



Duntroon School

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Newsletter
14-02-2025
Term 1, Week 3

Principals News....

Swimming

Swimming lessons are well and truly underway. Students are grouped and instruction is given at an appropriate ability level to improve skills and stroke development. Swimming is a compulsory part of our physical education programme and is essential for water safety skills. I encourage parents to support school with this and ensure students are bringing their togs each day.

Meet the Teacher

Thanks to all the parents who came to our meet the teacher sessions on Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to hear from the teacher about how they run their class and get a heads up about things coming up this year. 15 minutes isn't a huge amount of time, so we encourage parents to email teachers with any other questions that pop up about class routines etc.

Upper Waitaki Swim Sports

This event is on Friday March the 10th at Waitaki Valley School. Our fastest swimmers will compete at this event. If your child is being entered into this event Mrs Frear will make contact in the coming weeks.

Touch

Touch starts this coming Tuesday February the 18th. The teams are attached to this newsletter and have gone home with students. Please check this to see what team your child is playing in and read the important reminders about touch. Also check Skool Loop for the field map and the draw each week. A reminder that touch is played at Awamo Park in Oamaru. Thanks to those parents who have offered to take a team. Invoices for touch will be sent home soon.

Danseys Pass Trail Ride

Our annual fundraiser is coming up on Saturday March 22nd. Families will have received information about this last week and can also find it on Skool Loop. Families can volunteer for many jobs before the day, on the day and after the event. Please get the form back to Sarah Todd if you can help.

Communication

We have found that Skool Loop, email and Facebook are the most effective means of communication. If you have not yet downloaded Skool Loop to your device, see the instructions on this newsletter.

Unnamed Clothing

We already have had a few uniform items being left behind at the end of the day and are unnamed. This makes it hard to return to the owner if we do not know who it belongs to. Can you please ensure you have your child/s clothing named.

Nga Mihi Nui
Kate and Staff



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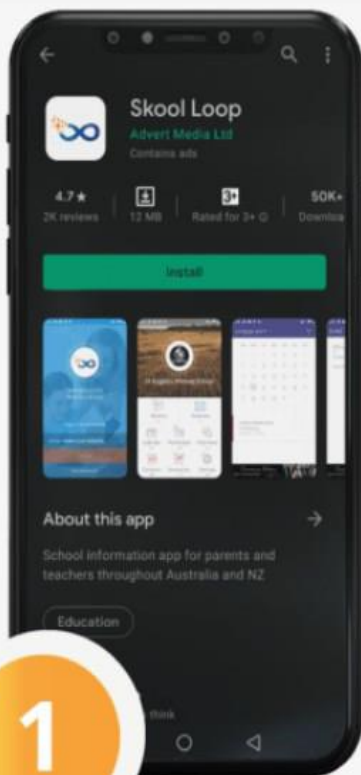
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Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.

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Important reminders about Touch:

- Games are played at Awamoa Park in Oamaru.
- School uniform is worn for games including appropriate shoes for running around. No bare feet.
- The draw will be on Facebook and Skool Loop each week. You can also find this on the North Otago Touch Facebook page (please note this is a new page this year).
- If your child is going to be collected from school every Tuesday, please notify the office, and make this a standing arrangement. It is much easier for us than calling or messaging every Tuesday afternoon. If Touch is cancelled it will be posted on Skool Loop, Duntroon School facebook page and North Otago Touch facebook page.
- Any touch queries or issues can be forwarded to Kate Borrie. kateb@duntroon.school.nz

