

Principals News....

Dansey's Pass Trail Ride

Tomorrow is the big day. We hope to see heaps of riders out on the trails. Thanks to the committee and all other helpers for all the hard work behind the scenes.

Students who are attending the trail ride and are not riding need to be in high vis vests please. This is very important for safety. Also, if they are not riding it would be great for them to be in their Duntroon School shirt or jersey. This is a great way to show that they are there, representing the school. There are several students who are keen to help on the day. I have allocated them some jobs to do. If they are unsure on the day, they need to seek me out.

School Closed

A reminder that this Monday March 24th is Otago Anniversary Day – School will be closed.

Progress Interviews

On April 2nd and April 9th, we will have our student progress interviews. These will run for 10 minutes each. Bookings for these will be done on the Skool Loop app. This is now active for you to make a booking. On Skool Loop you will find the option to book your progress interviews. Choose the 'bookings' option. Then go through the prompts to choose the teacher and time you would prefer. You will then receive an email confirmation to tell you what your time is. Attached to this newsletter are instructions. Please note these will be on a first come first served basis.

Pool

A reminder that our pool will close for the season on Tuesday 25th March at 5pm. Please return your key to the school office as soon as possible. Thanks for your ongoing support with the pool. The purchase of pool keys subsidises our costs for chlorine and other pool supplies.

North Otago Swimming Sports

Congratulations to Lauren, Leah, Lindsay and Sadie who represented Duntroon School at the North Otago Swimming Sports on Wednesday. Lauren gained 2nd in her breaststroke and Lindsay 6th in her butterfly.

Enjoy the long weekend

Nga Mihi Nui

Kate and Staff



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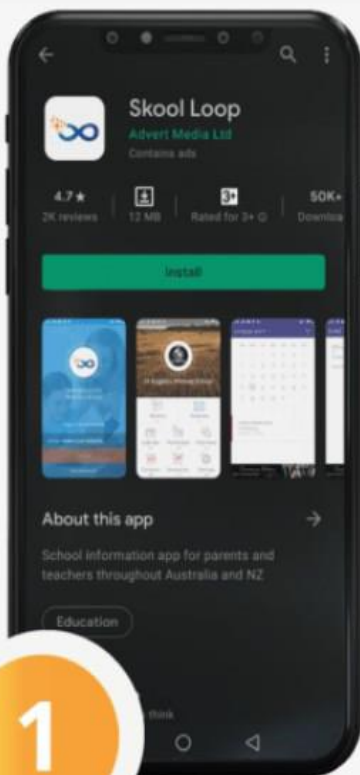
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Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

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.



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

[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 April 11th

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

Team Tahi Newsletter

Wow, the term is really flying by! Last week, our Year 7 & 8's went to Oamaru Intermediate for Tech Week. This happens every term and they rotate around 4 different rotations; Art, Digitech, Hard Materials & Cooking. Below are some photos of their creations! Here are some of their highlights:

- "Playing with drones in Digitech. We coded them to fly from our computer." - Maevyn
- "In Digitech we burnt metal. We used methylated spirits in a bottle to burn copper crystals, iron and magnesium. When we burnt the copper crystals, the fire turned green." - Kaley
- "We made instruments in art - some were life size. We used scrap materials such as cardboard and paper mache to make them. We made a life size guitar." - Ruby
- "We used a coding website to code the controllers using a micro bit. We played Tuxkart with the coded controllers which is similar to mario kart." - Ida
- "In cooking we made food such as pizza, sushi, rice balls and apple pies." - Seth
- "In Art, we did pottery. We were given the brief to make something useful inspired by an instrument. I made a bowl inspired by a drum." - Hazel
- "In Digitech, we used the micro bit again with remote control cars. We had to protect the micro bit with lego." - Lilly-Grace
- "In Art, once we had created our sculptures we used a Japanese artist's work as inspiration to decorate them." - Olivia



VIP(S) AFTERNOON

WE WELCOME YOU AS WE SHARE OUR LEARNING FROM
OUR SCHOOL-WIDE TOPIC, ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND
WHERE WE HAVE COME FROM.

WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING SOME STORIES
AND MEMORIES FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD AS WELL.

