

Principals News.... Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

Bus relief drivers

From this Monday August 19th until Friday August 30th there will be relief bus drivers as follows:

Earthquakes bus - Kat McLennan

Eastern Road bus - Jo Patterson

These drivers may be happy to give you their contact information if you need it. Please touch base with them to request this.

Bus Reminder to parents and caregivers –

Please be on the correct side of the road when picking up and dropping off your children for the bus.

North Otago Cross Country

We have several students entering the North Otago Cross Country on Monday August 19th . This is at the Pony club at Oamaru Racecourse. We hope to see parents there to support. We would like students to be in full uniform and be there at 3:45pm please. Good luck to you all!!

Students who do well in the North Otago event may qualify for the Otago Cross Country in Dunedin on Friday September 6th .

Headlice

We have sent a note home to some classrooms this week where we have had reports of headlice to let parents know. Please check your child's hair and if you see headlice present; treat and notify school. If your child presents at school with headlice we will notify you to collect them from school for treatment. Once they have been treated, they will be able to return to school. This is to reduce the spread within school. We thank you for your cooperation with this. If you require any further advice, please contact the school.

Curriculum Refresh

Revisiting my message around Maths from my last newsletter I wanted to touch base with parents regarding refresh of the NZ curriculum. The refreshed maths curriculum has been released a year earlier. This week in fact. It is now out to schools for feedback, and we will be required to implement this from Term 1, 2025. The refreshed English curriculum will be released from 26 August for feedback, and we will be required to implement this from Term 1, 2025 also. As a staff we have already had a good look through the draft maths curriculum. We have no further feedback to offer and agreed that there are certainly positive changes for our students within this.

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A couple of general reminders:

- *Name pie warmers clearly with a marker. Tricky to get to the right student with no name. ☹️
- *Provide spoons, forks etc for lunch boxes. The staffroom is running low.
- *Name uniform items. We are still picking up jerseys etc with no names.

