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Newsletter
01-03-2024
Term 1, Week 5

Principals News....

Tech next week

Technology week is next week. The year 7 and 8 students are heading down to Oamaru Intermediate from Tuesday March 5th until Friday March 8th . This means early buses for all students in the mornings. Livingstone and Earthquakes buses will be running 30 minutes early. Eastern Road bus will be running 20 minutes early.

Afternoon buses run at the normal time.

Upper Waitaki Swim Sports

Today Mrs Frear and I attended the Upper Waitaki swim sports with a group of swimmers from Duntroon School. Attitudes and effort were exceptional with all the Duntroon students. We will let you know official results as soon as these are confirmed. Some students may have qualified for the North Otago swim sports that is to be held later in March. Kate Frear will notify parents about this.

Swim lessons

Swimming lessons are now finished for this term. We have seen great progress with stroke development and overall confidence in students. This year we are going to have swimming lessons in term 4 as well as term 1. We have engaged with the Waitaki Aquatic Centre to have an instructor come up to Duntroon to facilitate lessons once our pool is open in mid to late November.

After school organisation

Just another reminder – we need notes, emails, or phone calls to school if your child is not on the bus after school or there are different plans for them after school. Please don't just tell your child the plans.

School MUST be told too. We will put students on the bus unless there is a message from a parent to state otherwise. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

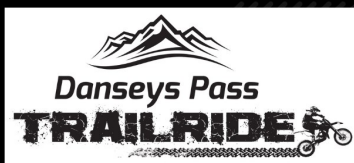
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Mike and Staff



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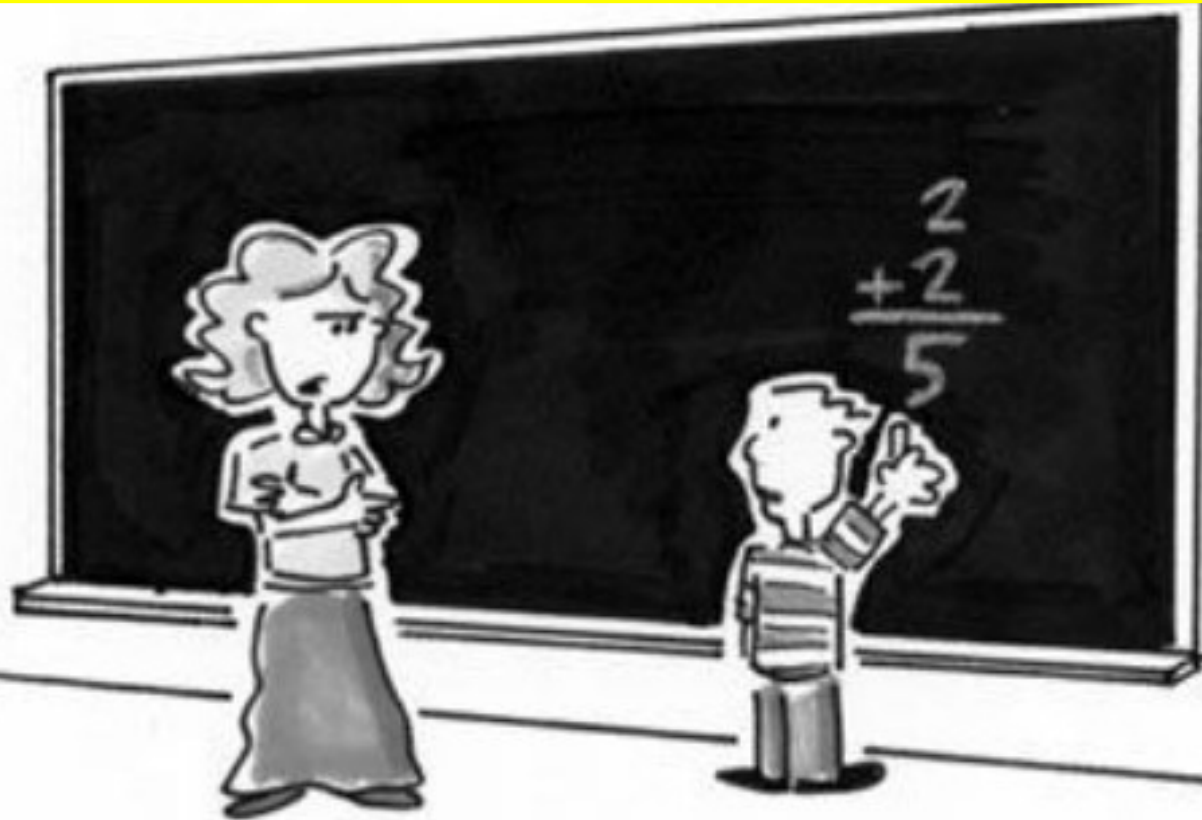
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"No, we cannot agree to disagree."



