



## Principals News....

We are now at the end of February and summer. This term is going by very quickly indeed!

### Sickness

Illnesses seem to be doing their rounds again. Colds and flus have been the most common, with a few stomach bugs also. Please keep your child away from school if they are unwell. This stops the spread of the bugs around school. We also ask that you don't send your child back until they have fully recovered. 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea. Children need to be well to learn. Remember you can text the office on 0212161249, phone the office (03)4312829, email the office ([office@duntroon.school.nz](mailto:office@duntroon.school.nz)) or enter an absentee submission on Skool Loop. Plenty of options there for reporting absences. We appreciate the support with this.

### Upper Waitaki Swim Sports

The students who will be attending the Upper Waitaki Swim Sports at Waitaki Valley School next Monday March the 10<sup>th</sup> have been given a notice this week to take home. Please have this returned to school by this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February or alternatively get in touch with me if you have any queries about this [katef@duntroon.school.nz](mailto:katef@duntroon.school.nz).

### Bus Behaviour

From time to time there are issues with behaviour on our buses. We have high expectations of our students travelling to and from school on the buses. They are very aware of what the rules are and all of them sign a code of conduct.

There is a process for our students to follow if they think something is not right on the bus.

1. Tell the student bus monitor.
2. Tell the driver at a safe and sensible time.
3. Report this to Mrs Frear.

I would also encourage any of our students to speak up and remind other students' what behaviour is expected if they see something that isn't ok. As per our bus policy - students may be removed from the bus for a length of time if their behaviour is deemed inappropriate.

Nga Mihi Nui  
*Kate and Staff*



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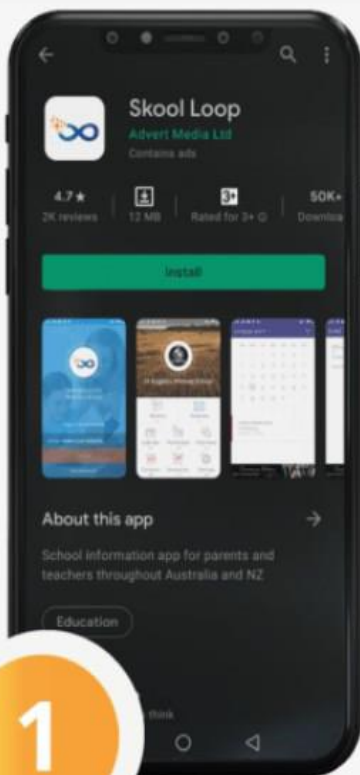
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## Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

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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## Policy Reviews Term 1 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:

- **Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation**
- **Recording and Reporting Accidents Injuries, and Illness**

### 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 if they have a review button.

[About the review process](#)

[Start your review](#)

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

**Please complete by Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.**

# RUMA TORU

## ROOM 3

### WEEK 5



## PORTRAIT ART

Room 3 have had a fantastic start settling into term 1. Our first art project for the year was based around "All About Me". We explored warm and cool colours and thought about things that make us so unique and special. The last step was to do a groovy pose and choose some funky glasses. We are very pleased with our final result and to have them on display in our classroom. Everyone is welcome to come and check them out if you are in at school!



# RUBBISH CLEAN UP

## -LITTLE HECTOR AND THE BIG IDEA-

This week there was a theme and house challenge for assembly. On Monday I set a challenge for the whole school based off a shared book we had read in Room 3 earlier this term.

The story explained how a little dolphin had a big idea to clean up all the rubbish in the ocean using the fishing nets from the fishing boats. He had to rally together all of his friends to get the job done.

From Monday to Wednesday each house was challenged to collect as much rubbish from out in the school grounds and the winning house will receive 10 minutes extra play time on Friday. It's amazing what you can achieve when many hands make light work.



Here are just a few of the super stars who worked super hard at cleaning up our school. Well done tamariki!





Check out these three clever kids!  
Last weekend they made the trip up to Christchurch to compete in the Weetbix Kids triathlon.  
Well done you guys, you are awesome!  
From Left—Mace Benbow, Amelia Annan and Jaxson Benbow.



