



Duntroon School

The **BEST** we can be! • Ko te **PAI** e taea e tatou!
Term 1, Week 6, Friday 13th March 2026

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Kia ora whānau

Learning conversations

It was great to have a full turnout across the school for the Teacher/Parent/Student Learning conversations. Such engagement from families in these conversations sends a strong message to the students that their learning is important and is supported. Please don't limit these conversations to one meeting. Take the time to regularly discuss their learning at home. Remember if you wish to extend these conversations, you are welcome to email your child's teacher and make time to meet.

Structured Literacy @ Duntroon

Please see the letter on the following page regarding our current work with Learning Matters implementing Structured Literacy and your consent. Please communicate with your child's class teacher if you do not give the school consent. Any questions, give me a call.

Swimming

There are many layers of success linked to swimming lately. A group of senior students have represented Duntroon School and competed at the Rural Schools swimming sports, the qualifiers (Lauren, Eleanor, Krystal & Tate) have now competed at the North Otago swimming sports on Wednesday and the whole school have had their last set of swimming lessons with Candy. We are fortunate to have a pool and a beautifully heated one at that. John Aitken has ensured it is very well looked after for maximum use. Grant money received from the Lions Foundation will go towards the cost of the lessons and upgrading the pump. I thank Emily Hamilton for the work on the application and speaking to the Trust group on the school's behalf to secure the funding.

Toys from home

Please leave all toys at home. We do not want to be dealing with lost or damaged toys.

<p>PALs <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>On Monday at Assembly our group of PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) received their badges and will attend a training day at Waitaki Valley School on Wednesday 18th.</p>	<p>Teachers Conference</p> <p>Teachers and Teacher Aides will attend the N.O. Teachers Conference on Friday 20th March.</p> <p><u>The School will be closed on Friday 21st March</u></p>	<p>Trail Ride</p> <p>Saturday 21st March. So much work is going into this fundraiser event for our school. We are looking forward to a great day for the dedicated organisers and helpers.</p>
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Next week:

There will be no newsletter next week.

Nga mihi nui
 Sarah & Staff



Te Poutāhū

Curriculum Centre

Te Poutāhū | Curriculum Centre
Ministry of Education
PO Box 1666
Wellington

Email: (teacher's email address)

More information: PLD.Enquiries@education.govt.nz

Dear Parent/Whānau/Caregiver,

Your child's teacher is participating in the Ministry of Education's Structured Literacy Approaches (SLA) professional learning and development (PLD) programme. For more information about this PLD please go to our website - [Professional learning and development for structured literacy approaches](#).

As part of their involvement in this PLD your child's teacher will use an assessment tool to check their progress in language and reading. The anonymised results will be given to your teacher's PLD provider who will send the data to the Ministry of Education for our use so we can understand the impact of the SLA PLD on student learning.

Your child's assessment results

As part of normal teaching and learning, your child's teacher will sit with your child at two time points during their involvement in the SLA PLD and assess your child's language and reading progress. The assessment takes approximately 1 minute, and the information gathered will help the teacher to understand the impact of their teaching on your child's learning and the next steps they should take to help your child continue to progress. The assessment is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

Confidentiality

No one will be able to trace the information back to your child. The names of schools, teachers and students, including your child, will never be used in any reports, publications or presentations of findings. All information collected is anonymised and is stored securely at our office for up to 10 years before being deleted.

How the information will be used

Your child's answers on the assessment tool will be used to:

- Inform their teacher about the impact of their teaching on your child's learning and the next steps in their teaching to meet your child's needs
- Inform PLD providers of the impact their SLA PLD programme is having on one aspect of students' literacy learning.
- Help the Ministry of Education to understand the impact of the SLA PLD
- Inform reports, research papers and presentations about the impact of the SLA PLD program.