When: Friday the 28th March, 1230pm onwards

Where: Duntroon school/(Duntroon Hall if wet)

What to bring: Lunch for a picnic on the lawn

(Buses will be running as usual, but please let your child's classroom
teacher know if you are taking them home early)



Progress Interviews Term 1


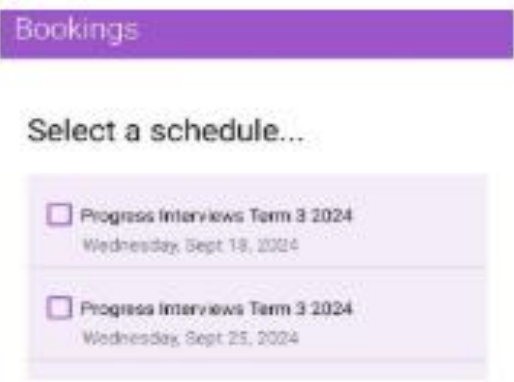
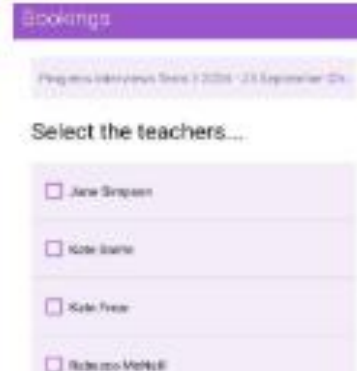
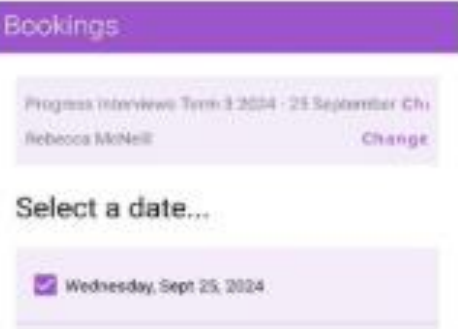



Dear Parents

We have changed the way you book interviews for your child. This is now done on the Skool Loop App. This option will be live from 3pm Friday March 21st.

The interviews for term 1 are being held on April 2nd and 9th.

Follow these instructions to book your interview:

<p>Step 1 – Open the app and choose bookings.</p> 	<p>Step 2 – Choose the date you want for the interview</p> 
<p>Step 3 – Choose the teacher</p> 	<p>Step 4 – Confirm the date</p> 
<p>Step 5 – Choose a time</p> 	<p>You will receive an automated email to confirm your time.</p> <p>You must follow this process for each of your children.</p> <p>Any queries, please contact your child's classroom teacher.</p>

Trapping Club

Duntroon Kaitiaki Kids Collective

Today was an exciting day as we finally got to put our tracking lines out.

We started off by gluing milk bottle tops onto our ink pads, and then putting peanut butter into the bottle tops.

We then split up into two groups to form two separate trapping lines in two different locations. One on school grounds and the other along the fence line beside the Maerewhenua river on our neighbour, Paul Kings' property.

We will come back and check for any activity next Friday morning.

The reason for the ink pads, is we can see what is around by the footprints left behind, and then trap accordingly to what is there.

Check out.....

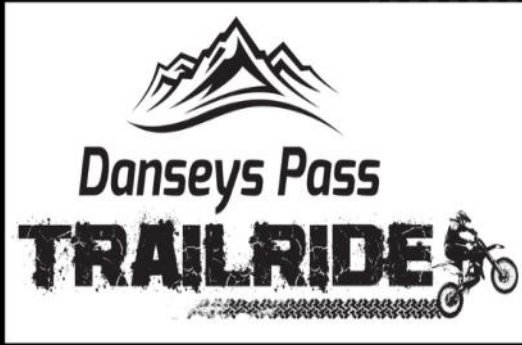
Forest and Bird—Give a trap—Our group has registered on Forrest & Bird's "Give a trap" program. This is where anyone can look at our group, see what we are up to and most importantly donate a trap towards our project. This is an awesome initiative which will help us keep our costs down.

Predator Free NZ— check out this link to see our progress on our project.

<https://predatorfreenz.org/get-involved/find-a-group/>

TRAP NZ— Check out this link to track our progress on the map. <https://trap.nz/project/28910399/info>



