



Duntroon School

The **BEST** we can be!

Newsletter
13-12-2024
Term 4, Week 9



Principals News....

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

This will be the last newsletter for 2024 and my last as principal of Duntroon School.

Next week at the final assembly I'm sure I will get the opportunity to catch up with and thank the many people I need to for an amazing five years at Duntroon School.

I have spent many years in schools and Duntroon has been the best school 'hands down' to have worked in. From the moment I entered the school I have felt completely supported by students, parents, the board of trustees, wider community and of course the very capable staff.

The school is in good hands with Mrs Frear at the helm for term 1.

Thanks so much to everyone! This is a truly amazing school and school community that will always hold a special place in my heart. I will miss you all!

From Mr T

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Term treat

We had the term treat on Tuesday. It was a blast! We all got pretty soaked at the water activities. Thanks to the Duntroon Fire Brigade for showing up and giving me a turn on the hose for some 'payback'. The weather was absolutely perfect, and we finished off with staff getting a good drenching from their 'favourite' students and an ice block.

Swimming Lessons

These finished yesterday. We will continue to provide our students with two blocks of swimming lessons per year. This is an essential investment for them for stroke development and most importantly water safety. We are grateful for the support of the Waitaki Aquatic Centre. They will be out in term 1 again.

Year 8 water day

The year 8 students are away today at the water day in Glenavy. Two water days in a week!

This is the final opportunity to get together with the other rural school year 8s before heading off to high school. This is always a great way to end the term and their time in year 8.

2025 start

Students start back at school in 2025 on Monday February the 3rd . They will need the stationery packs and their togs.

See you at the final assembly on Tuesday December 17th at 11am. Please bring some food to share after this on the verandah at school. Coffee, Tea and Juice will be provided.

Buses will run at 1:30pm on Tuesday December 17th .

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Aroha Mai! Farewell – Mr T

Nga Mihi Nui

Mike and staff



Policy Reviews Term 4 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:

Finance and Asset Management Policies

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.

[About the review process](#) ⓘ

[Start your review](#)

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

Please complete by Friday December 13th

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

Ruma Wha News

Welcome to Ruma Wha. It is so hard to believe that this end of the year is next week. We are still very busy with our Christmas activities with Room 3.

We have had Billie, Edward, Elliot, Jai, Quinn and Winter visiting in preparation for next year. It is certainly a very busy classroom with a lovely buzz of chatter, activities and time with a teacher. We have been very lucky to have had Mrs Hutton on a Wednesday and Thursday during our Literacy Programme. Thank you, Mrs Hutton, for helping the Ruma Wha children.

This week we have been working on Christmas activities. Some have been with Ruma Toru which has been great fun and some have been just Room 4. Wow we have made some amazing Christmas decorations and can't wait to take them all home to share.



Room 4

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

Duntroon School Pool – Code of Conduct 2024/25

Safety

- Key holders are responsible for ALL people they admit to the pool.
- No one is to swim alone.
- Keys are for the use of family members and their guests.
- Children under the age of 16 must be actively supervised by a person 18 years or older.
- Due to health and hygiene reasons all babies/toddlers not yet toilet trained must wear swim pants such as Huggies "Little Swimmers" (not underwear) whilst swimming.
- No jumping, bombing or diving into the pool.

Pool

- Opening hours: 6am – 9pm (During school terms the pool is closed to the public from 9am – 3pm).
- It is essential that you sign the pool register when you enter the complex.
- Please ensure the cover is placed back over the pool and that the gate is locked when leaving.
- Please leave the complex in a tidy state and remove own rubbish.
- The swimming pool complex is smoke free at all times.
- Please report any damage or concerns to either of the following:

Chris Woodmore - Pool Operator 027 693 3639
Mike Turner - Principal 027 389 0310

Keys

Keys are not to be lent, shared or borrowed. They are available to school families at the subsidised cost of \$50.00. Keys are also available to those without children at our school for \$100.00. Lost keys will be invoiced for at the replacement cost of \$10.00 each.

Online payments can be made to the school bank account: 02-0900-0000540-00. Please enter your name and POOL as reference. A key will be issued once payment appears in this account and a signed Code of Conduct received.

Keys are limited and are available on a first-come first-served basis. We ask that, in fairness to others, keys are not held over to the next season. Please return this key to the school office

I/we have read the above code of conduct. I/we understand and accept the guidelines therein.

Name:

Address:

Phone no. Email.....

Signed Dated

Disclaimer: The Duntroon BOT accepts no responsibility for any accidents or injuries whilst using the Pool complex or for damage to personal property. Use the pool at your own risk. The BOT reserves the right to close the pool at any time due to Health & Safety issues.

Please return this key to the school office by 31st March 2025.

Key #



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

17th December—Last Day of School

17th December—Final Assembly and Prizegiving

18th December—Yr 8 Lunch

FEBRUARY

3rd February—First day of school for 2025

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Nick Downes

"Your EKG is great, blood pressure is down, pulse is strong – either you've quit your teaching job or the school year is almost over."