The PLD providers will share the anonymised raw data and a summary of the results the teachers participating in their PLD with the Ministry of Education. The Ministry will collate the data and write a report on the impact of the PLD that we will share back to the providers. All the information from all the teachers and providers of the PLD is aggregated and no-one can be identified.

Informed consent

If you are happy for your child's results on these tests to be provided to the Ministry you don't need to do anything. The teacher will do their testing as part of the usual assessment process, and they will pass the results on to their PLD provider to give to the Ministry at the conclusion of their PLD.

THANK YOU AIMEE JOHNSTON FOR ENTERING US!

CONGRATULATIONS

Hi Aimee,

We're proud to announce the 10 winning schools from our Back to School initiative 🎉🎉

Shirley Primary School
Wainui School
Kaeo School
Te Puru School
Ōhope Beach School
Khandallah School
Browns Bay School
Hilltop School
Duntroon School
Te Aroha College

Each winning school has won 5 rugby balls and 5 cricket sets for their PE shed, helping support active play, teamwork, and learning beyond the classroom.

A big thank you to all our customers who nominated a school and got behind the campaign. We loved seeing the support from local communities and the opportunity to give back in a meaningful way.



Congratulations again to all of our winning schools - we hope the new sports gear gets plenty of use this year.



Same day dispatch
(orders placed before 5pm)

Dates to remember

March

Sat 21st—DANSEYS PASS TRAIL RIDE
Mon 23rd—Otago Anniversary—School Closed
Wed 25th— BOT Meeting
Thurs 26th- Fri 27th—Year 8 Camp, Iona

APRIL

Thurs 2nd—Last day of term 1
Fri 3rd—Easter, Good Friday
Mon 20th—Term Two starts



Danseys Pass TRAILRIDE 2026

SAT 21ST MARCH

BUSHY CREEK ROAD DANSEYS PASS
6 TRACKS & 165KMS+ OF EPIC TERRAIN



**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS
ARE OPEN NOW!**

www.danseyspasstrailride.org



COME HUNGRY!



PROUDLY SUPPORTING





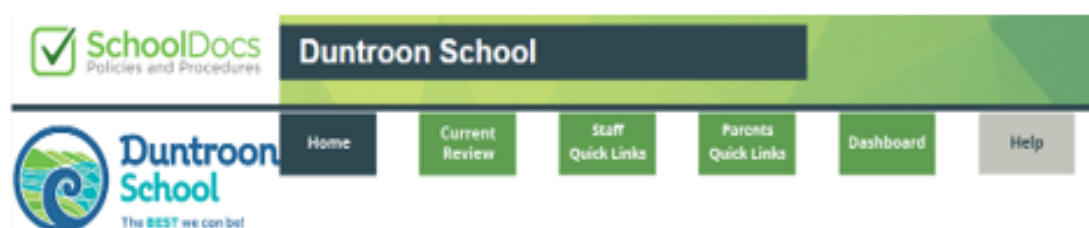
Policy Reviews Term 1 2026

Please complete the following link to your browser to access the reviews and follow the instructions on the School Docs website.

<https://duntroon.schooldocs.co.nz/>

your username is – Duntroon

your password is – 9494



Our Policy review statements for this term are on:

- **Cellphones**
- **Firearms (optional policy)**

Currently under review [About the review process](#)

We are reviewing this policy for its content and how well the school implements it. To share your comments and rate its implementation, click the "Start your review" button. This policy's subtopics are also under review if they have a review button.

[Start your review](#)

After choosing the review topic you can click start your review: Shown Above

Please complete by Friday March 27th

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

Have you downloaded our Skool Loop app yet?

Never miss important school information again!