Thanks

Kate Borrie

Duntroon School Touch Teams 2025

Term 1

Duntroon Dingoes Year 1-2	Duntroon Dragons Year 3-4	Duntroon Defenders Year 3-4
Jai Newton Greta Tremewan Quinn Hamilton Jack McLay Marnie Jay Cunningham Hugh Fenwick Logan Trezise Jordan Trezise Edward Douglas	Fletcher Hamilton Chase Tosh Ollie Nana Steven Pangan Krystal Todd Kalah Benbow Jayden Todd	Nikau Newton Arthur Douglas Nathaniel Craig Evie Montgomery Rosa Tremewan Ashton Buckland Georgie Wilson
Coach/Manager: Kate Borrie	Coach/Manager: Sarah Todd	Coach/Manager: Rebecca McNeill & Grace Tilbury
Duntroon Dynamos Year 5-6	Duntroon Dominators Year 7-8	Duntroon Destroyers Year 7-8
Leah Todd Ryan Nana Boh Hamilton Jackson Hamilton Tate Hamilton Jaxson Benbow Mace Benbow Phoebe Trezise Cooper Hamilton	Sid Stalker Jacob Trezise Oliver Hamilton Ruby Tremewan Ida Mangmee Henry Tremewan Leah Wilson Sadie McLachlan	Seth Black Hamish Isbister Annabelle Andrews Lilly Grace Bayne Mason Montgomery Kane Bell Lauren Strachan Olivia Strachan
Coach/Manager: Gemma and Brock Hamilton	Coach/Manager: Kirsty McLachlan	Coach/Manager: Nathan Bayne

Thanks for the offer managers. You are awesome!!

Draw out soon.

Games start Feb 18 2025. The draw will be out on Skool Loop and Facebook weekly.

Welcome Back!