Have a great weekend

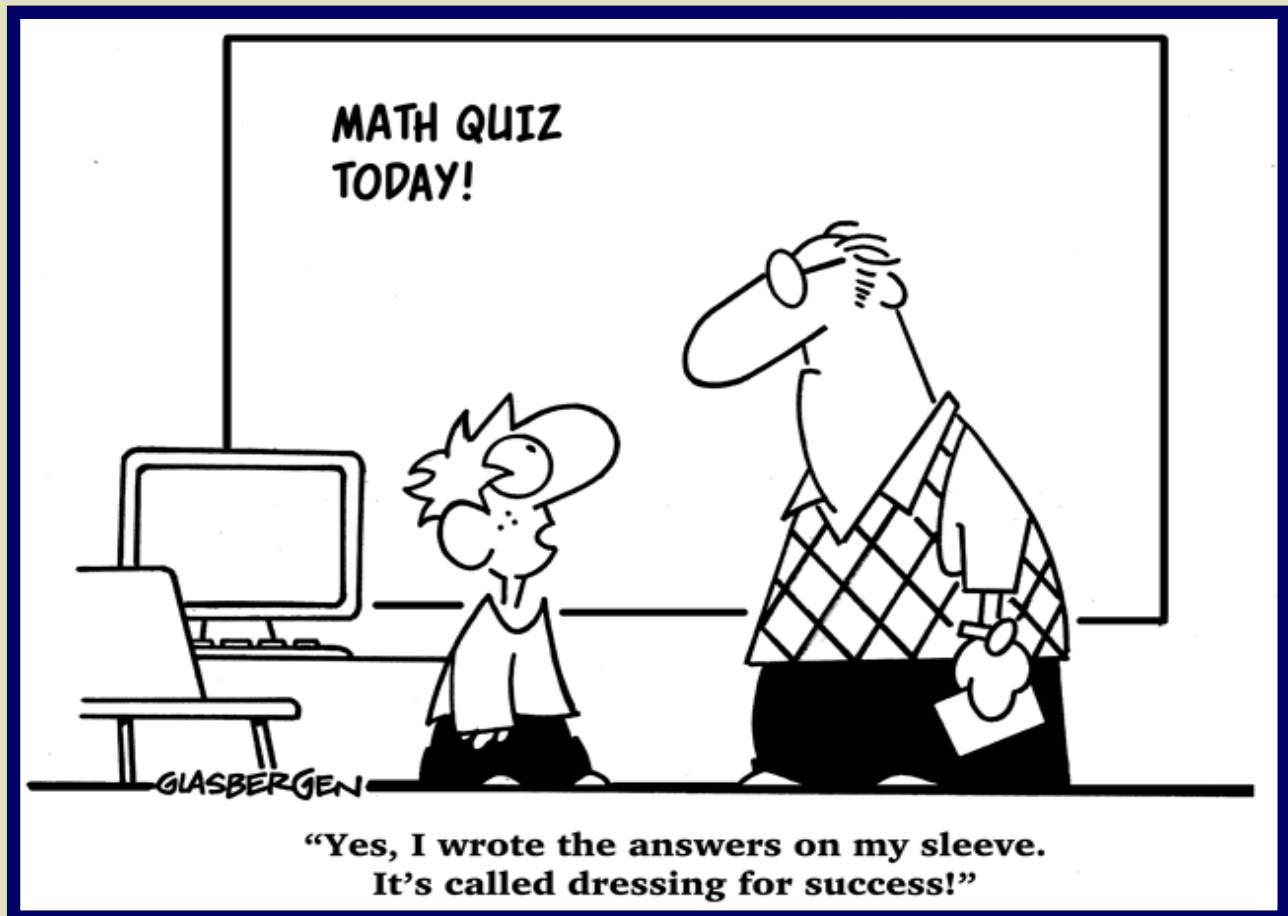
Nga Mihi Nui

Mike and staff



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Policy Reviews Term 3 2024

Please copy and paste the following link into 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

Click on the Current Review Tab – *Shown here*



Our policy reviews for this term are on:

Concerns and complaints, Media, Performance Management, Professional Development, Disclosures, Staff conduct, Staff leave

Currently under review

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.

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

Please complete by Friday September 20th 2024

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

Ruma Wha News

Welcome to Ruma Wha in Week 4 of Term 2. We have a very busy classroom with new children joining us. At the end of Term 2 we said goodbye to Pun and MJ who have moved through to Room 3 with Miss McNeill. We know they will be having a great time in Room 3. We miss them. We now have extra children taking their place. A huge welcome to Greta, Hugh and Billie who have made an amazing start to their school life in Room 4. Jack is also visiting once a week even though he does not start full time until next year. Jack you already look like you have been here for ever. Our philosophy is for the new children to visit as often as possible during different times of the day so that when they start it is completely normal to them. We try to make it work for each family and their commitments as well. The rest of Room 4 can be extremely proud of the way they guide and support our new children. You are all amazing.

At the end of last term after a lot of hard work Room 4 made their own Matariki lanterns and stars which are very proudly hanging above our window. The children



Last week when the Year 7 and 8 students were at technology in Oamaru the Year 6 children provided an amazing afternoon of Mini Olympic activities. They did an amazing job and can be really proud of their effort. The children all had a great time.



Have a great weekend

Room 4

Emileigh, Ashton, Grace, Jayden, Georgie, Logan D, Logan T, Ioan, Jordan, Riley, Connor, Marnie, Aleigha, Michael, Rivah, Hugh, Greta, Billie and Jack.

Welcome to School...



Hugh Fenwick

Hugh lives on a farm with his Mum, his Dad and little sister Ellie.

He has a dog called Champ and a cat called Betsy.

His most favourite food is peanut butter and Jam sandwiches and his favourite colours are red and orange.

Basketball and Rugby are the sports Hugh loves the most.

He loves to watch Spiderman on the TV because he thinks Spiderman is pretty cool!

When Hugh is not at school he loves to help Dad out on the farm.

Hugh most admires his friend Edward.

Happy School Days Hugh, we hope you love it here.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

August 16th— Playgroup Kids Disco at Duntroon Hall

August 19th—North Otago Cross Country

August 29/30th—Year 7/8 Ski Trip

SEPTEMBER

September 4th—North Otago Tennis

September 4th—School Photos

September 6th—Otago Cross Country

September 12th—BOT meeting

September 13th—Year 8 Day

18th September—Progress Interviews

20th September—Progress Interviews

26th September—Showcase (parents welcome)

26th September—Last day of Term Three.

27th September—Teacher Only Day

DUNTROON PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS 10-12 PM | BEHIND DUNTROON SCHOOL

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KIDS DISCO

16TH AUGUST 5.30-7.00PM

DUNTROON HALL

Bring a plate for supper
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