



Duntroon School



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Term 2, Week 1, Friday 24th April 2026

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Kia ora whanau

Our first week back has been very productive and fun. We got to enjoy the first time of our PALs leading games with each class. They will continue this every Thursday afternoon this term.

The hills look stunning coated in a blanket of snow but as we have all experienced, the colder temperatures are upon us.

As I said in the previous newsletter, please ensure your child has their warm sweatshirt or jersey each day at school (named).

There were still children at school this week without one. Our second hand uniforms are at a low, so if you have any good quality uniform pieces at home that you would like to donate to our shelves, that would be most appreciated. Bring them into the office.

Winter Sports

Winter Sports have started which makes for a busy term. Lunchtime practices and games after school will be starting. Mrs Frear and Miss McNeill have been busy organising hockey and basketball/miniball teams. The Netball girls and soccer players have had their first practices after school. A huge thank you to everyone that makes it possible for our children to be part of a sports team. It is a well known fact that being part of a team, being committed to it for a season, meeting new people, improving their skills, improving fitness and mostly having fun, all contribute to the growth of a young person. We always look forward to the sports result each week at Assembly.

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.

Mary Duff

As you can see Mary Duff is being celebrated at the Waitaki Artisans Gallery in Oamaru when she shares the artists (many of our students), designers and of course her as an author on 17th May - then it will be on display 24th April to 19th May. These will be the original artwork the Duntroon students created. Pop in and have a look.



ANZAC Day

Many of our students have been learning about the significance of ANZAC Day and the people, history and stories linked to it. Our wonderful TA Anne Phillips-Vira spoke to Room 1 about the historical treasures and photos of her Grandfather. A box that was sent to soldiers overseas in the war or during training. It has a list of what the contents were which would have been contained in small glass bottles. The stories behind these were so interesting. Sharing historical stories is so important to educate our young people about the past events so they can learn about them and I'd like to think, become a little wiser.

I hope you all have a safe and reflective long weekend. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 28th April.

Sarah & Staff



ANZAC Day Activities

Lest we forget



Room 3 made beautiful poppies.



Room 1 big buddies working with Room 5 little buddies making Anzac biscuits.



Room 4 got very creative with their ANZAC Day work.



The Red Poppy story was listened to by Room 2 and they made a fabulous job of their pop-up book .

Duntroon Fire Brigade

Warmly invite

The Duntroon Community

To lite morning tea following the

Dawn ANZAC Service

On Saturday 25th April at

Duntroon Fire Station

4 Rees Street, Duntroon

Everyone Welcome

2026

SENIOR & JUNIOR HOCKEY UMPIRE SESSION

WITH AIDAN SCARLETT
FROM OTAGO HOCKEY

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL
AT THE PAVILION

JUNIOR UMPIRES - 4PM
SENIOR UMPIRES - 6PM

Dates to Remember

APRIL

Mon 25th April—ANZAC day observed
(school closed)

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



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

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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
- ✉ Contact Justyna
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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?

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