



# Duntroon School

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Newsletter  
09-08-2024  
Term 3, Week 3

## Principals News....

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

### Upper Waitaki Cross Country

This was an awesome day up in Omarama. Well done to all our students who participated in this event. You did very well and gave it your best. We had several students who placed in the top 6 for their year groups and will be entered into the North Otago Cross Country which is to be held on Monday August 19th . Mrs Frear has sent home information about this. The results are attached to this newsletter.

### Winter Sports

Winter sports are starting to wrap up for the season. We have seen and heard about some great results across all of our sporting codes, including those where our students play for clubs. We share our results each week at assemblies, and it is always so nice to hear how Duntroon students have applied themselves to their chosen sport or sports regardless of the result. I want to thank all those parents, teachers and volunteers who step up to make these sports possible. Coaches, drivers, managers and supporters – Thanks heaps!

### Weather – Uniform

We are still seeing some cold and wet days here at school. Jackets can be worn to and from school and at break times. We also encourage students to keep their jerseys on when they are outside playing or doing sport. Some students are turning up without a jersey on very cold days. Please ensure they have the appropriate clothing to avoid getting cold and potentially sick.

### PR1ME Mathematics

No doubt you have seen media coverage about poor overall maths results and a move to schools having to provide a structured maths programme. I wanted to assure parents that at Duntroon school we use a structured approach to maths. PR1ME maths gives students and teachers the structure, resources and approaches to teaching that support our students in their maths learning. I reported to the Board of Trustees at our meeting last week that as of June 2024 (end of two terms this year) we have 87% of all our students at or above the expected level in maths. This is an improvement from 2023. We are confident that what we have to offer in maths is catering for our students to improve knowledge and understating in all areas of maths. At the progress interviews at the end of this term, students will be able to show their parents what has been happening in PR1ME. Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of what PR1ME maths is about.

News continued over page....



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### Bus change – heads up

From Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> there will be relief drivers for both Earthquakes and Eastern Road buses as Mickey and Cheryl will be away on leave. Go Bus will give us more information about this closer to the time. We will keep parents on these two routes updated.

Have a great weekend

Nga Mihi Nui

Mike and staff



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**“I probably remember 20% of the stuff  
I learned in school and forgot the other 90%.”**

# PR1ME™

## About PR1ME Mathematics

PR1ME Mathematics is based on three of the top performing maths countries in the world: Singapore, South Korea and Hong Kong. PR1ME was developed alongside the Ministry of Education in Singapore. The programme and its content speak to the universal world of mathematics and mathematics education. It is the one curriculum area whose subject matter is the substantially the same, no matter where on Earth you are.

### Key features of PR1ME Mathematics

- Covers junior through to senior year levels of primary education – Years 1 to 8
- Follows a text-based programme that allows ample scope for localised and teacher augmentation
- Ensures a consistent approach to teaching, programme content and sequencing of learning through each year level of the school
- Provides built-in teacher professional development and support for all mathematics concepts and problem-solving strategies
- Develops mathematical understandings progressively through concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches
- Builds student confidence through consistent problem-solving strategies
- Mathematical problems are posed in multiple ways
- Knowledge and skills at each step of learning are regularly applied to contextual, real-world problems
- Through a scaffolded approach, mastery of increasingly complex concepts (strategies) and skills is built up from previous steps of learning
- Maintenance and mastery are supported by revisiting and practising concepts and skills previously learned
- Active discussion and engagement among students is key to their learning rather than rote, lock-step approaches
- Supplementary resources and activities that fit with the programme are already available in schools
- Regular assessments provide formative feedback and contribute to summative purposes

# Upper Waitaki Cross Country Results

## Year 1 Girls

1st—Marnie Cunningham  
3rd—Georgie Wilson  
5th—Emileigh Rapsey

## Year 2 Girls

1st—Krystal Todd

## Year 3 Girls

4th—Eleanor O'Callaghan  
5th—Matilda Stalker

## Year 5 Girls

6th—Boh Hamilton

## Year 6 Girls

1st—Sadie McLachlan  
2nd—Alaina Tait  
6th—Annabelle Andrews

## Year 7 Girls

2nd—Ruby Tremewan  
4th—Trelise Barbour  
5th—Hazel Wills  
6th—Lilly-Grace Bayne

## Year 8 Girls

2nd Greer Neal

## Year 1 Boys

2nd—Ashton Buckland  
3rd—Jordan Tezise  
4th—Logan Trezise  
5th—Jayden Todd

## Year 2 Boys

1st—Reid Wilson  
3rd—Fletcher Hamilton  
6th—Arthur Douglas

## Year 3 Boys

2nd—Hugo Barbour

## Year 4 Boys

3rd—Jackson Hamilton  
5th—Mace Benbow

## Year 5 Boys

3rd—Henry Tremewan

## Year 6 Boys

2nd—Jacob Trezise  
3rd—Kane Bell  
5th—Sid Stalker

## Year 8 Boys

1st—Cohen McLachlan  
3rd—Fred Stalker

# Congratulations!

# Ruma Toru News

Some students in Room 3 have been learning about *directional movement* this term and it has been very exciting using the *Bee-bot* to support our learning in this topic. The students have completed challenges in an aquarium and forest.

Students had to think carefully about the way that their body was positioned, compared to the Bee-bot, to ensure that the directions they select will point the Bee-bot in the correct direction.

**Scan the QR code below to see our students in action!**



We have also been learning about the variety of sports in the *2024 Paris Olympics*.

We investigated the pictograms used to symbolise each sport and have created tinfoil sculptures of an athlete in action. This was a very challenging task that involved a lot of perseverance.

Rosa's



**Gymnastic Athletes**



Ollie's



**Archery Athlete**



# Welcome to School...



## Greta Tremewan

Greta lives on a farm with Dad, Mum her sisters Ruby and Rosa and her brother Henry.

She has a dog called Maizie and a horse called Angel.

Greta's favourite colour is pink, and the food she likes the most is Watermelon.

Soccer is the sport that Greta loves. Greta likes to watch Peppa Pig in her spare time.

Cows are her favourite animals.

Welcome to Duntroon school Greta, we hope you like 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

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

Duntroon Playgroup

# KIDS DISCO

**16TH AUGUST 5.30-7.00PM**

**DUNTROON HALL**

**Bring a plate for supper**  
**Wear your favourite dress-up!**



**No cost thanks to Buckland Automotive**



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Preschool

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Only \$6.50 per hour, day three -  
\$10 day for six hours!

**2 YEARS OLD**

Only \$6.00 per hour, day three -  
\$10 day for six hours!

**OVER 3's**

20 hours ECE available for FREE,  
day four - \$10 day for six hours!



# FUNDURO

**LOCK IT IN YOUR DIARIES  
SATURDAY 17th AUGUST 2024**

**NEW TRACKS!  
BEST OF THE ORIGINAL TRACKS!  
BBQ + BEVERAGES!**

**AGAIN  
RESTRICTED  
ENTRIES FOR  
THE SHUTTLES -  
so watch this  
space for entries  
to open**