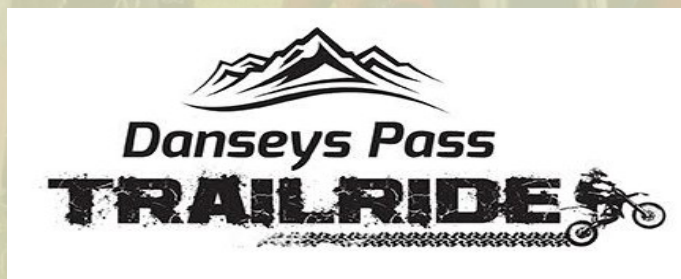
We value Respect, Honesty, Perseverance and Cooperation and Inclusion

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Don't forget to share any Facebook posts that you see on our Dansey's Pass Trail ride page.

This helps us to get the word out there.

It is a great form of free advertising for us.





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Next review: Term 4 2025

Cellphones

Duntroon School students are not permitted to have cellphones at school. Cellphones are not a necessary item within our learning environment therefore are not needed at school.

If for any reason a parent/caregiver would like their child to have a cellphone at school, it would have to be an exceptional circumstance and would need to be agreed to by the principal. The student would not be permitted to use the cellphone during school hours of 9.00 am - 3.00 pm.

In such a case the parent/caregiver would need to:

- Contact the principal directly with the reasons for needing a phone at school. A decision would then be made by the principal.

If it is agreed that the student is allowed a cellphone at school parents/caregivers must:

- Understand that any loss or damage to the cellphone is not the responsibility of Duntroon School board of trustees or staff.
- Understand that the cellphone will be locked in the school office during school hours of 9.00 am - 3.00 pm.
- Ensure that responsibility is taken by the student or parent/caregiver to collect the cellphone from storage at 3.00 pm.

Parents/Caregivers contacting children

If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office or the office cellphone.

Student with a cellphone without permission

If a student is observed in possession of a cellphone without permission it will be confiscated, and a parent/caregiver will be contacted to pick up the cellphone from the office.



Policy Reviews Term 1 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:

Parent Involvement, Communicating with parents, Community conduct, School Planning and reporting