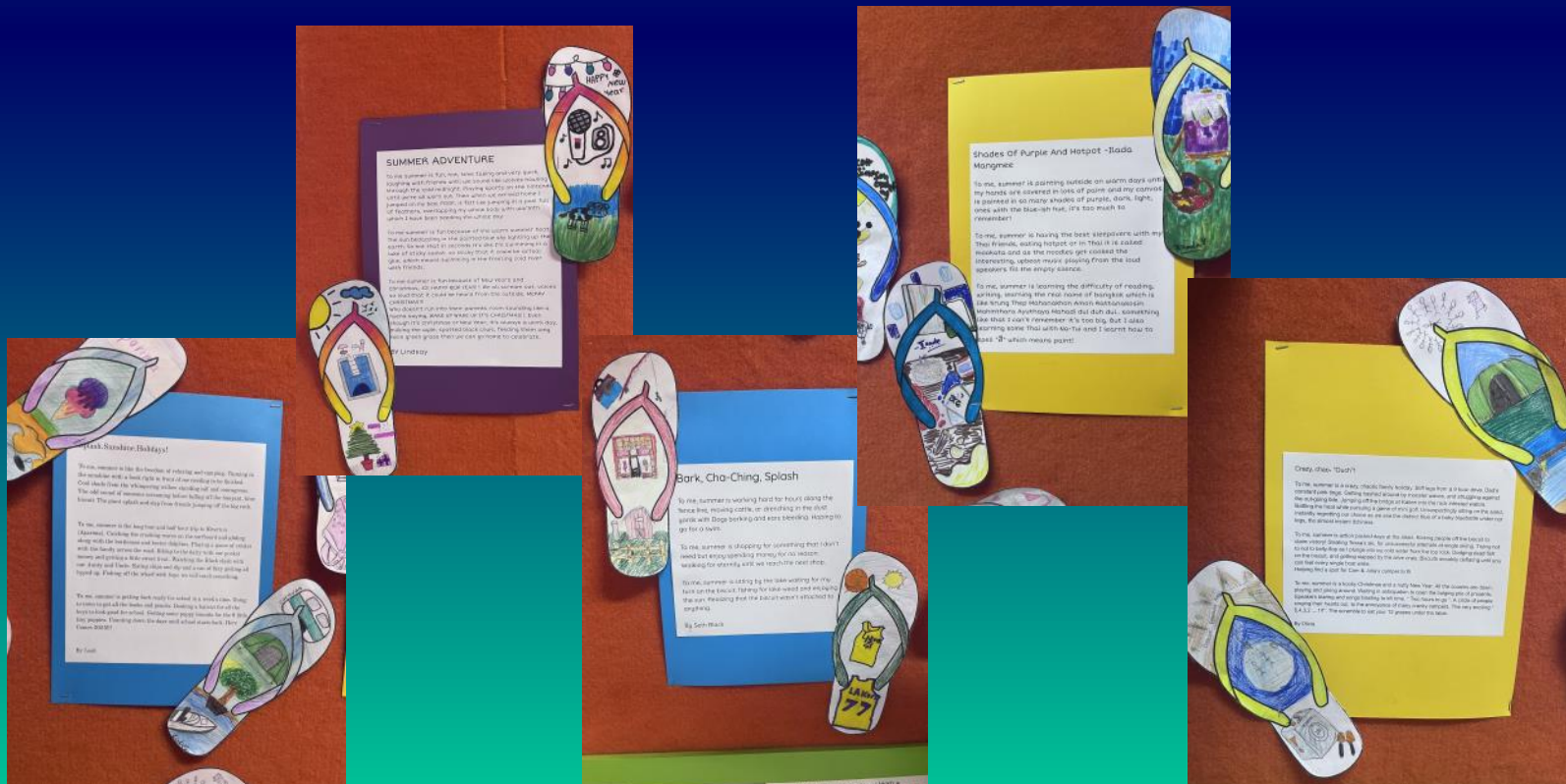
Team Tahiti Newsletter

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Team Tahiti! We are settling back into our routines well. Our swimming lessons have been successful and we're enjoying the warmer afternoons in the pool too. We warmly welcome Michael to our classroom. He has already had such a positive start to his time at Duntroon!



We have set up Banqer in our class. It is an online educational platform that teaches financial literacy. We will be making 'Banqer money', paying for our expenses and applying for jobs.

It's only our second week in class and we have already crafted some great writing! We wrote about our summer holiday highlights and are currently writing poems about us. Here are some examples below:





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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 17th –Swimming Lessons
- 18th February—North Otago Cricket visit
- 18th February—Touch Starts
- 20th February—BOT meeting
- 20th February—Swimming Lessons

MARCH

- 10th March—Upper Waitaki Swimming sports
- 11th-14th March—Tech Week (Yr 7&8)
- 19th March—North Otago swimming sports
- 22nd March—Danseys Pass Trail Ride*
- 24th March—Otago Anniversary Day (School Closed)
- 27th March—BOT meeting
- 28th March— V.I.P afternoon
- 29th March—Agri Kids Ashburton

APRIL

- 02nd April—Goal Setting Interviews
- 3rd/4th April—Year 8 overnight camp
- 9th April—Goal Setting Interviews
- 11th April—Last day of term one

Welcome to Duntroon!!!



MICHAEL CRAIG

Michael Craig lives with his Mum, Dad and brothers Dean and Nathaniel.

He has a cat named Bolt.

In his free time, Michael likes to do some gaming, his favourite games include, Drifting, GTA and Fortnite.

Michael's favourite colour is red and when quizzed a bit more, he admitted that other than lollies, he liked to eat Spaghetti.

His favourite sport is basketball, which he will be playing in the winter. Michael's favourite type of movies or TV programmes are about planes.

Michael most admires his Dad and is Aunty Angela.

We hope you enjoy your time at Duntroon School!

New to Duntroon



Chase Tosh

Chase came to Duntroon with his Mum, Dad and sisters Ivy (6) and Rayne (4 mths). They came all the way from Western Australia.

He has two dogs, called Layla and Maggie.

In his spare time, Chase likes to keep busy. He plays on his Nintendo Switch, rides his bike with Willow, who lives next door. He also loves to play with Rayne.

Michael's favourite colour is red. The food he likes to eat the most is ice cream, but he said, "that's not very healthy", so pasta bolognese is also yummy.

