



# Duntroon School

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**Term 2, Week 3, Friday 16th May 2025**

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*Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po*

Looking ahead to week 8 Thursday 19th June - Duntroon Staff and students are having a 'LONG LUNCH' as part of our Celebrating Cultures unit. We welcome our Duntroon families to put this date in your diaries and join us.



More information will follow next week in the newsletter and from the class teachers.

## CHOIR

Students, Mrs Tait and parents went into OIS on Tuesday for their first practice with the other schools. Mrs Tait said they were respectful and fully engaged in this opportunity. Please keep up the extra home practise of the songs, so that you will be ready for the second practise on Tuesday 27th May. Students who have put their name down to be part of this will be expected to be part of this for the duration. Thank you to Jane Strachan, Lowri O'Callaghan and Becky Wilcon for helping with transport. We are very appreciative.

## BUSES

I took a ride on the Livingstone bus run on Thursday morning and will continue to do the 2 other bus runs in the next few weeks. As I am new to your area it is important to know where our students travel from and see the routines, pickup/drop off areas and student and parent behaviour on these runs. Our bus drivers are very conscious of the safety of our students and have asked all parents to please be super aware of the safety rules required for our bus students.

**Please take the time to read the following information and put it into practice at the bus stops. As parents you are the role models and reinforce them in your children's eyes by your actions.**

**Thank you to the parents who remind their child/children to think about these points:**

*While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road and wait until the bus has stopped completely and the door opens before getting on.*

*Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus*

*After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.*

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has safety advice that on their website that you may find useful: [Safety on buses | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi](#).

## HIGH SCHOOLS

We had the W.B.H.S. Rector Mr Paterson and W.G.H.S. Principal Mrs Hay, hostel personnel and student leaders come and meet year 8 students thinking of attending their High School in 2025. The students showed exemplary manners and respect for this visit.

## TEACHER AIDE POSITION

We are currently advertising for a Teacher Aide position. Please share this with your friends and family who may be interested. Contact me if you would like to discuss the position.

*Ngā mihi nui  
Sarah & staff*

## TERM REMINDERS:

### MAY

13th—Choir to OIS for practice

22nd May—BOT Meeting

23rd May—Building Trapping boxes

27th May—Choir to OIS for practice

28th May—Duntroon Speech Finals

May 30th—Teacher Only Day—School Closed

### JUNE

2nd June—Kings Birthday—School Closed

4th June—WRSN Speech Finals

6th June—Tech Challenge

10th June—North Otago Music Festival performance

10-13th June—Tech Week

18th June—BOT Meeting

27th June—Winter Sports Day

27th June—Last Day of term 2

JULY: 14th July—Term 3 Starts



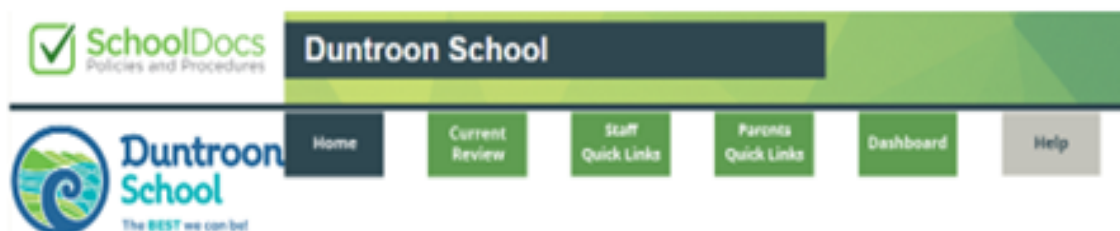
## Policy Reviews Term 2 2025

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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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



# Ruma Wha News

Ruma Wha have been very busy trying to fit everything into each day. It is very exciting to have Sartaag and Kate with us at school. Ysabella is also visiting us.

The children who are a bit older are doing some absolutely amazing work learning how to use their Prime maths books to complete follow-up activities independently.

What to the Children of Ruma Wha like at school!

**Hugh** loves making things and decorating them.

**Edward** loves following the school values.

**Quinn** likes playing outside.

**Kate** likes doing crafts with Miss Milmine.

**Jai** likes listening to the teacher.

**Winter** likes the tyre swing.

**Aleighta** likes playing with the big blocks-building a boat.

**Jordan** likes playing with the trains.

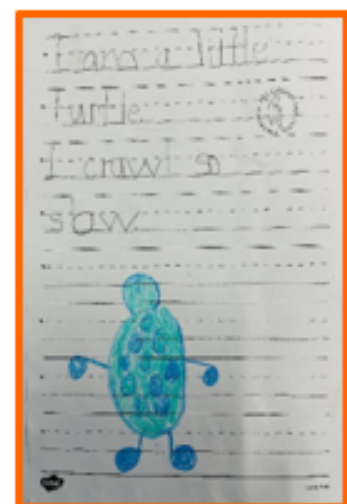
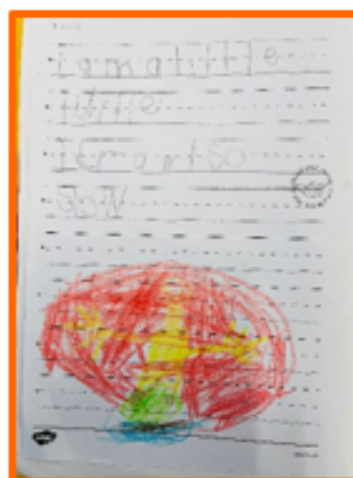
**Logan** likes playing with the tractors.