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 here*

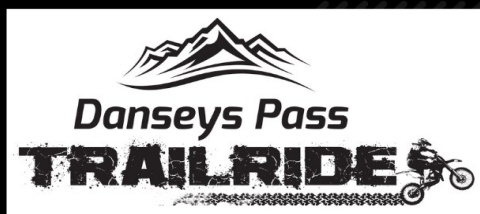
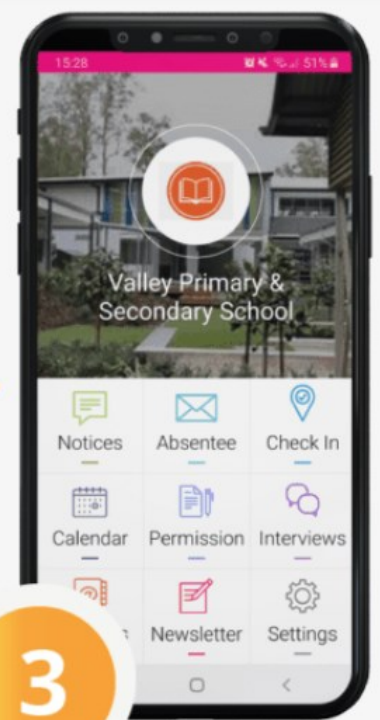
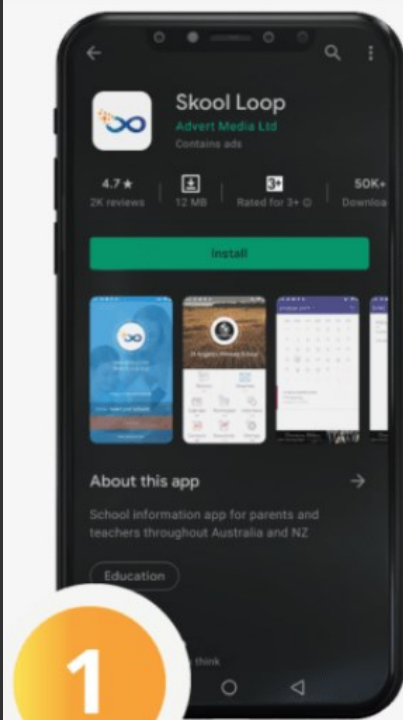
Please complete by Friday April 5th 2024

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

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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RUMA WHA NEWS

Welcome to Ruma Wha in Week 5 of Term 1. Well believe it or not we are already half way through Term 1. We are lucky to “Welcome” many new children to Room 4 this term and more to join later in the year. Our Duntroon School community is a very special place to be. We have loved our pre-schoolers visiting so often last year and this year as they start. They are so settled that no one would even realise they are only just 5. We still have 3 more children to join us permanently in this month. They are visiting 3 days a week so they are involved in the whole programme.

Ruma Wha you are so amazing



We have had an amazing time at our

swimming lessons with Candy. She is so wonderful at building trust and showing us just how much we could improve. We have been so lucky to have her teach us. Thank you Candy.

We are working on finding out all about ourselves and our families to go on the wall with our very special individual dye background displays. Here are a few.



Room 4

MJ, Emileigh, Pun, Ashton, Grace, Jayden, Georgie, Logan T, Logan D, Ioan, Jordan, Ruby, Riley, Marnie (Marnie, Connor, Aleigha – starting very soon), Mrs Simpson



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

4th March—Trail ride first aid course

05th-08th March—Tech Week

8th March—Trail Ride merchandise orders due

13th March—North Otago Netball

20th March—North Otago Swimming

23rd March—Danseys Pass Trail Ride

25th March—Otago Anniversary Day—School closed

29th March—Good Friday –School closed

APRIL

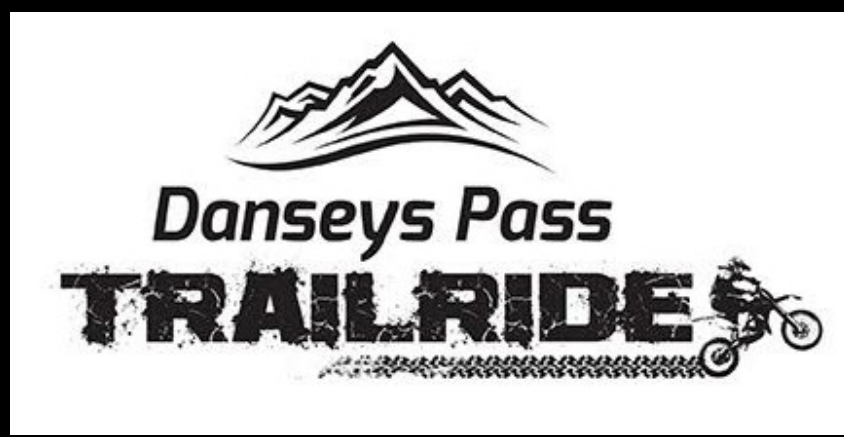
1st April—Easter Monday—School closed

2nd April—Easter Tuesday—School Closed

3rd April—Goal Setting interviews

10th April—Goal Setting Interviews

12th April—Last day of Term 1



The Trail Ride Committee are pleased to announce that Trail Ride merchandise will shortly be available for purchase.

