



Duntroon School

The **BEST** we can be! • Ko te **PAI** e taea e tatou!
Term 2, Week 8, Thursday 19th June 2025

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Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po

Our 'Longest Lunch' will have been completed and I am sure very much enjoyed by the time you receive this newsletter. A huge thank you to our families who contributed to our tables of 'deliciousness'. As we near the end of the term it has been important to the Staff that we welcome our Duntroon families into the school and celebrate who we are and what we enjoy to eat along with sharing some fabulous writing linked to the occasion.

Reports

Teachers have been busy over the past few weeks with assessments and writing of mid-year reports. Mid-year reports will come home on Thursday June 26th. These are a snapshot of achievement levels in Reading, Writing and Maths. As well as this the teachers write general comments that give parents an indication of successes and next steps. It is important to remember that we are only half way through the year and the expected level relates to the end of the year. I would encourage you to sit down with your child and read through the report, after all, it is about their learning and social development. Celebrate their progress and discuss their next steps. This will build on the information you gained from your Term 1 meetings with the Teachers with the Student led conferences - Students shared their progress in Reading, Writing and Maths. They shared evidence of their learning and explained some of the strategies they are using to achieve their learning goals. The next reporting will be in Term 4.

If there are any points you wish to discuss from your child's report please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

Winter Sports Day

A reminder to our Year 4 - 8 students that you will be taking part in the 'Winter Sports Day' with students from Waitaki Valley and Omarama Schools on Tuesday 24th June. Students and coaches from Waitaki Boys High School, Waitaki Girls High School, St Kevins and the NORFU along with volunteers of Indoor Bowls and Miss Borrie running her sport quiz, are all giving their time to be part of a varied programme of sports to have a go at.

Duntroon is hosting the event and is looking forward to a fantastic day with our neighbouring Schools.

Year 4 - 8 students make sure you have a good lunch packed on that day as you will be using a lot of energy.

Term Treat

Term treat is organised for the last week of term. All those students who have displayed expected behaviours will be able to take part in the term treat. This term the House Captains have gained ideas from their house group and it has been decided we will have a **P.J./Mufti day on Friday 27th June**. Along with this we are asking for a gold coin donation for a cause called '[Pyjama Drive](#).' This fundraiser is to support children who need warm P.J.'s for winter who may not be as fortunate as a lot of our kids here at Duntroon. If you would like to donate a new pair of P.J.'s to the cause then that would also be greatly appreciated.

See the advertisement or FB link in this newsletter. The drop off point in Oamaru for new donated PJs is the 'Property Brokers' office or bring them to us at School and we can take them in.

Please all remember the school is closed tomorrow, Friday 20th June 2025, for Matariki.

Have a fabulous long weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Sarah and staff



Ruma Wha News

Welcome to Room 4 and it is already Week 8. Only one more week until the holidays. The weather has certainly shown what winter can be like at this time of the year. It is great to see all of Ruma Wha nice and warm at school.

Ruma Wha have been very busy trying to fit everything into each day.

Writing has been a very big focus this term and I am so proud of all the work and practice all the children have put in to this focus. You are AMAZING. They are very excited to show parents their achievements today at the longest lunch. Their progress is a credit to their work and effort.

Here are their favourite foods:

Logan loves apples

Greta loves jelly

Edward loves green Jelly

Jack loves watermelon

Kate loves pavlova

Billie loves "goody goody gumdrops ice-cream

Quinn loves Christmas pudding and jelly

Jordan love Christmas pudding

Sartaaj loves blue jelly

Hugh loves orange jelly

Rivah loves watermelon

Jai loves blue jelly

Aleigha loves oranges cut up in pieces

Elliott loves blue jelly

Winter loves blue sparked jelly



Room 4

Kate, Logan, Jordan, Aleigha, Michael, Rivah, Hugh, Greta, Billie, Jack, Elliott, Quinn, Edward, Jai, Winter, Sartaaj

Duntroon Fire Brigade

VAN DRIVERS

Sport Coaches & Referees

Duntroon Hall

Home and School volunteers



Trapping Landowners

National Volunteer Week!

Here at Duntroon School we have many volunteers who tirelessly give up their time to help out our children/school in one way or another. We just want to say a massive

THANK YOU

to each and everyone of you.

You make a difference to our school and our children!