Football (Soccer) is the sport that he likes the most.

The person he most admires is Lionel Messi.

Welcome to Duntroon School Chase!

Danseys Pass trail ride 22nd March 2025

Our main fundraiser!!!!

For those who are new to trail ride, I hope the trail ride info in the newsletter gave everyone a better understanding about the trail ride and what is involved, and how you might be able to help!

It would be great if everyone could get back to me by **Friday 21st February**, please let me know even if you are unavailable, as I do a final ring around if I haven't received any reply.

Please write your name down for as MANY areas you would be comfortable helping with

(This ensures that I have enough flexibility to put the roster together-it doesn't mean you will be doing all of them)

Family:

Parent (Name/Number)

Parent (Name/Number)

Children: (Names/ages)

School children will be there on the day: Yes/No

Preschool children will be there on the day: Yes/No

(this in particular is helpful to know when sorting road crossings, as some roads are busier than others)

	Parent name(s) available	Times available
Help set up base camp (Friday) 9am-12pm		
Registration (Saturday) 7.30-10am		
Car parking (Saturday) 7.30-10am		
Spark arrestor checking (Saturday) 7.30-10am		
Road marshall (Saturday) 2 hour stint between 8.30-5pm		
BBQ -lunch (Saturday) 2 hour stint between 10am-6pm		
Clean up (Sunday) 10am-12pm		
Kids can help (Saturday) (name/age/what they want to help with)		

Return by phone/message to Sarah Todd 0273832555

Return by email to Sarah Todd tjs.todd.dairies@farmside.co.nz

Or return to school with your child

NEXT MONTH its TRAIL RIDE

So keep the weekend of 22nd March FREE!

Keep up to date and get the word out!
Like and share the Danseys pass trail ride facebook page

If you haven't been involved in the trail ride before here is some information to help give you an idea of what is involved, and hopefully give you some ideas of how you could help

The Danseys pass trail ride has traditionally been the biggest trail ride in the south island for a number of years, we have over 1000 riders coming every year! And we want to keep it this way.

There are 5 tracks catering for different rider levels and providing diverse terrain. Terrain ranges from open tussock country, steep rocky bush covered river gorge track, forestry, old mining areas and easier farm land for the junior rider



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TRACK MAKING

One of the main roles leading up to the event is track making, this involves riding areas on 2 wheelers and deciding where tracks will go, determining any maintenance that will be required to get bikes around on the day. This year track riding is on a Thursday evening each week. The week of the trail ride tracks will also be marked with fluorescent paint/tape and signs. if you would like to be involved for this trail ride or just find out about it for next year talk to Phil Wilson (0274240311)

TRACK MAINTENANCE

In order to get over 1000 bikes around the tracks, tracks need to be cleared of gorse, broom, broken branches , trees and some areas sprayed. You will start to see the notices regarding track working bees. (on the "[duntroon school families facebook group](#)") dates and times these will be held is TBC. Just turn up with some gardening equipment such as loppers/hedge trimmer/chainsaw/saw, and bring the kids too. Lowri O'Callaghan is looking after this, so any questions please just send her a message or give her a call (0211176214)

TRACK PRE RIDE

On Thursday and Friday before the event, all the tracks will be ridden by track marshalls and as many other people as possible. Each track needs about 20-30 bikes over it to check that the marking is adequate, and also to create wheel marks to help further with track marking. It also identifies any problem areas. If you are able to do this please talk to Phil Wilson (0274240311)

TRACK MARSHALING

On the day of the event we need 50-80 marshalls. These people ride 2 wheelers over the tracks throughout the day wearing pink vests. They are able to rectify any problems on the track, key marshalls have radios to sort help if needed, and can report back to base paddock if tracks need to be closed or issues remedied. If you are able to do this on saturday (MUST also be able to do the pre ride days) please contact Phil Wilson (0274240311)

BASE PADDOCK

Base camp set up on Friday involves turning up to paddock on Bushey creek road on Friday 22nd for 1-2 hours (time to be advised) to help set up tents, and signage for the next day

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Base camp cleanup on Sunday: Turn up to base paddock on Bushey creek road on Sunday 9am. We collect rubbish, pack down tents, load all equipment onto trailers and store away. The more people who turn up, the faster and easier this job is.

