



Duntroon School

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 Term 4, Week 9, Friday 5th December 2025

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Tēnā koutou whanau

Touch season

Thank you to Miss Borrie who in Term 1 & in Term 4 managed the running of the Touch teams each week and also coached a junior Touch team, along with Miss Tilbury and Miss McNeill for their time attending the games on Tuesday nights.

Our THANKS to our parent Touch Coaches who gave up their time every week to make it possible for your child to play touch.

- Sarah Todd
- Gemma & Brock Hamilton
- Kirsty McLachlan
- Nathan Bayne

Library books

Please have all library books back by Monday so that all returns and chase ups can be done.

Pool

Yesterday our Heat pump for the pool had a part malfunction and we have ordered a new one which will be here early next week. The pool can still be used over the weekend if you are a key holder however it may be a wee bit fresh!

Trail ride information

You will see detailed information in this newsletter regarding the Duntroon Trail Ride that the Duntroon School Home and School group run. It is a huge event on the Trail Ride calendar and all the profits benefit our children. The organisation of this is year round building up to event on the 21st March by a very capable group of parents. They would love to have new faces come on board and offer their time. They are willing to show people what is involved and help you to learn a job big or small. It's also a great way to get to know parents in our school community.

Please take the time to read through the information and if you are interested in helping please follow the contact information given or pop into the school and we can point you in the right direction.

Lovely seeing the students in festive Christmas hats as we race to the end of the year. There have also been a few Naughty Elves in the classrooms up to mischief!

Have a great weekend
 Sarah & Staff

December

5th Dec— Yr 8 Water Day, Glenavy
 11th Dec—Reports home
 15th Dec—Term Treat
 16th Dec—School break up

First day of school 2026
Monday 2nd February

Friendly Reminder

Please try to have bus or early pick up notices in to the office by lunch time.

DUNTROON TRAIL RIDE SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026

Keep the 21st of March free to help your school in this once a year amazing fundraising event!



The Danseys pass trail ride has been going for over 20 years and has been the biggest trail ride in the south island for a number of years, we have over 1000 riders coming every year! It is an amazing event which helps provide amazing resources and opportunities for the kids at Duntroon school.

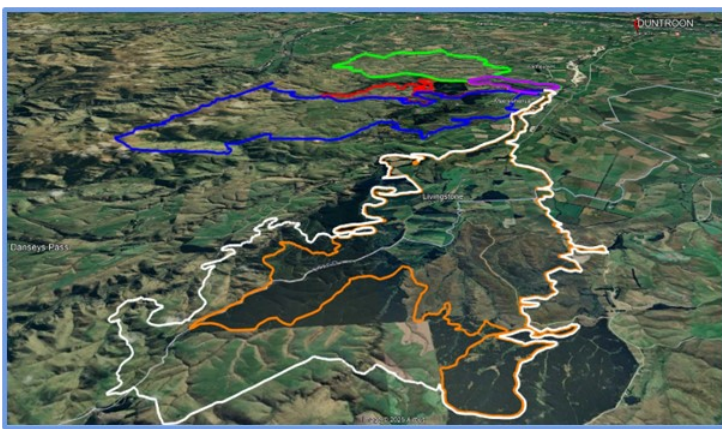
The trail ride committee has been busy ticking away in the background these last few months, getting Key things organised. However This ride needs more than committee people to ensure the event can run. On the weekend of the event we basically need someone from every family to help out in some way.

This doesn't mean you need to know anything about bikes! You also don't need to commit a lot of time, just 2 hours is all we need. There is more than one type of role needed, So have a read of this newsletter to get an idea of what we will need, ready for February when I will be sending out a request for help/availability. And don't hesitate to contact me if you want

(Sarah Todd on 0273832555)

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The Danseys pass trail ride covers a wide range of country from the tussock hill blocks up towards the Otekaieke reserve, forestry blocks behind Livingstone, gnarly bush tracks behind the Maraewhenua river, and spectacular views from the top of Ben Lomond. It has track levels for everyone from a family friendly 50cc level trail, fast and open intermediate track, 2 advanced loops providing diverse riding conditions and an 'extreme' gnarly tight track. Very few people can complete all the tracks in a day, which keeps people coming back for the fun and the challenge.



Providing epic tracks makes this a great ride!

We need **track makers** and people to help with **track maintenance** leading up to the day of the event. If you enjoy riding a 2 wheeler and want to be involved in the track team talk to Phil Wilson (0274240311) Track levels range from family to extreme.

If you're happy to use loppers, line trimmers, weed wackers or chainsaws, to clear broom gorse, and trees from tracks come along to some working bees. You will start to see notices in the newsletter/ facebook pages/Skool Loop regarding track working bees. For any information about this you can talk to Lowri OCallaghan (0211176214)

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Having a smoothly run event makes this ride a great event to come to.

People arrive at the 'Base paddock' from 7am. We need lots of people on deck here to get the event started. We require people to help with.

car parking,

registration and payments,

checking bikes and riders for safety gear

For any questions relating to these jobs, talk to Sarah Todd (0273832555) in the first instance.

