Term 4!

We hope everyone has had a lovely break and is feeling refreshed for the final term of the year. It's looking like a much quieter term for the PTA, which will be a nice change after a busy few months!

The PTA is organising a local Halloween night, so get your costumes ready for an evening of spooky fun! Dress up and join us for a great night. See the flyer for more information.

Pea Straw Still Available!

There are only 4 bales of pea straw left, so if you're wanting to get your garden summer-ready and keep those pesky weeds at bay, get in touch before they're all gone.

Calf Fundraiser Update

We hope your calves are growing well and keeping you busy! A big thank you to everyone who has put their hand

up to donate a calf this year. Selene will be in touch in November to organise collection, so keep an eye out for her message.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 3 November at 7.15pm at the Dunsandel Café and Bar. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you're a regular or just keen to see what the PTA is all about.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the PTA and Dunsandel School. If you have any questions, want to get involved, or need to organise pea straw, feel free to get in touch! Ptadunsandel@gmail.com or 0273355020

Shae Brown

Calendar

[Click here](#) for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.

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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.

Term 4 2026 - After School Routine

Please return if your child has a change in their afterschool routine.

Childs Name.....

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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.

Name of child

My child would like to take part of the Music programme and learn the (*Please circle one*)

Piano / Ukulele.

Parent signature



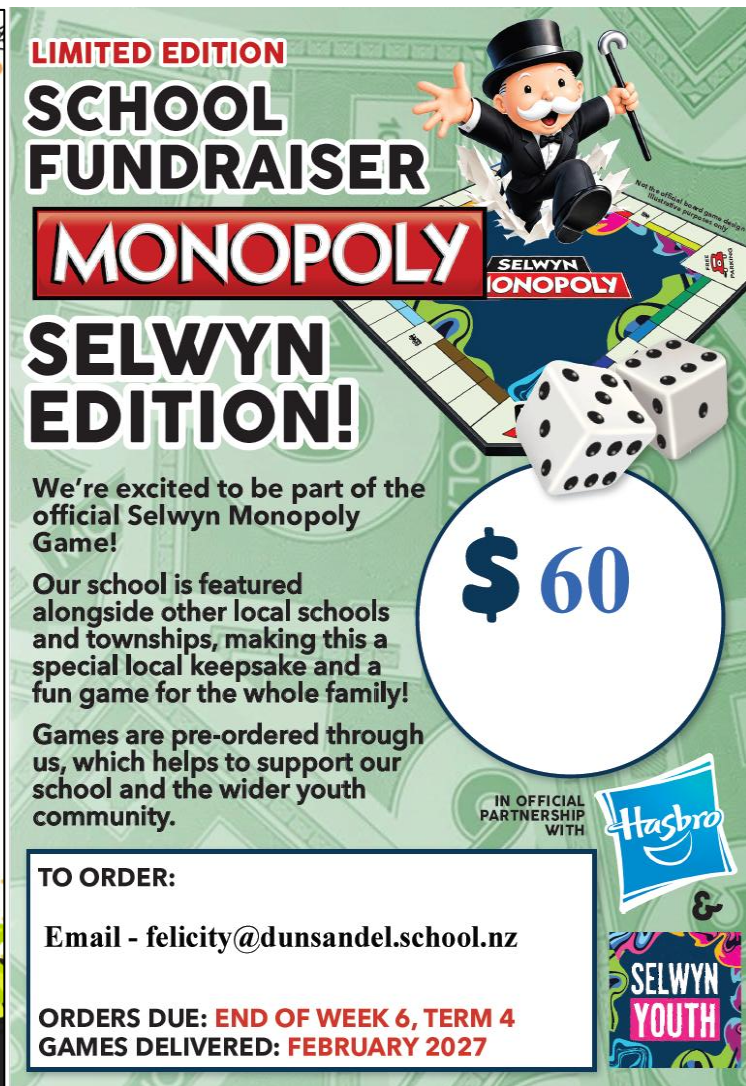
TRICK OR TREAT

Do you live in the Dunsandel Township? Would you be Happy to Have our Local Community Kids come and trick or treat at your house? We are looking for someone to be at your house between 4pm - 5pm on Halloween Eve. If you are keen please email ptadunsandel@gmail.com. The Dunsandel PTA is happy to provide lollies for any homes available to hand out.

Friday 30 October

Start at 4 pm

Thanks for making a fun Halloween for our Local kids!



LIMITED EDITION

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

MONOPOLY

SELWYN EDITION!

We're excited to be part of the official Selwyn Monopoly Game!

Our school is featured alongside other local schools and townships, making this a special local keepsake and a fun game for the whole family!

Games are pre-ordered through us, which helps to support our school and the wider youth community.

\$ 60

IN OFFICIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH **Hasbro**

TO ORDER:

Email - felicity@dunsandel.school.nz

ORDERS DUE: END OF WEEK 6, TERM 4
GAMES DELIVERED: FEBRUARY 2027

SELWYN YOUTH



ATTENTION

TENNIS LESSONS AVAILABLE

Group & one-on-one Tennis lessons available for all ages at Dunsandel Tennis Court. Book your session today and elevate your game!

For more information, contact John 022 643 0071 or email john20140628@gmail.com



DUNSANDEL SCHOOL Wednesday 21 October

PLEASE PUT THIS ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN THE SUBWAY BOX BY 9 AM ON **Monday 19th October**

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) ☐

Or

Six Inch only (\$4.50) ☐

Salad Option with cookie (\$5.50) ☐

Please tick what you would like in your Sub

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

White	☐	Ham	☐
Garlic	☐	Salami	☐
Italian	☐	Beef	☐
Rye	☐	Tuna	☐
Wheat	☐	Vege Delight	☐

SALADS

Cheese	☐
Onion	☐
Lettuce	☐
Tomato	☐
Cucumber	☐
Pickles	☐
Capsicums	☐
Carrots	☐

SAUCES

Honey Mustard	☐
Mayo	☐
BBQ	☐
Marinara	☐
Sweet Onion	☐

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