

COMING UP

DUNSANDEL SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026

START TIME - 220PM.
VENUE - SCHOOL HALL.
ALL WELCOME.





PARTICIPATE RESPECT INITIATIVE DETERMINATION EMPATHY PRIDE

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WE ARE CLOSED ON
MONDAY FOR
LABOUR DAY




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2026 YEAR 3-6 ATHLETICS
MONDAY 19 OCTOBER
130PM LONG DISTANCE RACES FOR YEAR 4, YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6.
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

Time	High Jump	Discus	Long Jump	Shot Put
945				
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				
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



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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
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Monday 12 October 2026

- Dad's Breakfast cancelled
- Country Kids Challenge, Assembly this Friday
- School Photos

News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,

I think we made the right decision to postpone our Senior Athletics last week. I am looking forward to our event tomorrow. We will try and keep to the timetable as best we can.

Staffing News for 2027 - We will have six classrooms for 2027 which is good news for our school. We will be farewelling Miss Esther Weir at the end of the year as she moves to north Christchurch. There will be time for a proper farewell as we approach the end of the school year. We will be welcoming Miss Lydia Wilson back for 2027 which is exciting. We are currently working through the teaching set up for 2027 as we start planning for 2027.

Dad's Breakfast – Unfortunately we haven't had a good response to this event, so we have decided to cancel this for 2026.

Country Kids Challenge – We had two teams competing at the Country Kids Challenge at the Ellesmere A and P Show on Saturday. Our teams were led by our captain Saoirse Ranana. Thank-you to everyone who supported our team – we were placed second overall. Pictured below – Saoirse, Sophie, Amber, Millie, Archer and Toby.



Year 6 Conference - All our Year 6 children will be at Ellesmere College on Thursday for the annual Year 6 Conference with our friends from Leeston and Southbridge Schools. At this event they will meet some new friends, be inspired by our guest speaker and participate in some games.

Assembly – We have an Assembly on Friday starting at 220pm. All welcome.

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.

School Photos – School photos were sent home last week – with the short turn around, it is important if we could have these back by **Friday 23 October** so Kolourcare can process the orders before the end of term. As you can imagine, this takes a lot of time and care to get the photos done. Your help with this is much appreciated. All payments go directly to Kolourcare, eftpos is not available at school.

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. see the attached poster. Prices of this game varies around the Selwyn Community, and we have decided to keep our price low for all to take advantage of the price. If you know anyone who is looking to purchase the New Selwyn Addition Game, get them to email Felicity.

School accounts – Your accounts have been sent home today.

Lucky book club – These are due back on Tuesday 27 October.

A reminder we will be closed next Monday for Labour Day. Have an awesome week.

Ngā mihi nui



Dave Robinson;

Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

PTA News and Notes

Hello Everyone.

We are into week 2 already. It's great to be able to support our classrooms with the resources they need, as well as contributing towards music costs to help ensure all our tamariki have access to music. We're proud to be able to support these opportunities for our students!

Pea Straw: We only have the last few bales of pea straw available, so get in touch if you'd like one before they're all gone!

Halloween is coming up fast! A big thank you to everyone who has offered their houses as trick-or-treat destinations for our local Halloween night on Friday 30 October. We really appreciate your support in helping make this a fun event for our community. We're looking forward to seeing all the kids dressed up, out and about, and having a great time!

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday 3 November at 7:15pm at the Dunsandel Cafe and Bar. Everyone is welcome, so come along and see what we're up to!

As always, thanks for your ongoing support of our PTA and Dunsandel School. If you want to get in touch email Ptadunsandel@gmail.com or call/txt 0273355020

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.



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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PTA President

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School Account Number

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Community News

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

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TO ORDER:

Email - felicity@dunsandel.school.nz

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



TRICK OR TREAT

Do you live in the Dunsandel Townshyip? 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!