



Duntroon School

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Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po

Hockey finals

The Duntroon families and staff members got to watch the most exciting finals for the senior Hockey team on Tuesday night at the hockey turf. The final score was 4-3 to PapFive (combination of players from Papakaio, Five Forks and Ardgowan). The team work and ability to never give up right until the final whistle showed the Duntroon character. A huge 'Thank you' to Lou who has given many lunchtimes and evenings of her time to coach this team. Their skill level reflects this.

Illness

We have really been hit hard by the flu in the last few weeks with many students home. Thank you to all the families for managing this at such a busy time on the farming calendar and communicating with us here at school. Hopefully we are coming out the other side of this.

Clued up kids

We had a very small group of 4 attend this with Mrs Frear as many were away sick. Huw and Heine shared with me today some of their learning:

- When dealing with old and flat batteries, tape the end and store in sand where they won't go on fire.
- At each different area they learnt the safety slogans e.g. "stop, drop and hold" for an Earthquake. For a motorbike "wear it or park it" wear the helmet otherwise don't ride the bike.

Board information

Elections have closed and once all details are confirmed I will share a message next week with you all as to who our new Board members are.

Personnel news

At our Board meeting yesterday, we reluctantly accepted the resignation of Kate Borrie from her teaching position, effective at the end of Term 4, 2025. Kate is heading off on her OE to explore the world!

As many of you know, Kate is a valued member of the Duntroon School team. Her teaching expertise and professionalism have made a significant contribution, particularly in her role as the Year 7 & 8 teacher. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school.

There will be a farewell at the end of Term 4 to formally acknowledge and celebrate Kate's time with us.

We will begin the appointment process shortly and advertise for a new teacher to join our team from the start of 2026.

Duntroon Board of Trustees

Have a great weekend

Sarah and Staff

TERM REMINDERS: AUGUST

11 Aug—NO Cross Country

15 Aug—Year 7/8 Ski Trip

28 Aug—School Photos

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 3—Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament

Sept 4—BOT Meeting

Sept 5—Year 8 Hiokoi—Moeraki

Sept 9—Cricket Skills

Sept 19—Showcase

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN RUMA RUA THIS WEEK?

CLUED UP KIDS

Year 6 students that were fit and well enjoyed a morning in town learning about being safe in certain situations. Some take away quotes were:

- In an earthquake "Drop, Cover, Hold".
- If you find a dog on its own leave it alone.
- A safe firearm is an empty firearm.
- On a quad or motorbike wear it (helmet) or park it.



SOUTH ISLAND ROCKS!

On Thursday Ruma Rua participated in a times table challenge with 50 other South Island primary schools. We were happy with being placed 14th.



NORTH OTAGO BASKETBALL

Jacob Fowler took the school through their paces on Thursday with some fun basketball drills. The Year 7&8 team managed to get in an extra practice too.





How lucky were the year 7 and 8 hockey kids on Tuesday!

They had the opportunity to train with two NZ Masters hockey players.

We all learnt a lot.

Thank you to Lisa Watson and Jody Robinson for your time and effort to help our kids.

A few housekeeping things to mention

- **Bus Notices**—Any changes to the way your child is travelling home from school should be emailed or text to the school office. Preferably by lunchtime as afternoons can be really busy in the office, and these notices can sometimes get missed.
- **Please remember to back your vehicle into a parking space when dropping off or picking up your child from school.** This is particularly important, as if you are backed into a park, this allows you to see if there are any children in your path.
- **Please remember to send cutlery to school in your child's lunchbox if they need it to eat their lunch.**



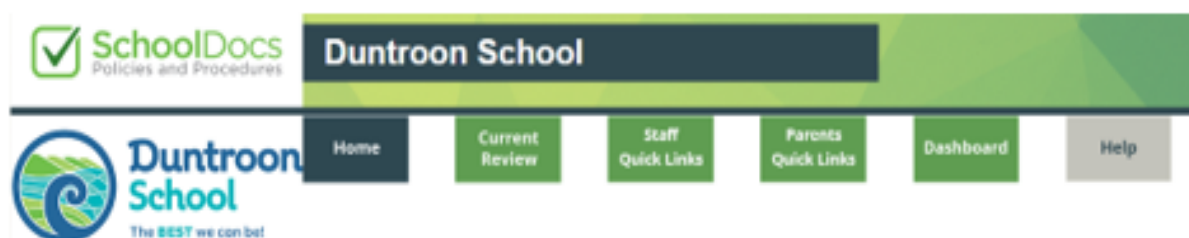
Policy Reviews Term 3 2025

Please complete the following link to your browser to access the reviews and follow the instructions on the School Docs website.

<https://duntroon.school.co.nz>

your username is – Duntroon

your password is – 9494



Our Policy review statements for this term are on:

- **Food and Nutrition**
- **Police Vetting**
- **Missing Student Procedure**

Currently under review

[About the review process](#)

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 if they have a review button.

[Start your review](#)

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

Please complete by Friday September 19th

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.



**Shave
for a Cure**

Can you help me raise vital funds to help those affected by blood cancer in Aotearoa?



Scan this QR code to donate to my fundraising page! Thank you so much for your support!

www.shaveforacure.co.nz

The poster features a vibrant orange and teal background with circular inset photos of people shaving their heads. A QR code is prominently displayed in the center, with an arrow pointing to it. The text is in a mix of bold, sans-serif and handwritten-style fonts.



Tyler has been growing his hair for a very worthy cause. Very soon he will have it all shaved off so he can help raise funds for blood cancer in New Zealand. Please help support Tyler on his quest to raise funds for people affected by blood



Go Bus are looking for relief drivers in the Duntroon and Kurow area.

If you are interested or would like some more information, please contact Jenni Sinclair on 021 761 481 or email jenni.sinclair@gobus.co.nz



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



OAMARU INTERMEDIATE PRESENTS



By Craig Hawes

14 AUG | 1PM & 6PM

W.B.H.S. Auditorium

Tickets available at
O.I.S. Office



FUSTAL

TERM 4

SCHOOL YEARS 1-8



EXTENDED TERM 4!!
13TH OCT - 1ST DEC

Contact your School NOW!!!

MORE INFO:
waitakifootball@gmail.com



If you want to help out in your community and be part of a friendly bunch of volunteers look no further than the Duntroon Volunteer Fire Brigade!

Duntroon Volunteer Fire Brigade needs you!



JOIN OUR TEAM OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE
STEPPING UP FOR THE DUNTROON COMMUNITY

WE ATTEND APPROXIMATELY 30 CALL-OUTS, EVERY YEAR. THIS INCLUDES:

- EMERGENCY CALLS
- VEGETATION WORK
- RURAL HERD COLLECTING
- BRICKS CHECKING OUT
- HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

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