Trail ride landowners

Choir Help and Transport

Community Garden



Trapping Helpers

Our Handy people who fix things

TERM REMINDERS:

JUNE

20th June—Matariki Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
24th June—Winter Sports Day
27th June—Last Day of term 2

JULY:

14th July—Term 3 Starts
25 July—Netball Skills
28 July—Omarama Cross Country
29 July—1st August—Tech Week



Policy Reviews Term 2 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:

- **Emergency Management**
- **Disaster Management**
- **Crisis Management**

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 June 27th

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

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 RAGS FUNDRAISER

FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE/JULY DUNTROON PLAYGROUP ARE SEEKING THE DONATION OF CLEAN RAGS- CLEAN OLD SHIRTS, SHEETS, ETC.
PLEASE DROP OFF TO DUNTROON PLAYGROUP OR DIRECTLY TO THE DUNTROON GARAGE



Plastic Free July Expo & Repair Cafe

Oamaru Community Recreation Centre
Saturday 12th July 2025 10am - 2pm



Sustainable, interactive & educational stalls

Recycle A Device | Fix one/Keep one - All day workshop, 9am - 3.30pm
→ Limited spots, register at info@resourcewaitaki.co.nz ←

Cheese Making - Live demo @11am-12pm (1 hour session)
→ 12 spots only available, register at info@resourcewaitaki.co.nz ←

Repair Café

Welding, Saddlery, Carpentry, Sewing, Lawn Mowers, Wooden Toys, Jewelry, Lace & Embroidery, Draft-stoppers.

Sport Waitaki - Fun games for kids & families



GYMNASTICS

Pre-School and After school Gymnastics will be running in the gymnasium at Waitaki Valley School every Friday.

Pre-school 2.15pm - 3pm

After school 3.15pm - 4.15pm

My name is Kaz Hodge. I have a lot of experience working with children, and running gymnastics classes. I was a three times New Zealand champion, I also represented New Zealand overseas on numerous occasions.

If you want your children to learn new skills and have heaps of fun
phone Kaz 0273665818 to enroll.

Scotts Own Sea Scouts 2025 times and nights

Keas
ages 5-8
4:30-5:30pm
Monday

Scouts
ages 11-14
6:30-8:30pm
Monday

Cubs
ages 8-11
6-7:30
Tuesday

For more info
find us on
Facebook or
contact Megan
Phillips
ph: 0274371479

First
month
free!

New Members
always welcome



Adult Buddies Needed Now!

Providing positive support for a young person

We need Adult Buddies to support local children
in the Oamaru/Waitaki area.

If you have 2 hours a week or fortnight, please
consider volunteering as an Adult Buddy.

This is a very rewarding way to know you are
making a difference! Contact us today!



Christine Moffat
Buddy Coordinator North Otago
Phone: 021 1916 327
Email: buddyno@psotago.org.nz

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

BX Foods donating 50 cents per calf

A wee heads up . . .

We are taking bookings for your
cows and bobby calves.



Meet today with your local
Oamaru processor.

Contact 027 532 4034
livestock@bxfoods.co.nz



WAITAKI EVENT CENTRE TRUST

Kid's DISCO NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

LOAN AND MERC

HARBOUR STREET, OAMARU

FUNDRAISING FOR THE NETWORK WAITAKI EVENT CENTRE

ONE NIGHT - TWO DISCOS

YEARS 1-4
5:00-6:30PM

All children must be
accompanied by an adult

YEARS 5-8
7:00-8:30PM

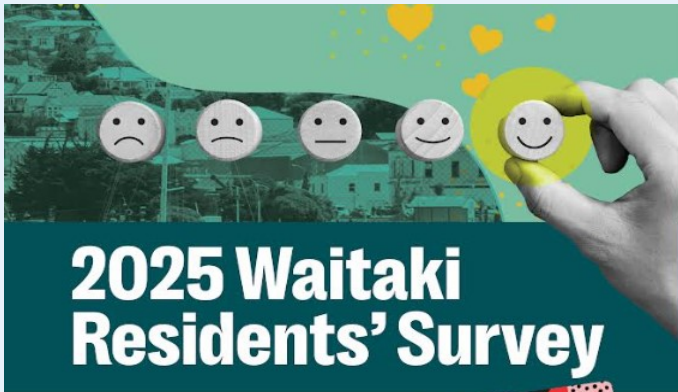
No Passouts
Safe and secure event with supervision

\$5 ENTRY AT THE DOOR

INCLUDES A GLOW STICK

Food for sale on the night

Popcorn, Drinks, Lollies and Hot chips - all \$2 each
ADDITIONAL GLOW STICKS FOR SALE



2025 Waitaki Residents' Survey

Tell us how you think Council has been doing over the last 12 months, and you can go in the draw to win a \$500 Prezzy Card*



Every year we ask residents for feedback on the services and amenities Waitaki District Council provides.

Our Residents Survey lets us know what we're getting right, what we need to work on, and gives you the opportunity to be as specific as you can when adding your comments. We use the results to see what needs to change, what we can do better, how we can help you.

Survey closes 14 July 2025

go here or scan here



www.letstalk.waitaki.govt.nz/residents-survey-2025

*To be eligible to win the \$500 Prezzy Card, you must provide your contact details in the survey form. Limited to one entry per person.



KAIKANUI
AQUALAND NZ

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOUR

OAMARU! Aqualand is bringing our world-class water parks indoors these school holidays! Enjoy all the excitement of our outdoor park, now indoors!

