



Duntroon School

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Term 2, Week 2, Friday 01st May 2026

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Kia ora whanau

A beautiful week of weather for us at Duntroon.

The Trapping Club is out and about as I write this newsletter setting up their traps with Lou. Lou and the group started last week by collecting up the traps and preparing them to go back out. Lou and the group use the TrapNZ App to monitor where the traps are, how often they are checked, the condition of the traps and lures being used, lure type and of course pests caught, their size, species and gender. Each student has a trap assigned to them on this App.

Lou is looking to widen the catchment area to support pest free Duntroon. Next the group is going to explore the Duntroon Domain. They are going to map the area, calculate mass of area, lay out tracking pads to see what sort of pest is around and of course document each tracking line and tacking pad.



We are lucky to have someone with Lou's skills who can guide this group as there are career pathway opportunities in this area of work and may be something our students pursue in the future with the Department of Conservation.

So much activity today at Duntroon with visitors from St Kevins College. We are lucky to host one of our past students and have a work experience opportunity with us each Friday. Isla is thinking about teaching as a career and we welcome her to be part of our team on her visits and hopefully sow the seed of her becoming a teacher in the future.

House Captains

Our House Captains meet with their groups each Friday. They celebrate House members who have had a great week and get someone to report back from each class about their week's learning. The House Captains also share a new piece of information each week regarding the history of their House name and the links to Duntroon.

PALs

Our PALs have had their second round of teaching a new game with their designated class. They are learning about the complexities of how to give clarity to instructions, organise people and think ahead, be ready to modify the rules to meet the interest and age of the class they are working with. A skill they will be able to apply in many situations as they head to High School and hopefully lead into coaching a sport or manage groups of people.

Pool keys

Please return your pool key to the Office if you have one. If you know of a key holder outside of our school families, please give them a reminder as well.

Have a great weekend.

Sarah & Staff

Ruma Toru Times

Duntroon, Friday, May 1, 2026

\$3.40

Purple Poppies

It has been a busy first two weeks of term in Room Toru. In the first week, we learned not only about the meaning behind red poppies, but also about purple poppies. Purple poppies symbolise the animals that served in war, so we created information posters using Google Drawings.

Basketball Drills

Yesterday, we were lucky to have basketball drills with Jacob. We played a game where he numbered us off, then bounced the ball and called out a number. That number determined how many of us ran out to compete against each other in a mini game.



Anzac Art

We made Red Poppies and Wreaths.



Dates to Remember

MAY

Friday 8th—Yr8 Activity day, Papakaio

Thurs 21st—BOT Meeting

Fri 29th—School Speech Finals

JUNE

Mon 1st June—Kings Birthday (School Closed)

Tues 2nd—Fri 5th—Tech Week

Thurs 11th—WRSN Speech Finals

Mon 15th June—Friends of Duntroon School Meeting (All Welcome)

Thurs 25th - BOT Meeting

Fri 26th—Winter Sports Day

Fri 3rd July—Last day of term 2

Invitation to Open Night 2026



Date: 21 May 2026
Time: 6 - 7:30 pm
Where: M K Dunning Hall

You are warmly invited to come along to our **Open Evening** to explore everything our school has to offer. Whether you are a prospective student or parent, we'd love to show you around!

At the conclusion, you are invited to the Hall for a refreshment.

Our **Open Day** will be Thursday 30th July 2026 starting at 11am in the MK Dunning Hall.



WANT TO LEARN TO TAP DANCE?

Tap Dance Classes

GREAT FITNESS
BUILDS CONFIDENCE

6 week Beginners Course for all ages

Adult Classes available

Phone Dianne on 0273032067 for further information

2026
SENIOR & JUNIOR
HOCKEY UMPIRE
SESSION

WITH AIDAN SCARLETT
FROM OTAGO HOCKEY

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL
AT THE PAVILION

JUNIOR UMPIRES - 4PM
SENIOR UMPIRES - 6PM

Playing Basketball?

You **must** be registered online!

PLAY BASKETBALL

All players, at every level of the game, are required to be registered online and pay the annual Basketball Development Levy.

As basketball continues to grow, ongoing investment in key priority areas is essential to support better participation experiences for everyone.

No matter how often you play, the levy is only paid once per calendar year.

Registered players also unlock exclusive VIP offers, discounts, and member benefits.

Scan the QR code to complete the quick and easy online registration and stay connected to the game.



For more information regarding the levy, please visit www.nz.basketball



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



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

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LATIN DANCE WORKOUT



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

WEDNESDAYS

6.45pm-7.35 pm, at the Recreation Centre, 43 Orwell Street

No classes during school holidays. **Cost: FREE**



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

REGISTER / QUESTIONS

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SCOUTS Aotearoa

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SEA SCOUTS THIS TERM?

Join our adventure programme for all youth aged 5 to 18! Find us on Facebook or scouts.nz for more info

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