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips

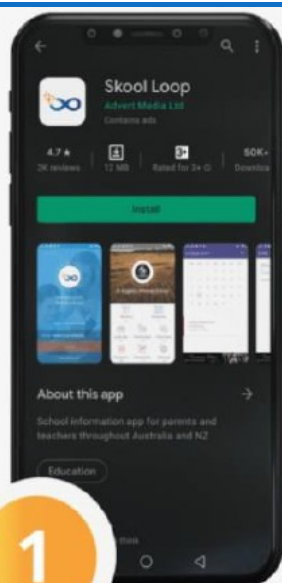


Simple free download:
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

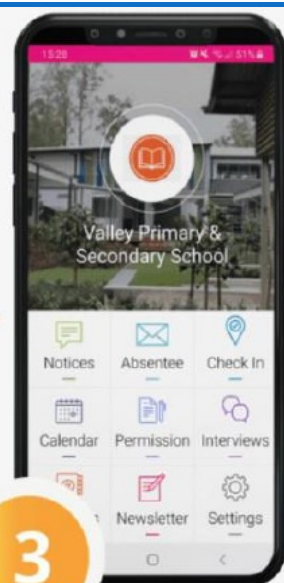
- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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Danseys Pass trail ride 21st March 2026

Our main school fundraiser!!

For those who are new to trail ride, I hope the trail ride info in the newsletter gave everyone a better understanding about the trail ride and what is involved, and how you might be able to help!

It would be great if everyone could get back to me by **Friday 27th February**, please let me know even if you are unavailable, as I will do a final ring around if I haven't received any reply.

Please write your name down for as MANY areas you would be comfortable helping with

(This ensures that I have enough flexibility to put the roster together-it doesn't mean you will be doing all of them)

Family:

Parent (Name/Number)

Parent (Name/Number)

Children: (Names/ages)

School children will be there on the day: Yes/No

Preschool children will be there on the day: Yes/No

(this in particular is helpful to know when sorting road crossings, as some roads are busier than others)

	Parent name(s) available	Times available
Help set up base camp (Friday) 9am-12pm		
Registration (Saturday) 7.30-10am		
Car parking (Saturday) 7.30-10am		
Spark arrestor checking (Saturday) 7.30-10am		
Road marshall (Saturday) 2 hour stint between 8.30-5pm		
BBQ -lunch (Saturday) 2 hour stint between 10am-6pm		
Clean up (Sunday) 10am-12pm		
Kids can help (Saturday) (name/age/what they want to help with)		

Return by phone/message to Sarah Todd 0273832555

Return by email to Sarah Todd tjs.todd.dairies@farmside.co.nz

Or return to school with your child



PAPAKAIO 8 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

Join Our SUNDAY PRE-RIDE

Come and try out the
track before race day!

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Willow Park
666 Georgetown-
Pukeuri Road, Oamaru

10AM - 1PM



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REGISTER NOW

WWW.PAPAKAIO8HOUR.COM



FIL PAPAKAIO 8 HOUR SCHOOL COMP

7-12 YRS KIDS TRACK / 13 YRS+ MAIN TRACK 4/8 HRS
1 & 2 HOUR LOOPS RIDE SOLO OR IN A COMPETITIVE OR SOCIAL TEAM



14TH MARCH 2026
WILLOW PARK, OAMARU

WIN A BIKE!

Thanks to Victor
Nelson Cycles & Giant

**WHO WILL TAKE HOME
THE SHIELD & GLORY?**

Register Now at

www.papakaio8hour.nz

ENTRY FEE \$10 7-12YRS
\$80 13YRS+ / RIDER

Follow us on
social media



Papakaio 8 Hour
Mountain Bike
Challenge



@papakaio8



FUNDRAISER FOR
PAPAKAIO SCHOOL

GLENNAVY SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS THE

\$5
per ticket

13TH ANNUAL SALMON RUN FUNDRAISER



\$500 FIRST PLACE

What: Rubber Fishy Race

When: **Sunday 29th March 2026**, race starting sharp at **11am**

Where: Meet at the parking area at the **Glenavy Domain** for a short 700m walk to the race start line at the **Te Maiharoa Road bridge**. Follow the fish down the stream to the finish line. (The track along the stream is not wheelchair or pram friendly). Prize giving, spot prizes, a BBQ, bouncy castle and more back at the Glenavy Domain after the finish.