These can be ordered for pick up on the day of the Trail ride from the Trail ride website <https://www.danseypasstrailride.org/>, or there will be some for sale on the day of the trail ride.

These are now on the website for order.



GRIP IT & RIP IT

New to Duntroon School,



Zhamantha Salcedo

Zhamantha lives with her Mum and Dad, she came to NZ from the Philippines, she is year 8 and joins us in room 1.

Zhamantha has a dog back in the Philippines called Bella, and she misses her very much.

In her spare time Zhamantha likes to watch Horror movies. Her favourite colours are light blue and wheat and her favourite food is Chocolate ice cream.

Badminton is the sport she likes the most.

Zhamantha tells me she is getting used to the climate in NZ (I hope she doesn't find the winter too cold!).

Welcome to Duntroon School Zhamantha!

Welcome.....

Steffi Bautista



Steffi lives with her Mum and Dad. She has a dog back home in the Philippines called Tuktuk. Steffi is in room 2.

Steffi loves to play lawn bowls and her favourite colour is yellow, which suits her lovely personality!

“Wednesday” is the movie she likes the most and she likes reading the book “100 facts about space”.

Chicken is her favourite food.

In her spare time Steffi likes to ride her bike.

She admires her Mum the most.

We hope you enjoy your time at Duntroon School Steffi.

NEXT MONTH its TRAIL RIDE

So keep the weekend of 23rd 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 marshals 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

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ROAD CROSSINGS

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 (Kirsty McLachlan 0274274344)

KIDS CAN HELP TOO

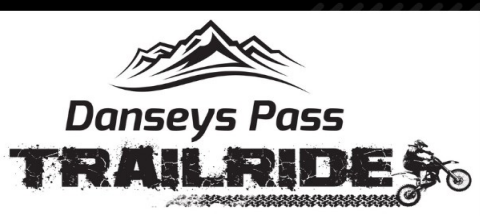
Kids can sell raffle tickets throughout the day with prizes donated from local businesses, They can sell spark arrestors at the registration tent. They can hand out rider briefings and rider registration forms as cars arrive. and older kids can be the second adult on the quieter road crossings. In other 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 7/8 camp fundraiser. So if someone wants to take responsibility for this, get in touch with me (Kirsty 0274274344)

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!



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"To show you how well I understand fractions,
I only did half of my homework."

FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE

**Monday 4th of March, 7pm,
at Duntroon School.**

Great for anyone working at the Trail ride.

Contact Richard Wills 0224312881



Don House Hostel and Waitaki Boys High

Don House Open Day

Sunday April 7th, 2024

Starts at 12PM with Afternoon tea at 1.30PM in the Common room.

Don House Management invite families interested in hostel life to join us at Waitaki Boys High School and Don House to discuss the Don House experience.

We will have boarders present and attending families will be able to take away the Don House Hostel Handbook that gives an insight into the vision and values that Don House portrays and aspires to.

Families will be able to see the programmes and daily routine which includes SCRANO practices, leadership opportunities, self, and time management and how Don House Hostel is able to teach the necessary skills for young men to be successful. A school tour of the surrounding facilities will also take place.

Any enquires please contact

Director of Boarding
Scott Mayhew
scottm@waitakibhs.school.nz
027 285 3885

Residential Manager
Chelsea Seddon
hosteladmin@waitakibhs.school.nz
027 406 6608

Nga Mihi Nui,





Kurow Netball Club Junior Registrations for the 2024 Season

Thursday 14th March, 3-4pm

This is for years 3-8 who will play Friday afternoons in Oamaru.

