# COMING UP










## LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR 2026

**Monday 7 December** End of Year reports home to Parents and Caregivers.

**Tuesday 8 December** End of Year of Assembly at Dunsandel School 600pm.
Postponement Date Wednesday 9 December.

**Thursday 10 December** Christmas Cracker for our Children.

**Friday 11 December** School closes at 1200pm. Buses will run at this time.
1200-300pm 'The Last....'(Yr6 Event).




## 2027 TERM DATES

PRIDE
Participate
Respect
Initiative
Determination
Empathy

**Term 1**
**Monday 1 February to Friday 9 April**
Public Holiday - Waitangi Day Mon 8 February (Observed); Easter Good Friday Fri 26 March; Easter Monday/Tuesday Mon 29 and 30 March
**Term 2**
**Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July**
Public Holiday - King's Birthday Monday 7th June; Matariki Friday 25 June
**Term 3**
**Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September**
**Term 4**
**Monday 11 Oct - Thursday 16 December**
Public Holiday - Labour Day Monday 25 October; Canterbury Show Day Friday 12 November
*Teacher Only Days tbc*



# Dunsandel School News and Notes

The Weekly Family Newsletter






## Monday 23 November 2026

- Thank you
- Important dates

## News and Notes from the Principal

Nau mai, haere mai.
Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa,
We had our final Friday Assembly for 2026 on Friday. I would like to thank everyone who has supported our Friday Assembly programme – we appreciate your support. On Friday our Student Leaders had the opportunity to thank and acknowledge some people who support our school through giving their time – our PTA, our Fire Brigade, Mrs Hurst (Netball), Mr Happer (Soccer), Matt Stone (basketball and Rugby), Tracey Stone (Basketball), Kieran Stone (Basketball), Ray Seebeck/Lynne Swanson (Bacon), Elsie Alagos (Newsletter Translator), Mrs Birnie (Strum Strike Blow) and Mrs Pluck (Kapahaka). I also want to thank our School Leaders who have presented our Assembly programme over the year and Mrs Douglas/Mrs Jones who get the children sorted for this.




**Canterbury Athletics –** All the very best to the following children who are competing at the Canterbury Athletics on Wednesday – Toby Swanson (Shotput), Sophie Anderson (Long Jump/High Jump), Miah Teepa (Shotput/Discus), Jasper Ellis (60m/Relay), Hirun Ranasinghe (Relay), Marcus Maiava (Relay), Cruz Jaggar (Relay) and Morgan Hutchins (60m). I know they will give their events their very best against the best Canterbury has to offer.
**Accounts** – A reminder to please settle your school accounts by the end of the year. If you are unsure on your balance, please speak with Felicity.
If you are thinking of staring your school holiday before the end of term, please let your child's teacher know.
**End of Year** – A reminder our End of Year Assembly for 2026 is being held at school at 6:00pm on Tuesday 8 December. Children will need to be at school by 5.50pm for a 6:00pm start.

Have a great week.
Ngā mihi nui

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Dave Robinson;
Principal/Tumuaki/Punong-guro

## PRIDE AWARDS



**Room 1 – Michaela Mosquera** - Michaela you are such a delight in Room 1 - you have made such a super start to life at school! You have such a positive attitude towards your day and always try your very, very best. I love how happy you are and that you are so kind to the new members of our class. You help show them where things are and make sure they have a great friend to be with. You are trying so hard with all of your learning and I am very impressed with how much effort and determination you put into our Junior Athletics Day. Keep being awesome Michaela - you're a super star!

**McKenzie Cox** - McKenzie I am so impressed with the super start you have made to school life! You have learnt all the routines so quickly and you tackle every new challenge with such a positive attitude trying your absolute best. You are so thoughtful, showing initiative like helping out our new friends and making them feel so welcome and looked after. You love sharing your ideas at our shared story time and you always have such great ideas! Keep being awesome McKenzie- you're a super star!

**Room 3 – Ram Ram -** Ram Ram what an awesome year you have had in Room 3. I love the determination you show in your learning and your efforts to make all your work as neat as it can be. I am proud of you for the progress you have made in Flash Facts, earning lots of stickers on our chart. As well as this Ram Ram, I can rely on you to keep our classroom tidy and clean.

**Room 5 – Dominic Wood -** Dominic, you can be very proud of yourself for the progress that you have made with your learning this year. This is a testament to your growing work ethic. You also have so many fabulous ideas about your learning and it's great to see you beginning to share these ideas with the class - you are a very creative and clever thinker! Alongside this growth, your sense of humour and love of fun makes you such an entertaining and valued member of our class. It has been a pleasure teaching you this year, Dom. Keep trying to be the best that you can be!

**Room 6 – Toby Swanson** - Toby, you have had a fantastic year in Room 6 and continue to shine bright as a wonderful Year 6 leader! Recently, you represented our school with immense enthusiasm and determination in AgriKids at the Ellesmere A & P Show, demonstrating outstanding teamwork and impressive practical skills. You have truly grown into an exceptional leader who can always be counted on to lend a helping hand and warmly encourage younger students to get involved. We are also so proud of your leadership as a 2026 Athletics Co-captain. It is awesome to see you dive whole-heartedly into every school activity—from Kapa Haka and Rugby to Ukulele and beyond, you give everything your absolute best. Outstanding effort, Toby—keep being amazing!

**Loki Makgill** - Loki, this PRIDE award is to celebrate what a kind, thoughtful, and wonderfully unique student you are in Room 6! You lead by example every single day, demonstrating extraordinary leadership skills and completely immersing yourself in our school PRIDE values in everything you do. You are fiercely determined, striving for excellence and giving 1,000,000% effort to every opportunity and challenge thrown your way this year. Your hard work, positive attitude, and deep thinking make our classroom a fantastic place to be. I was so proud of your determination at camp to keep giving your all even when things got tough. Keep shining bright and reaching for the stars; I am so incredibly proud of you!

## PTA

Hello Everyone
Hope everyone had a great weekend!

A big thank you to everyone who has put their hands up to help with baking for our upcoming catering event. We really appreciate your support! Please have your baking at school on **Wednesday morning** ready for collection. If this is going to be an issue, please get in touch.

**Calf Fundraiser**

A message from Selene:

A massive thank you to all the farmers and helpers who took part in this year's calf fundraiser. All calves have now been grouped at our holding farm, and we will update everyone on the total raised once they have moved on to their new home.

In the meantime, a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way, shape or form. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Lastly, a huge thank you to the school for recognising the PTA's hard work with a **Pride Award** last week. I was honoured to receive this on behalf of the association.

I'm sure I can speak on behalf of everyone involved in the PTA when I say how much we love being part of the school community. We enjoy getting involved and doing what we can to help provide our children with the best possible experiences and opportunities. It's lovely to have that work recognised, and we really appreciate it!

Not many weeks to go.
Shae Brown

## Calendar

**Click here for our School Calendar on Google. School Calendar can be accessed on our School App.**

## 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.***

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## Community News