How: Tickets are **\$5** each, with every ticket entering one fish in the race, available from local businesses, school students or the Glenavy School office. Proceeds contribute towards the schools playground upgrade.

OR COME ALONG ON THE DAY AND BUY YOUR TICKETS AT THE START LINE!

Follow us on
Facebook at:

Glenavy School PTA
Salmon Run



ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Every Tuesday 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Does not run during school holidays

Community House
100 Thames Street, Oamaru 9400

- ✓ Improve your English language skills
- ✓ Learn English speaking and listening
- ✓ The topic changes on a weekly basis
- ✓ Meet and connect with new people

Contact Justyna Miller

022 466 3240

connector@waitakimulticultural.org.nz

FREE
JOIN US
TODAY

LATIN DANCE WORKOUT



This activity is part of the Active Movement Programme and is available to all newcomers and migrants

SATURDAYS

7th February, 14th February, 21st February 2026
12.30 - 1.30 pm, Recreation Centre, 43 Orwell Street
No classes during school holidays. **Cost: FREE**



Join us for our Latin Dance Workout. Spaces are limited.

REGISTER / QUESTIONS

Justyna Miller: **0224663240**
connector@waitakimulticultural.org.nz

WAITAKIMULTICULTURAL.ORG.NZ

FACEBOOK.COM/WAITAKIMULTICULTURAL



KUROW CRICKET CLUB

2026 season starting Friday 13th February

Games are Friday nights in Term 1 and Term 4 starting at 4.30pm. There are 4 grades; Smash cricket, Primary Cricket, Intermediate A and Intermediate B. Duntroon is the home ground and games are played in Oamaru, Weston and Duntroon.

Practice will be on Wednesdays, location TBC with your coach.

For more information please follow the Facebook page
[@Kurowcricketclub](https://www.facebook.com/Kurowcricketclub)
or contact Ben Nowell 0272266619



Kurow Cricket Club





MEADOWBANK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

2026 JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

SEASON DATES – FOOTBALL WAITAKI

Start: Saturday, 2 May 2026

Final / Festival Day: Saturday, 4 July 2026

AGES & FEES

First Kicks (ages 4–6): \$40

Grades 7–13: \$80

TRAINING

Wednesday afternoons / evenings
(Times confirmed once coaches are finalised)

Fun • Friends • Fitness • All Skill Levels Welcome

SCAN TO SIGN UP



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/500428>

Riverside Junior FOOTBALL



First Kicks

Ages 4–6

\$30

- Monday 3:30 at Papakaio or Duntroon
- Focus on fun and basic skills

Junior Football

Ages 7–13

\$75

- For primary-aged players ready for weekly games and team training
- Saturday morning games
- One training per week
- Players to supply boots, shin pads and socks

Registrations now open for 2026! [Click Here to sign up](#)

Or find us on Facebook – <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/230913>



Team uniform provided
Season runs from 2 May to 4 July 2026



UNION RUGBY CLUB



REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Looking for keen primary school kids that want to play junior rippa and tackle rugby in 2026. Season starts in May.

To register click on the link below and register your child.

<https://explorer.rugby/union-rugby-club>

Any Questions
Phil Wilson
0274240311
glenurefarming@farmside.co.nz



Waitaki Multicultural

FREE

FAMILY CONNECT GROUP

Everyone is welcome

JOIN US FOR

- ✓ Friendly chats and support
- ✓ Guest speakers from Community Organisations
- ✓ Meet parents from around the World
- ✓ Playgroup activities for children 0 – 5 years

- 🕒 **Every Monday**
10.30 am – 12.30 pm
- 📍 Plunket Rooms
1 Severn Street, Oamaru
- ✉ Contact Justyna
022 466 3240
connector@waitakimulticultural.org.nz

