



# Duntroon School

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**Term 2, Week 9, Friday 27th June 2025**

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## Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po

Term 2 is just about at an end. Today the very deserving students got to have their 'Treat Day' acknowledging their great choices with regards to their learning and behaviour throughout the term. Thank you for the generous donations of the lovely new pyjamas that were donated today and also the gold coin donations. We live in such a lovely community. If you still want to donate a new pair of pyjamas, the drop off point in Oamaru for new donated PJs is the 'Property Brokers' office. Sadly the year 8 verse staff Netball game scheduled for today was postponed today due to the weather.



### **Duntroon Culture**

I spoke with the school on Wednesday morning about what I have learnt over this term about the 'Duntroon School Culture' (the way we do things here). I shared that the students, staff, Board, Home & School and families have a culture of support of 'having each other's back', 'looking out for each other' to represent the school at its best. You would have seen it at the Long Lunch with the eldest students helping the youngest students fill up and manage their plates. I hear it out on the turf when the House Captains run big games of dodge ball or soccer. Every age group is involved and encouraged. The Staff worked hard to set up, manage and tidy up on the Long Lunch day. They ensure every child gets on the correct bus and is picked up safely at the gate. Thank you to everyone for contributing to this culture.

### **Cultures**

Next term we can look forward to more learning about Cultures with a focus on music and dance along with our Showcase event at the end of the term. I am told this is an event you would want to save the date for. Keep an eye on the newsletter in Term 3 for more information. The teachers are already planning for Term 3 and I know they are looking forward to a great term of learning.

### **Reports**

Yesterday, your child came home with their Mid year reports. As I said in the last newsletter please take the time to read with your child and celebrate their success and discuss their next steps. Some of you may have watched 'Seven Sharp' on Wednesday night regarding the 'look' of school reports and acknowledging the changes we are facing in Education. We are in a year of transition with regards to Reporting. Our Professional Development focus this year are the two new Curriculum documents in English: yr 0 - 6, Phases 1 & 2 (with the yr. 7 - 8, phase 3, to be released) which covers Oral language, Reading & Writing along with the Maths document: yr 0 - 8 Phases 1, 2 & 3. In light of this work our 2025 reports look the same and in 2026 they will be aligned to the new curriculum documents and reporting parameters.

### **Farewell**

On behalf of the Duntroon School we farewell and send warm wishes to Ryan and Ollie Nana and their family who are moving, the boys will attend Beaconsfield School in Timaru. They have been such terrific pupils in our school and will be missed. Best of luck boys.

Have a fabulous holiday break with friends and family. See you all back on the 14th July.

**Ngā mihi nui**

**Sarah and staff**

### **TERM REMINDERS:**

#### **JUNE**

**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**

# Longest Lunch Writing

Here is a snippet of our longest lunch writing from across the school

## Special Memories



When it is a special day I go to my Nana's for lunch. It makes me feel calm at theirs. It is special to my family because Nana and Grandpa are very special to me. I love my family and spend lots of time with my family. My Auntie, Cousin, Nana, Grandpa and Uncle are there with me. by Kaiah

## Welsh Cakes By Eleanor

Welsh cakes are a classic type of welsh baking. They are always good with a cup of tea. Mamgu (grandma) always had these in her baking tin, they are perfect for an after school snack. This welsh baking is so good, I even had one yesterday, and it was delicious! They are yellowish in colour, and they smell salty and sweet, they are round and have raisins in them. They are small. I eat them when I go to Wales, and we are bringing them because Mam always used to have them.



## Siomai ( Sanidad Family )

Siomai is a popular Filipino street food that originated from Hohhot, Inner Mongolia in Chinese cuisine. It was traditionally served as a dim sum snack in tea houses. Did you know in modern Chinese, Siomai literally means "to cook and sell?" It is basically like a normal dumpling. I am bringing it because Siomai is an important dish in our family. We bring it to every party we go to like birthdays, christmas parties and new year parties, people normally finish it very quickly with family and friends. We are also bringing it because Mum loves making them and I love helping her even though it gets a bit messy when I do. We have it for lunch and for a snack as well. It normally has crushed carrots, pork and garlic wrapped in siomai wrap then we steam it for a while, then it's ready to eat. Just add a bit of soy sauce and chili oil and you'll be hooked.