### Introducing our House Captains for 2025

From Left—Lilly-Grace Bayne (Campbell), Leah Wilson (Brydone), Olivia Strachan (Campbell), Seth Black (Brydone), Hamish Isbister (Reid), Oliver Hamilton (Reid)

## **Trail Ride Track Clearing Working Bee**

**Our first one is on Thursday 27th February at 6pm.**

**Meet at the pumpshed (McKenzie Road, Livingstone).**

**Bring all brush cutting equipment, loppers, hedgetrimmers.**

**Gloves are handy too.**

**Kids are welcome to come along.**

**Any questions, message Lowri O'Callaghan 0211176214**

## **Trail Ride Meeting**

**Our next trail ride meeting is on**

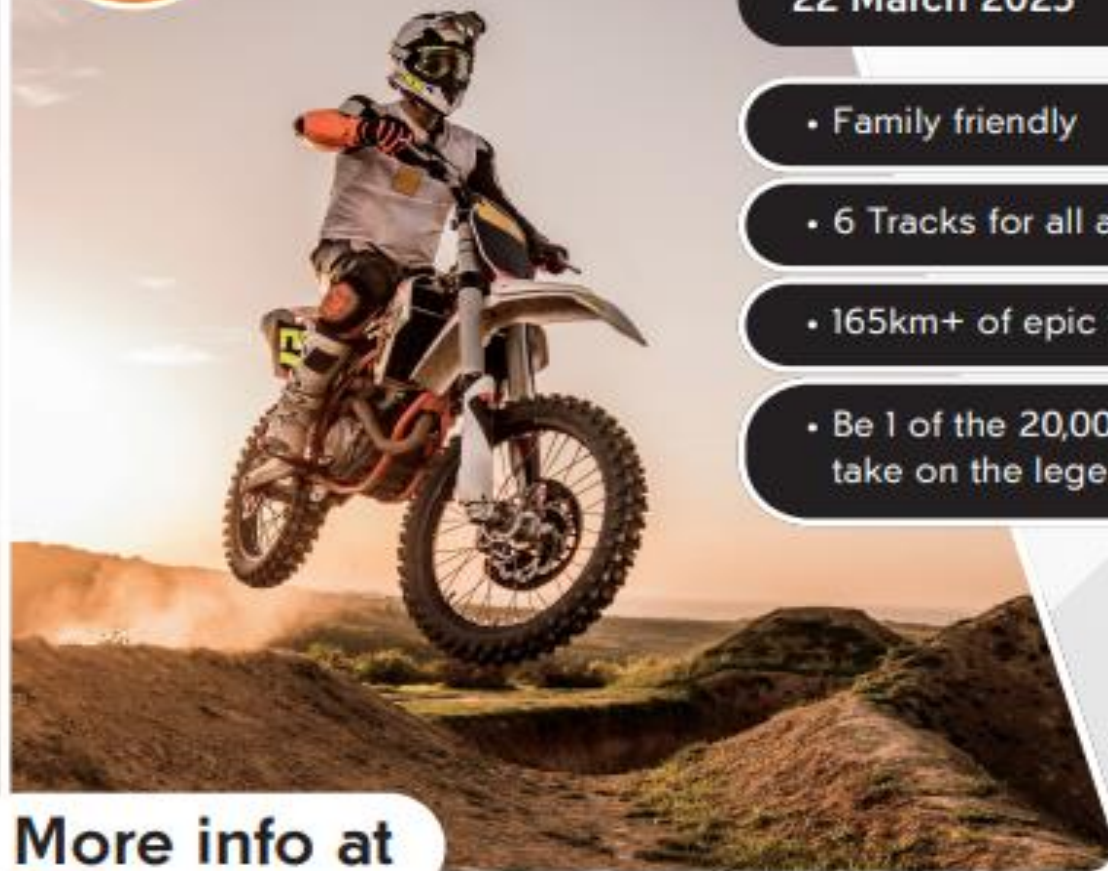
**Wednesday 5th of March**

**7pm in Room One.**

**All Welcome!**



# Danseys Pass TRAILRIDE



22 March 2025

- Family friendly
- 6 Tracks for all abilities
- 165km+ of epic tracks
- Be 1 of the 20,000+ riders to take on the legendary Danseys

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[www.danseyspasstrailride.org](http://www.danseyspasstrailride.org)

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## **Board of Trustees**

## **Mid-Term Elections**

The Duntroon School Board of Trustees will be having their mid-term election later this year.