Active Kids Waitaki Holiday Programme January 2025

Waitaki Community
Recreation Centre

Monday -Fri
27-31 January; 9.30am – 12.30pm

Primary & Intermediate-
aged children



WAITAKI COMMUNITY
**RECREATION
CENTRE**

\$10 per child per day or \$45 per child for the 5 mornings
Regos open now. Places are limited to 40 children per day.
To register, go to

www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc

For more info contact the Rec Centre 4346932 / 021 08150688

Registrations open now www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Different activities each day!

Jacobs Lawns and Yards

Jacob is keen to do some jobs around the Duntroon area.
Lawn Mowing, Stacking Wood, Raking Leaves, maybe even
a little bit of gardening.

If you are interested in having any jobs like this done

Ph: 027 515 0002

Unicorn Poo

**Alaina has been busy collecting up and bagging manure
from her committed producers.**

**These are for sale for \$2 per bag, or you can take a trailer
load for \$5.**

She is fundraising to get to Nationals in January.

If you are wanting any

Contact Lou 0272946084

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 TRAIL RIDE 22nd MARCH 2025



Keep the 22nd of March free to help your school in this once a year amazing fundraising event!

The Danseys pass trail ride has been going for over 20 years and has been the biggest trail ride in the south island for a number of years, we have over 1000 riders coming every year! It is an amazing event which helps provide amazing resources and opportunities for the kids at Duntroon school.

The trail ride committee has been busy ticking away in the background these last few months, getting Key things organised. However This ride needs more than committee people to ensure the event can run. On the weekend of the event we basically need someone from every family to help out in some way.

This doesn't mean you need to know anything about bikes! You also don't need to commit a lot of time, just 2 hours is all we need. There is more than one type of role needed, So have a read of this newsletter to get an idea of what we will need, ready for February when I will be sending out a request for help/availability. And don't hesitate to contact me if you want
(Sarah Todd on 0273832555)

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The Danseys pass trail ride covers a wide range of country from the tussock hill blocks up towards the Otekaieke reserve, forestry blocks behind Livingstone, gnarly bush tracks behind the Maraewhenua river, and spectacular views from the top of Ben Lomond. It has track levels for everyone from a family friendly 50cc level trail, fast and open intermediate track, 2 advanced loops providing diverse riding conditions and an 'extreme' gnarly tight track. Very few people can complete all the tracks in a day, which keeps people coming back for the fun and the challenge.



DUNTROON TRAIL RIDE 22nd MARCH 2025

Providing epic tracks makes this a great ride,

We need track makers and people to help with track maintenance leading up to the day of the event

If you enjoy riding a 2 wheeler and want to be involved in the track team talk to Phil Wilson (0274240311) Track levels range from family to extreme.

If you're happy to use loppers, line trimmers, weed wackers or chainsaws, to clear broom gorse, and trees from tracks come along to some working bees. You will start to see notices in the newsletter/facebook pages/Skool Loop regarding track working bees. For any information about this you can talk to Lowri OCallaghan (0211176214)

Having a smoothly run event makes this ride a great event to come to.

People arrive at the 'Base paddock' from 7am. We need lots of people on deck here to get the event started. We require people to help with.

car parking,

registration and payments,

checking bikes and riders for safety gear

For any questions relating to these jobs, talk to Sarah Todd (0273832555) in the first instance.

Providing a safely run event is also what makes this a great ride.

we need track marshalls to ride loops of the tracks throughout the day,

Riders also cross roads out on track, and we need help manning the road crossings

If riding bikes is up your alley, and you're happy to help in this way let Phil Wilson (0274240311) know. You need to be available to pre ride on Thursday and on the day.

If you're happy to sit out on a quiet country road for some part of the day, this can just be for a 2hr stint, or if you're available all day, you can cover a variety of crossings throughout the day. Many of the roads will see no car traffic, so bringing young kids will be fine. The busier roads are best suited for people who are able to find help for kids on the day, or have older children (over 10) for questions regarding this talk to Sarah Todd (0273832555)

Providing a great ride day also means FOOD! We provide food for riders and volunteers on the day with a **BBQ** running from 8am-5pm.

For more information about the BBQ talk to charlotte Montgomery (0273470329)

Kids can also help by selling spark arrestors at registration tent, they can hand out rider briefings as riders line up to register, and older kids can be the second adult on the quieter road crossings.

If you're interested in helping please keep an eye on newsletters, and Skool Loop, but also sign up to **Duntroon school families facebook page**. This is the easiest way for committee members to communicate with families.

Summary

	Role	When
Bike riding roles	Assist with track making	months leading up
	Track marshall	Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Field jobs (bike related)	Spark and safety gear checking	On the day 7-11am
Field jobs (not bike related)	Car parking	On the day 7-11am
	Registration and payments	On the day 7-11am
	Controlling a road crossing	On the day (2 hr roster)
	Track Maintenance (working bees)	Months leading up (usually 6/7.30pm)
Food	BBQ assist	On the day (7-5pm on a roster)