CAR PARKING

Riders start arriving from 7.30am on Saturday, so from about 7am-9.30am we need about 6-8 people to direct vehicles to their car park. This needs plenty of people early on as the cars need directed to the far side of the paddock, as the car park fills up we don't need many people to finish off car parking

REGISTRATIONS

From 7.30am until about 10am all riders will need to come through the registration tent to pay and collect their rider sticker. This job involves ticking off pre registered riders, and registering and collecting payments from "on the day registrations" we need at least 10 people on the desks

SPARK CHECKING

All bikes have to enter the spark checking chutes before they can enter tracks. This job requires people to see if the bike has a spark arrestor (stop the chance of starting a fire in dry conditions) and also just ensuring basic safety gear is worn as per safety gear policy. Once checked riders have a sticker for their bike to identify the bike is suitable to ride. If required bikes are directed back to registrations where they can purchase a spark arrestor. We are not responsible for bike safety as per our disclaimer. Some bike or mechanical knowledge is helpful in this role but not necessary, approx 4-6 people needed here.

BBQ

We provide food for riders on the day. We run a BBQ making burgers on the day, and also provide other food items for purchase. At the BBQ your role could be cooking eggs/onions/bacon/patties. It could be preparing buns/salad and supplies, it could involve taking orders and money, or it could involve cleaning and clearing up in the background. During the busy lunch period we have more people around to keep the bbq going as quickly as possible.usually anywhere around 10-15 people helping out here

ROAD CROSSINGS

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The tracks cross roads in a number of points, there are usually 6-8 crossings manned by 2 people in 2 hour shifts from 8.30-5pm. (so approx 15 people at any one time) Road Crossing people are to stop bikes if there is any car traffic. Crossings are also a communication point, and have radios to communicate with base paddock, often people with injuries will get to a crossing, and can then organise collection via st John or can be directed via shortcuts back to base if the injury is not too serious, it is also where any issues out on track can be communicated back to base and a plan implemented to remedy. Most of the roads will have little to no car traffic, so it is easy enough to bring children with you. I like to ensure that the busier roads are manned by adults who have older children. If you have any questions regarding this please get in touch with me (Sarah Todd 0273832555)

KIDS CAN HELP TOO

Kids can sell raffle tickets throughout the day with prizes donated from local businesses, They can sell spark arrestors at the registration tent. They can hand out rider briefings and rider registration forms as cars arrive. and older kids can be the second adult on the quieter road crossings. In other years an adult with a group of older kids has set up a milkshake bar at the BBQ (milk and syrup can be supplied) as a year ½ camp fundraiser. So if someone wants to take responsibility for this, get in touch with me (Sarah 0273832555)

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Attached is the volunteer questionnaire for people to fill out. Please let me know ALL the times you are available, and ALL areas where you would be happy to help as I use this to put together a roster that ensures we have enough hands on deck for all the areas mentioned above.

It is OK to just head down for your rostered job, but it is also great to come down for the day and be available to fill in where needed, especially from 8am-10am when all the riders are arriving!

See you there!

DUNTROON PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS 10-12 PM | BEHIND DUNTROON SCHOOL

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AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR RURAL
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THEIR CHILDREN PLAY.