With two of our board members finishing their terms and their children also finishing at the school, we are seeking two new members to join our enthusiastic board.

The board of trustees meet twice a term after school.

While this is not a particularly arduous job, it requires someone with the school and children at the forefront of their mind.

If you are interested, feel free to talk to any of our current board members listed

### **Current Board Memembers**

Nathan McLachlan, Paige Wills, Lowri O'Callaghan,  
Mike Andrews and Lou Tait.



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# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## FEBRUARY

27th February—Vision and Hearing screening (11am)  
27th February—Trail Ride working Bee

## MARCH

7th March—Trapping Group setting tracking lines  
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!!!



**Billie Rowe**

**Billie lives at home with her Dad, Mum and sister Laila.**

**She has a dog named Lucky and a grey cat.**

**Red is Billie's favourite colour and Spaghetti is the food that she loves the most.**

**Billie loves football and in her spare time Billie likes to play with her dolls.**

**The person Billie admires the most is her big sister Laila.**

**When she grows up Bille would like to be a swimming teacher.**

**Welcome Billie, we hope you love here at Duntroon School.**

# New to Duntroon



## Quinn Hamilton

**Quinn lives at home with her Dad, Mum and brothers Tate and Cooper.**

**She has four dogs named Penny, Sig, Honey and T.**

**Quinn's favourite colour is pink and grapes are her favourite food.**

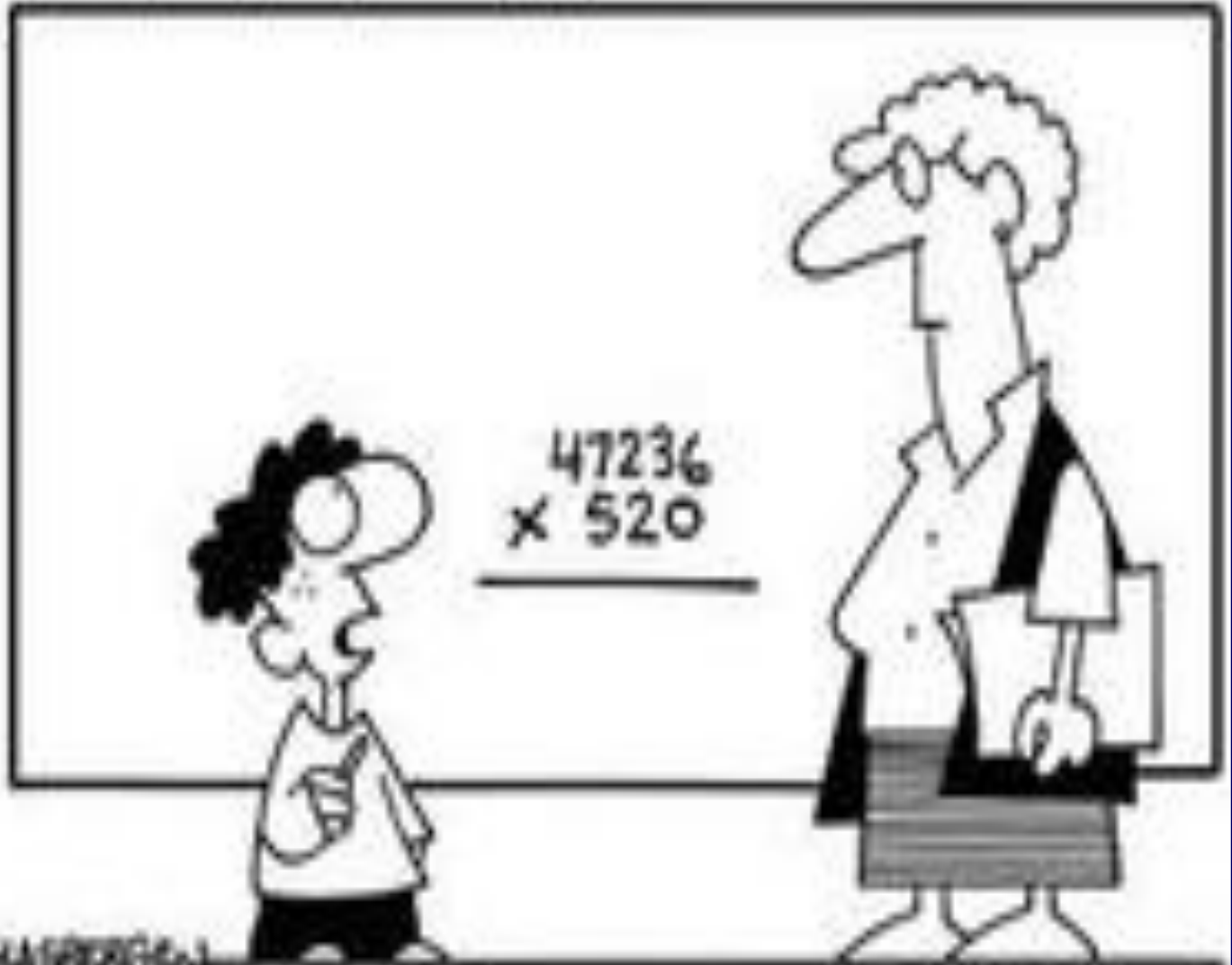
**Touch is the sport the Quinn likes the most.**