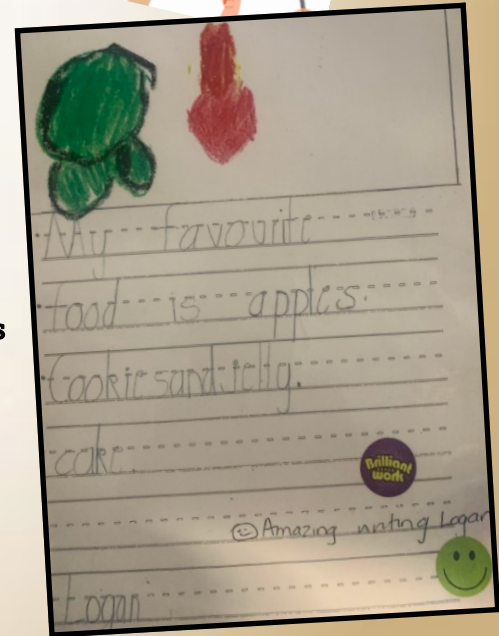
By Lindsay rm. 1

## PORK LUMPIA

Pork Lumpia is a food that we always have, like at a gathering, like what is happening right now!

This food is important to our family because it is a meal which can be made fast, and you can eat it anywhere, at any time! It's easy to make and if you are wondering what the ingredients are: Some wrapper, preferably spring roll wrapper, minced pork, fold it tight, or it might turn a little wonky.

Sometimes we have sweet chilli sauce on the side.



# GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY ONE CALL-OUT AT A TIME.

DUNTROON VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE ARE RECRUITING NOW!



If you want to help out in your community and be part of a friendly bunch of volunteers look no further than the Duntroon Volunteer Fire Brigade!

Duntroon Volunteer Fire Brigade needs you!



WE ATTEND APPROXIMATELY **30** CALL-OUTS, EVERY YEAR. THIS INCLUDES;



STRUCTURE FIRES



VEGETATION FIRES



MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS



MEDICAL EMERGENCIES



HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

For more info contact...

Jamie Deans—027486845

Richard Wills— 0224312881

Lou Tait—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



## 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](mailto:buddyno@psotago.org.nz)

## Plastic Free July Expo & Repair Cafe

Oamaru Community Recreation Centre

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@resourcewaitaki.co.nz) ←

Cheese Making – Live demo @11am-12pm (1 hour session)

→ 12 spots only available, register at [info@resourcewaitaki.co.nz](mailto: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.



# 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm

**WHERE?** Waitaki Aquatic Centre Steward Street, Oamaru 9400

Grab your Tickets at [Aqualand.co.nz](http://Aqualand.co.nz)



# WAITAKI BOYS' BASKETBALL ACADEMY HOLIDAY CAMP 2025



### Who and When:

Years 7-8: 1st July  
Years 3-6: 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Years 9-11: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July

### Time:

10am - 2pm



### Venue:

Waitaki Boys' High School gymnasium

### Cost:

\$40/1 day  
\$70/2 days

### To register:

Waitaki Basketball Camp



### Any queries:

Toby: 027 469 8214



# 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](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc)  
For more info contact the Rec  
Centre 4346932 / 021 08150688

Registrations open now [www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc](http://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  
**Oamaru 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 Rāto**  
Tuesday 17 June  
3:30-4:30pm  
**Oamaru 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!

Waitaki District Youth Council are leading this waiata 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's Shoemaker-Lavley 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  
**Oamaru 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 Rāpae**  
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**  
**Oamaru 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's Shoemaker-Lavley 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 Oamaru. In March 1993, the periodic comet Shoemaker-Lavley 9 was discovered. McNamara photographed the impact sites of the comet, the second to do so in Aotearoa New Zealand.

**George Burns Memorial Art Exhibition | 31 May - 13 July 2025.** Every year school students from around the Waitaki share their artistic talents with us. The Forrester Gallery asks all the schools and early childhood education centres in the Waitaki District to contribute student artwork to the George Burns Memorial Art Exhibition. It is a showcase for the community and a celebration of children's art. You can have fun with the interactive - 1st to 10th!

**Te Rāpae / Wednesday 18th June**  
6-7:30pm **Te Wā Pakaitūāra Whānau**  
A special Family Story Time 6 - 7:30pm, 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. 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.

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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.

