



# Duntroon School

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Kia ora whanau

**Whew** ... an action packed term. It may have been 9 weeks but we have covered off a great deal of work and activities that would normally have been across 10 weeks. An ERO visit at the start, Rippa tournament. Yr 8 Leadership Camp, Tech, PALs training, Jane's farewell along with extensive Professional Development by the teachers over and above settling their students into their classroom and communicating about their learning on the 2 days of Parent/Teacher/Student learning conversations ... There is no doubt we are all ready for a breather.

As I write this, the students are anticipating the Easter Term Treat so beautifully organised by our House Captains and supported by their teachers. Lou has taken some great photos for you all to enjoy. It has been fun to see the kids arriving in mufti/dress up. Lots of Easter bunnies hopping around. The effort made to dress up was also great to see. All the staff have been impressed with attitude and effort in term 1 by students. A reminder that school closes today and opens again on Monday 20th April.

## HOME & SCHOOL

I attended the de-brief of the Danseys Pass Trail Ride (Home & School Committee) on Monday night. The work of everyone towards its success and record breaking entries is quite exceptional. Next term I will be able to update you where the funds you all have helped raise will go towards to benefit your child.

Keep an eye out for the next Home & School meeting on **15th June 3 - 4 pm** everyone is welcome. They have made a 3-4pm meeting in the hope this is a good time for people to attend. If this is new to you then pop in and see who is involved and what you can be part of. Don't worry they won't expect you to take up a position (which is often people's fear!) they would love to see as many as possible.

## UNIFORM

As the days become a little cooler please ensure your child has either a polar fleece or merino top to wear. Most importantly PLEASE name these pieces of clothing.

Polar fleece tops can be purchased from The Warehouse.

Merinos can be purchased online from [Mainland Uniforms](#).

I do have merino tops in the following sizes so you can come to the Office and purchase these if you wish. Once they are sold it will be online purchasing only from then. 1 x size 5 /6, 1 x size 7 /8, 2 x size 10, 1 x size 14. Home & School kindly subsidise \$20 off the merino top.

## ATTENDANCE

Each day attendance is coded on our system at school. The attendance data is then accessed by the Ministry for reports called 'Every Day Matters' (EDM).

In order for the data to correctly reflect our Duntroon School student attendance we require timely and detailed reasons for the absence of your child.

I have noticed a pattern lately of getting a message about a child/children's absence with "our family is attending an appointment". This is not enough detail for your child's reason for their absence.

We require detail as to their absence please.

These are the threshold colours (days absent in a term)

**Green:** Up To 4.5 days

**Yellow:** 5 To 9.5 days

**Orange:** 10 To 14.5 days

**Red:** 15+ days

If your child is identified as being in the yellow, orange or red threshold you can expect contact from me and we will be talking about how we can support you to ensure your child is not 'flagged' in those instances and make improvements towards regular attendance.

You will find the Attendance Management Plan (AMP) on our website. Please take the time to read through this document so you can be fully informed with regards to the Attendance procedure at Duntroon School.

*Happy holidays everyone*  
*Sarah & Staff*



# Term Treat



# Term Yearly



Dates to Remember

APRIL

Fri 03rd Good Friday—School Closed

Mon 20th—Term 2 Begins

June—Mon 15th Home & School Meeting

THANK YOU


LJ HOOKER, OAMARU

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION TO OUR SCHOOL

## Duntroon School

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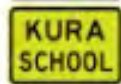
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Skool Loop App please email [Content@skoolloop.com](mailto:Content@skoolloop.com)  
To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search  
'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

# Safe speeds around schools

## Ngā tere haumaruru tata ki ngā kura

### New variable speed limit - coming to your school soon

To help keep young New Zealanders safe, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is setting a new variable speed limit that targets the times when vulnerable children are most active around our schools.



#### What this means for your school

As required by the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, a variable speed limit of 30km/h outside your school on the state highway has been approved by the Director of Land Transport.

We're working through the details for installation and will do our best to minimise disruption. Details will be shared via school communications channels once confirmed, such as timings for installation and if there will be any impact on travel around school.

#### When will the variable speed limit operate, and how will people know it's operating?

The variable speed limit will be active when students are travelling to and from school, at the beginning and end of each school day. The school and NZTA may also turn the signs on for activities such as late starts, or early finish times, or school functions, when there is similar risk to tamariki.

When operating, the variable speed limit will appear on a flashing electronic sign. If the sign is not turned on, the normal permanent speed limit applies.

**Variable speed limits are legally enforceable.**

#### Helping students understand the importance of safe speed limits

If you're a parent, caregiver or teacher wanting to help students understand why safe speeds are important around schools, there are several resources available in the **NZTA Education Portal**.

These include ideas for fun and interactive lessons you can do with tamariki in the classroom, in the courtyard or at home.

Scan the QR code to go to the Education Portal resource, **Safe speeds around schools**.



For any queries, please email [schoolspeedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:schoolspeedmanagement@nzta.govt.nz)

# 1001 Arabian Nights

and a matinee!



1001 Arabian Nights and A Matinee  
at the Oamaru Repertory Theatre,  
April 15th, 16th and 17th at 7.30pm, 18th and 19th at 4pm.  
Tickets available from Rose's General Store daily 10-5 or by  
email to [tickets@oamarurepitory.co.nz](mailto:tickets@oamarurepitory.co.nz) or 1 hour prior to  
each performance at the Theatre.



## OAMARU HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

DATE	VENUE	SESSION	TIMES	PRICE
Thu 3 April	King George Park Oamaru	Football Fundamentals: 7-12 year olds Boys and Girls	10am - 1pm	\$40
Thu 3 April	King George Park Oamaru	Girls Only Clinic: 7-12 Year olds 13+ year olds	2:00pm - 3:30pm 3:45pm - 5:15pm	\$20 per session \$35 for both



To register email [leigh@southernfootball.co.nz](mailto:leigh@southernfootball.co.nz)

## A DISCOVERY IN THE ROCKS

Meet the  
Author

Kurow Museum

Friday 17 April

10:30am to 12pm

Come meet Mary Duff, author of a new children's picture book about the rare fossils of North Otago. Book reading & signing, watercolour painting and more.

Contact: [info@kurow.org.nz](mailto:info@kurow.org.nz) 03 436 0950

## JUNIOR HOCKEY CO-ORDINATOR

North Otago hockey are looking for an outgoing person to join our Association, co-ordinating our Junior Hockey. This role is predominantly on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 6/7pm but may also include some in school visits and helping out with turf bookings.

### Tasks include

- Overseeing Junior Competition
- Learning the Fun Sticks Programme
- Allocating umpires and assisting
- Inputting scores to playhq

### Attributes

- Some understanding of sport
- Have strong communication and problem solving skills
- Be able to think on your feet
- Develop relationships with players, umpires and coaches.

This job is a fixed term.

Training will be given to the successful applicant.

For all enquiries please email  
northotagohockey@gmail.com

## 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](http://WAITAKIMULTICULTURAL.ORG.NZ)

[FACEBOOK.COM/WAITAKIMULTICULTURAL](https://FACEBOOK.COM/WAITAKIMULTICULTURAL)



## 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](mailto:connector@waitakimulticultural.org.nz)

FREE  
JOIN US  
TODAY



## 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  
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  
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connector@waitakimulticultural.org.nz