**In her spare time Quinn likes to play with her toys.**

**Quinn doesn't know what she wants to do when she grows up, but she has plenty of time to decide.**

**The person that Quinn admires the most is Elliott.**

**Welcome to Duntroon School Quinn.**



(GASBORGE)

"Aren't there enough problems in the world already?"

# 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

# 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](mailto:simon.cassie@xtra.co.nz)**

# UNION JAB RUGBY 2025



**Registrations- This year there is a new registration process. Please follow link below and complete your profile. The registration number you are allocated will be your NZ Rugby number for life. Once your profile is created you will then register your child under that account. We need all players and coaches to create a profile please.**

**<http://auth.rugbyexplorer.com.au>**

**Can we please have all registrations in by March 20th 2025.**

**Any questions please contact  
Phil Wilson 027 424 0311  
[glenurefarming@farmside.co.nz](mailto:glenurefarming@farmside.co.nz)**

# TALENT QUEST



**CATEGORIES**

**MUSICAL**

*Have your chance to win a recording session at Sublime Studios*

**OTHER TALENT**

*Wow the crowd with your talents*

**FUN**

*Best Jazz Hands Interpretation*

*Best Air Instrument Impression*



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**22 MARCH 2025**



# 2025 OUT OF HOURS MUSIC AND ART CLASSES

ALL NORTH OTAGO CHILDREN  
(AGED 8 -12 YEARS)

ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOL.  
HOSTED BY WESTON SCHOOL.



**MUSIC CLASSES**  
**UKULELE/GUITAR/DRUMS**  
**CHANTER/BAGPIPES**  
**AND ART CLASSES**



## SIGN UP TODAY!

For more information and enrolment  
copy link to your browser:  
<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.

EXCELLENT TUTORS, SMALL CLASS SIZES.


MUSIC CLASSES JUST A \$20 DONATION ANNUALLY!

ART CLASSES APPROX. \$60 PER HALF YEAR, FOR MATERIALS.


# Give Your Teeth A Rest

## Snack All Day, Get Tooth Decay!



3 x   
as 1 snack  
= 30 minutes of possible  
tooth decay



1 x   
as 3 separate snacks  
= 90 minutes of possible  
tooth decay



**HOW OFTEN we eat is as important as  
WHAT we eat to keep our teeth healthy**

**The more times we eat each day = more chance for holes in our teeth**

Health New Zealand  
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral  
Health Service

Scan this code  
for more great  
tooth tips