Providing a safely run event is also what makes this a great ride.

we need **track marshalls** to ride loops of the tracks throughout the day,

Riders also cross roads out on track, and we need help **manning the road crossings**

If riding bikes is up your alley, and you're happy to help in this way let Phil Wilson (0274240311) know. You need to be available to pre ride on Thursday and on the day.

If you're happy to sit out on a quiet country road for some part of the day, this can just be for a 2hr stint, or if you're available all day, you can cover a variety of crossings throughout the day. Many of the roads will see no car traffic, so bringing young kids will be fine. The busier roads are best suited for people who are able to find help for kids on the day, or have older children (over 10) for questions regarding this talk to Sarah Todd (0273832555)



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If you're interested in helping please keep an eye on newsletters, and Skool Loop, but also sign up to **Duntroon school families facebook page**. This is the easiest way for committee members to communicate with families.

Providing a great ride day also means FOOD! We provide food for riders and volunteers on the day with a **BBQ** running from 8am-5pm.

For more information about the BBQ talk to Charlotte Montgomery (0273470329)

Kids can also help by selling spark arrestors at registration tent, they can hand out rider briefings as riders line up to register, and older kids can be the second adult on the quieter road crossings.



Summary

	Role	When
Bike riding roles	Assist with track making	months leading up
	Track marshall	Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Field jobs (bike related)	Spark and safety gear checking	On the day 7-11am
Field jobs (not bike related)	Car parking	On the day 7-11am
	Registration and payments	On the day 7-11am
	Controlling a road crossing	On the day (2 hr roster)
	Track Maintenance (working bees)	Months leading up (usually 6/7.30pm)
Food	BBQ assist	On the day (7-5pm on a roster)

POOL CONTACT

Please feel free to print it out, fill it out and bring it into the office, OR there are forms at the office.

Duntroon School Pool - Code of Conduct 2025/26

Safety

- Key holders are responsible for ALL people they admit to the pool.
- No one is to swim alone.
- Keys are for the use of family members and their guests. Keys are not to be shared.
- Children under the age of 16 must be actively supervised by a person 18 yrs or older.
- Due to health and hygiene reasons all babies/toddlers not yet toilet trained must wear swim pants such as Huggies "Little Swimmers" (not underwear) whilst swimming.
- No jumping, bombing or diving into the pool.

Pool

- Opening hours: 6am-9pm (During school terms the pool is closed to the public 9am-3pm)
- It's essential that you sign the pool register when you enter and leave the complex.
- Ensure the cover is placed back over the pool and the gate is locked when leaving.
- Please leave the complex in a tidy state and remove your own rubbish.
- The swimming pool complex is smoke-free at all times.
- Please report any damage or concerns to Sarah Caldwell, Principal - 027 434 9068

Keys

These are available to school families at the subsidised cost of \$50.00. They're also available to those without children at our school for \$100.00. Lost keys will be invoiced for at the replacement cost of \$10.00 each.

Online payments can be made to the school account 02-0900-0000540-00. Please enter your name and POOL as reference. A key will be issued once payment is received and a Code of Conduct completed and signed.

Keys are limited and are available on a first-come/first-served basis. Please return keys to the school office by the date specified and don't hold over until the next season.

I/we have read the above Code of Conduct and understand and accept the guidelines therein.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....email.....

Signed.....Dated.....

Disclaimer: The Duntroon BOT accepts no responsibility for any accidents or injuries whilst using the pool complex or for damage to personal property. Use the pool at your own risk. The BOT reserves the right to close the pool at any time due to Health & Safety issues.

Please return this key to the school office by 31st March 2026

KEY#.....

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Waitaki Community
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Primary & Intermediate-
aged children



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For more info contact the Rec
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Different activities each day!

DUNTROON PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS 10-12 PM | BEHIND DUNTROON SCHOOL

COME AND JOIN US!

AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR RURAL PARENTS TO HANG OUT WHILE THEIR CHILDREN PLAY.

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONE'S MORNING TEA, THE JUG IS ALWAYS BOILED FOR THE ADULTS.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP- DUNTROON PLAYGROUP FOR MORE INFO



NORTH OTAGO PONY CLUB

A safe and supportive community where young people enjoy equestrian activities and grow their knowledge.

Where it begins!

- Learn how to care for and ride horses safely and effectively
- Monthly rallies with instruction in riding and horse management
- Aimed at children and young people under 25 years of age
- All stages and abilities are catered for
- Earn certificates in an internationally recognised syllabus
- Make friends and participate in fun activities and events
- Opportunities to compete and be part of teams
- Excellent value with low fees and experienced coaches
- Access to grounds and facilities

Whether you're want to ride for fun or aim for the top, Pony Club is New Zealand's gateway to a lifelong journey with horses.

For more information contact us through Facebook or coachnopc@gmail.com

www.nzpca.org



Give it a go!

First three rallies are free for prospective members