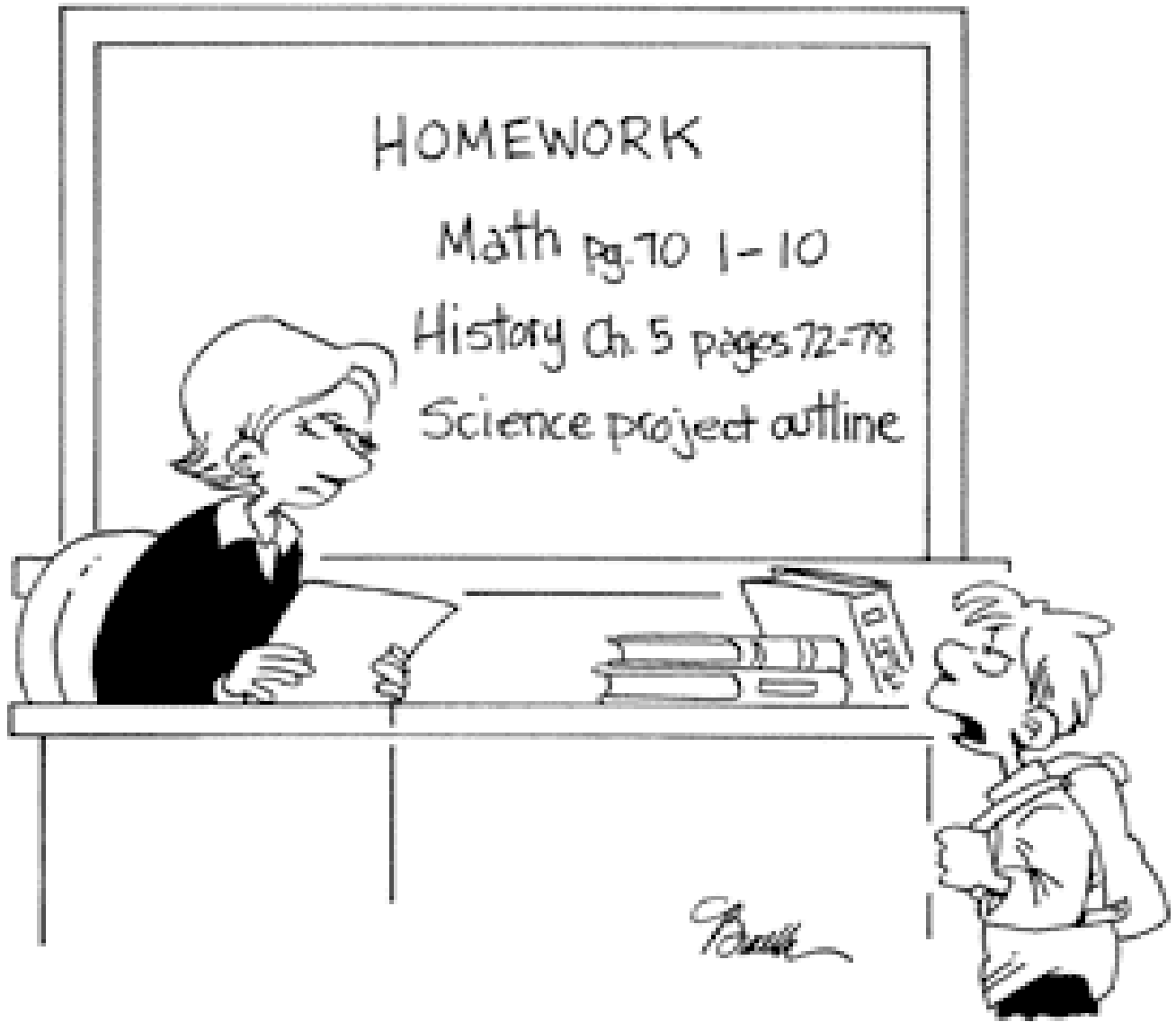


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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

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

28th April—Term Two begins

MAY

9th May—Choir to OIS for practice

27th May—Choir to OIS for practice

Welcome to Duntroon!!!



Jai Newton

Jai lives at home with his Mum, Step Dad and brothers Emanuel, Nikau and Beau.

Jai has a dog named Loki.

His favourite colour is purple and he loves vegetables, particularly broccoli.

Jai loves playing touch and in his spare time, he likes to play with his dog.

When Jai grows up, he wants to work in a shop.

The person that Jai admires the most is his brother Emanuel.

Welcome to Duntroon School Jai, we hope you like it here.

Duntroon Fire Brigade

Warmly Invite

**The Duntroon Community to
Lite Morning Tea following the**

Duntroon Anzac Service

On Friday 25th of April at

Duntroon Fire Station

4 Rees Street, Duntroon

All welcome

ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

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

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.

RIVERSIDE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

KIDS FOOTBALL

First Kicks (Age 4-6) : Monday's @ 3.30pm (Duntroon and Papakaio)

Junior Football (Age 7-13yrs) : Saturday Mornings

Register now

Register @

www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/230913

TRAININGS WILL BE HELD ONCE A WEEK, LOCATION TBC

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

CONTACT DETAILS:

email: riversidefootball@hotmail.com

NICKY MIERS 0212366047

BECKY WILSON 0276999144





Don House Hostel and Waitaki Boys High

Don House Open Day

Sunday 6th April, 2025

Starts at 12PM with Afternoon tea at 1.30PM in the dining 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, Fraser Farm, 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

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Nga Mihi Nui,