WHEN? Saturday, July 5th & Sunday July 6th 10am - 4pm

WHERE? Waitaki Aquatic Centre Steward Street, Oamaru 9400

Grab your Tickets at Aqualand.co.nz



Pyjama Drive

1 May - 30 June

Many children in foster care have never owned a brand new pair of pyjamas.

Your donation of new winter pyjamas helps children (ages 0 - 18) sleep comfortably as temperatures drop during winter months, offering them both warmth and reassurance that their community cares.



NZ ISE NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

28 June – 6 July 2025
Dunedin | Ōtepoti

90+ events for the whole family
and most of them are free!

scifest.org.nz



Active Kids Waitaki Holiday Programme July 2025

Waitaki Community
Recreation Centre

Monday - Thursday
30 June – 3 July; 9.30am – 12.30pm

Primary & Intermediate-
aged children



WAITAKI COMMUNITY
**RECREATION
CENTRE**

\$10 per child per day
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:
9.30am – 12.30pm
Different activities each day!

MATARIKI WHANAU FUN!

16 - 20 JUNE

16
Te Rāhina
Monday 16 June
3:30-4:30pm
Ōamaru
Library

Tākaro Matariki. A lantern-making and Matariki Storytime activity for school-age children. (NB: Bring your lantern along to Te Wā Pakaitūāra Whānau – a special family Story Time on Wednesday evening.)

Mid winter hīkoi (walk) around the harbour and check out the Matariki Story Book Trail. Open from Saturday, 14th June.

17
Te Rāpō
Tuesday 17 June
3:30-4:30pm
Ōamaru
Library

Matariki Community Waikata. A special session to celebrate the time of Matariki. Everyone welcome to join and sing along to catchy waiata. Nau mai, waiata mai!

4-5pm
Friendly Bay
Beach
Clean-up

Waitaki District Youth Council are leading this wintery clean-up campaign. Please meet by The Gallery promptly at 4pm for registration and health and safety briefing. Bring: drink, bottle, gloves, wear suitable footwear, dress for the weather. It's hot, wet if you have one! Children must be supervised. Free sausage sizzle for all helpers!

**6:30pm
Talk at
Forrester
Gallery**

Meet Karl McNamara, son of local amateur astronomer and astrophotographer Denny McNamara. Learn about his exhibition Denny McNamara: Shoemaker-Lavoy 9 at the Forrester Gallery. Using an abandoned telescope, Denny achieved something remarkable. Join us to hear more about Karl, his father Denny and discover the fascinating intersection between photography, science and personal history.

18
Te Rāpa
Wednesday 18 June
6-7:30pm
Ōamaru
Library

Te Wā Pakaitūāra Whānau. A special Family Story Time for all ages to gather by lantern light in the library. Stories will be told, songs will be sung, sapper will be served. Wear your PJs or snugly clothes and bring your favourite pillow and blanket. (We will send you home at a reasonable time so that you can get up early for the Thursday pre-dawn stargaze.)

19
Te Rāpō
Thursday 19th June
6:30-7am
Stargazing at
Makotukutuku

Stargazing at Makotukutuku | Cape Wanbrow Lookout, 1 Tamar Street. Māori astronomer Damien McNamara will guide our early morning viewing of the Matariki cluster, Punga/Puka and other points of interest. As the dawn breaks, join in with waiata. Please wear extremely warm clothing, sturdy footwear and bring a torch so you can find your way to our assembly point. Note: that for health & safety purposes, the lookout car park will only be available to those with mobility issues. Please park your car on surrounding streets. (Look on the Waitaki District Council Facebook page for notice of cancellation on the day)

**10:30-11am
Ōamaru
Library**

Te Wā Pakaitūāra. The usual toddler Story Time with a Matariki theme. Stories, singing and a Matariki hīkoi!

20
Te Rāmere
Friday 20 June
Mānawatia
a Matariki!

Forrester Gallery is open 1:30-4pm on Matariki!
Denny McNamara: Shoemaker-Lavoy 9 | 31 May - 27 July 2025. Denny McNamara was a prolific astronomer and astrophotographer who left behind an extensive portfolio of lunar and solar eclipses captured from his backyard in Ōamaru. In March 1993, the periodic comet Shoemaker-Lavoy 9 was discovered. McNamara photographed the impact sites of the comet, the second to do so in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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**Forrester Gallery
9 Thames St, Ōamaru 9400**
Usual opening times: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm. Closed on public holidays including Whānau Day, King's Birthday and Matariki (20pm - 4:00pm). Closed Monday (unless a public holiday).

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Extra fun during the week...
Matariki colouring in, go in the bus to visit the Waitaki District Centre bus stop. Complete the Matariki Star Search scavenger hunt and collect a prize.
Don't forget to have a mid winter Waiata and check out the Matariki Story Book Trail. Open from Saturday, 14th June.