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONE'S
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1st & 2nd March 2025

46 Raupo Creek Road, Five Forks | 9am-3pm

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or call Kylie - 027 484 7646

Pee Wee Track - FREE

Adults - 1 day \$60, 2 days \$110

Child - 1 day \$25, 2 days \$40

FOR MORE INFO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK
AND HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE - WWW.FIVEFORKSTRAILRIDE.CO.NZ

Kurow JAB Rugby

**2025
Season**



Registration: There is a new registration process this year. Please follow the below link and complete by the 13th of March 2025
The registration number your child is allocated will be their number for life.

[https://auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/login?
clientId=portal&codeChallenge=&redirectPath=/](https://auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au/login?clientId=portal&codeChallenge=&redirectPath=/)

Once registered please pay subs to:
Kurow Rugby Club
a/c # 06-0927-0008649-00
Ref: JAB SUBS and your child's
name/family name

2025 Subs: \$20 per child

**Any questions please contact
Cassie Johnston 021661960
simon.cassie@xtra.co.nz**

Scotts Own Sea Scouts

2025

Keas

ages 5-8

Time and night TBC

Check out our
facebook for details

All sections start
back the week of 10
of Feb

Scouts

ages 11-14

6:30-8:30pm

Monday

Cubs

ages 8-11

6-7:30pm

Tuesday

For more info
find us on
Facebook or
contact Megan
Phillips

ph: 0274371479

New Members
always welcome

First 3
nights
are
free!



Join

Find out more



ST JOHN YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

Oamaru Division



Monday



Cadets - 6pm - 7:30pm
Penguins - 6pm - 7pm



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23 Exe Street, Oamaru

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(AGED 8 -12 YEARS)

ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOL.
HOSTED BY WESTON SCHOOL.



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UKULELE/GUITAR/DRUMS
CHANTER/BAGPIPES
AND ART CLASSES



SIGN UP TODAY!

For more information and enrolment
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<https://forms.gle/pgRsGo7X63knFezM9>

or scan the QR code!



PLEASE NOTE: LATE ENROLMENTS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED IF CLASSES ARE
ALREADY FULL.

ENROLMENTS TO BE MADE BY FRIDAY THE 21ST OF FEB.

CLASSES WILL COMMENCE THE WEEK OF THE 3RD OF MAR.

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Back to
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2025 School Update Oamaru Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year!
The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is
here to support your school community - below are some key updates for the year ahead.

Local Community Clinic:



- Oamaru
43 Exe Street;
Ph: 434 6170

Mobile Dental Unit:



- Waitaki Valley (Kurow)
1 Settlement Road; Ph: 027 479 1733
*From 3 November - 12 December



Keep an eye out for the two
handy oral health tips we'll
send out each term, for your
school to share via
newsletters or social media



*Dates subject to change
For appointments outside
these dates please call

0800 672 543





OAMARU SWIM CLUB INVITES YOU TO

FAST & FURIOUS



FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
WARM UP 5.30 PM
RACES 6PM TO 7PM

Open to anyone 8yrs+ who can swim 25m+. Come experience swim racing in a fun supportive environment.

ENTER USING THE GOGGLE DOC LINK ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM AT THE POOL AND DROP BACK TO RECEPTION/EMAIL TO OAMARUSWIM@GMAIL.COM ENTRIES CLOSE 19/02/2025



Fast and Furious Entry Form – Friday 21st February



Write your name and level beside the events you would like to do - **DO NOT ENTER YOUR TIME** then hand into the pool reception by Wednesday 19th February or email to oamaruswimclub@gmail.com

100 IM	Name Squad/Level	Time:	200m Butterfly	Name Squad/Level	Time:
25 Backstroke	Name Squad/Level	Time:	25 Freestyle	Name Squad/Level	Time:
100 Freestyle	Name Squad/Level	Time:	100 Breaststroke	Name Squad/Level	Time:
50 Breaststroke	Name Squad/Level	Time:	25 Butterfly	Name Squad/Level	Time:
100 Backstroke	Name Squad/Level	Time:	Relay	Name Squad/Level	Time:

To be entered in a relay team on the night please tick the box

Your email address: _____