Ball Skills sessions for 5-7 year olds will be held during term 2 contact Anna for more information

Any questions/queries please contact club secretary Anna Haugh 027 291 5416

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OUR SCHOOL IS SO MUCH
APPRECIATED!**

Kurow JAB Rugby

2024
Season



Registration: Last years players have been sent an email for re-registration. All new players please use the link below by the 1st March 2024

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/209702>

Once registered can you please pay your child's JAB subs to:
Kurow Rugby Club
a/c # 06-0927-0008649-000
Ref: JAB SUBS and your child's name/family name

2024 Subs: \$20 per child



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

UNION JAB RUGBY 2024



Registrations - Last years players have been sent an email for re-registration. All new players please use the link below by the 5th March.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/257895>

Any questions please contact
Phil Wilson 027 424 0311
glenurefarming@farmside.co.nz



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North Otago Cricket Modified Programmes -

GIRLS SMASH!

- GIRLS ONLY
- Years 3-6
- Softball cricket games

- Monday
Centennial Park
- Wednesday -
Kurow Rugby
Grounds
- Friday -
Palmerston
School



SUMMER SMASH!

- Open to everyone
- Years 3-6
- Softball cricket games

- Monday
Centennial-
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- Wednesday -
Kurow Rugby
Grounds
- Friday -
Palmerston
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For all the info & to register scan the QR codes or contact cdo@northotagocricket.co.nz



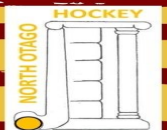
NORTH OTAGO HOCKEY

PRE SEASON, SKILL 'N CHILL

We are opening the turf up to players for a pre season skill 'n chill. Take the opportunity for some time on the turf prior to the start of the 2024 season. Mouth Guards are compulsory. Please bring your own gear.

WEDNESDAY'S
21ST FEB - 27TH MARCH 4.45PM - 5.45PM

NO NEED TO SIGN UP, JUST COME ALONG



JUNIOR TENNIS

2023-24

Hot Shots is a fun and inclusive tennis programme for kids aged 3-12, using lower pressure balls, shorter racquets and smaller courts. Kids progress through their tennis journey at the right pace for their age and stage of development, and learn through play. Each Hotshots group runs for 45 minutes.

We also run a Hot Shots programme in Kurow, on Mondays from 3.30pm-5.30pm, and in Waimate, from 3.30pm-5.30pm, using the same format as Ōamaru. This is a great opportunity for young players in the Waitaki Valley and South Canterbury to give tennis a go!

Junior Development is run alongside our Hot Shots groups. Players are put in teams of two and play a game of singles and doubles each week. This is for more advanced players.

PER TERM
\$60

WHERE North Otago Tennis
39A Chelmer St, Ōamaru

WHEN **Hotshots** 3.30pm - 5.45pm
Junior Development 4pm-5.30pm

CONTACT northotagotennis@gmail.com
www.sporty.co.nz/northotagotennis



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RECYCLE A DEVICE TEACHES VALUABLE TECH SKILLS TO REFURBISH LAPTOPS FOR WHĀNAU TO KEEP

WORKSHOP DETAILS

**Saturday 16 March, 9 - 3pm
Scottish Hall, Tyne Street,
Oamaru**

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Rangatahi aged 12 - 30(ish)
- Those interested in learning new digital skills and giving back to their community

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- How to take apart a laptop and the key parts of a device
- How to diagnose what's wrong with it and fix it in a day
- How to divert e-waste keeping laptops out of landfill

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AND THERE IS NO COST TO THIS WORKSHOP. ALL DEVICES AND TOOLS ARE PROVIDED AND YOU GET TO KEEP THE DEVICE YOU REBURBISH AT THE END.

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

Trish Hurley
trish@resourcewaitaki.co.nz
027 450 6584

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Repair Cafes

There are only 20 spots available for this workshop so please register by Monday 11 March to secure your place.