**Jack** loves playing with the magnetic shapes.

**Rivah** likes playing with her friends.

**Sartaag** likes playing on the slide.

**Greta** likes reading books with Mrs Simpson



## Room 4

**Kate, Logan, Jordan Aleighta, Michael, Rivah, Hugh, Greta, Billie, Jack, Elliott, Quinn, Edward, Jai, Winter, Sartaag**

# DUNTRON PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS 10-12 PM | BEHIND DUNTRON 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- DUNTRON PLAYGROUP FOR MORE INFO



## Botanic Gardens Week 2025

Guardians of the Green: Protecting our Future  
Get creative for Botanical Gardens Week!

To celebrate Botanical Gardens Australia and New Zealand Week, we've cooked up two fun and imaginative competitions for kids and families to enjoy. Whether you're a budding artist or a nature-loving explorer, there's something for everyone!

**Competition 1: Design Your Own Quirky Plant!**  
*For: Primary-aged children*  
Let your imagination run wild! Dream up the quirkiest, most magical plant you can think of—does it glow in the dark? Sing lullabies? Grow upside down? Draw it and write a short description telling us all about it. There are no limits—just creativity!  
What to include with your entry:  
-Your name, your age, a parent or caregiver's email address

**Competition 2: Find Your 5 Favourite Plants!**  
*For: Families*  
Take a stroll through the beautiful Oamaru Public Gardens and discover your top 5 favourite plants. Snap a photo of each one and tell us why you love them—maybe it's the colour, the shape, or a special memory it brings.  
What to include with your entry:  
-Your family name, a short note on why you chose each plant, a contact email address

**How to Enter:**  
-Templates for both competitions are available on our Facebook page.  
-We've also sent entry packs to local primary schools.  
-Prefer paper? Hard copy templates can be picked up from the Oamaru Library or Mitre 10 Oamaru.  
-No template? No problem! Just make sure your entry includes the required details and email it to: [smarshall@waitaki.govt.nz](mailto:smarshall@waitaki.govt.nz) or drop your entries off into the Oamaru Library or Mitre 10 Oamaru.

**Entries close: 31st May 2025**  
Keep an eye on the Oamaru Public Gardens Facebook page for daily updates, quirky plant inspiration, and more garden fun!

Thanks to our sponsors for prizes




### WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

*"Inspiring young men of outstanding character"*

**OPEN DAY AT WAITAKI BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL**

**WHEN:** Wednesday 21st May 2025  
**WHERE:** WBHS Auditorium  
**TIME:** 11.45am—1.15pm

"Discover what makes Waitaki Boys' High School the perfect place for your child's future!"

Start with a dynamic presentation in the Auditorium, then enjoy a guided tour of our vibrant school, steeped in tradition with its stunning buildings, where you'll see first-hand the outstanding opportunities, facilities, and support that set our school apart.

[www.waitakibhs.school.nz](http://www.waitakibhs.school.nz) | Phone 03-437-0529

### Upcoming Open Day at Waitaki Girls' High School.



**Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025  
**Who:** Parents/Caregivers and students  
**Where:** Come to the M K Dunning Hall  
**Time:** 11:45 am

**What will happen:** There will be a short presentation and then you will be taken on a tour of the school by a tour guide, where you will visit classrooms and find out what happens during a school day. You will then be returned to the school hall where you are free to leave or are welcome to have a drink and biscuit and talk to staff members with any unanswered questions that you may have.





OAMARU PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY INC

Oamaru Opera House

May 16th, 17th 18th

Free Entry

Come and support our young performers

Highland dancing, Ballet, Tap, Modern, Hip Hop, Speech, Song, Instrumental and Musical Theatre.

A weekend of entertainment

# RAFFLE

## FUNDRAISER FOR KRISTIAN

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING KRISTIAN'S FAMILY WITH TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR ESSENTIAL OUT-OF-TOWN TREATMENT FOR LEUKEMIA.

PRIZE  
WORTH OVER  
**\$1000**



DRAWN MAY 30TH 2025



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE DUNTRON GARAGE OR THE FLYING PIG CAFE

TICKETS \$5

SPONSORED BY WURTH, REPCO, AKTRON & AUTOLIGN.



## 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

New Members  
always welcome

First  
month  
free!

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

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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



### 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.

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



## 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)

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# WINTER FEED COMPETITION

**6PM, FRIDAY  
16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025,  
TARRAS HALL**  
2958 LINDIS PASS-TARRAS RD

Doors open at 5.30pm with formalities commencing at 6.30pm and Dinner at 7pm.  
MC and Guest Speaker - Richard Loe  
Live band - Paddy's Band  
Courtesy Coach available  
Transport from Omarama  
Eftpos available

**OVER \$30K OF AUCTION ITEMS UP FOR GRABS!**

Omarama Rodeo: Charlotte Montgomery 027 347 0329 | [monty101@extra.co.nz](mailto:monty101@extra.co.nz)  
Central Barrel Racing: Ange Shultz 027 227 786 | [james.ange@ctr.co.nz](mailto:james.ange@ctr.co.nz)  
Waikouaiti Rodeo Club: Dianne Bradshaw 021 367 546 | [waikouaitirodeo@gmail.com](mailto:waikouaitirodeo@gmail.com)  
Catalyst Performance Agronomy: Fergus Keown 027 567 0733 | [fergusk@catalystag.co.nz](mailto:fergusk@catalystag.co.nz)

## We are looking for buddies in the Duntroon Area!

### MOUNTAIN BIKING – CHOCOLATE FISH SERIES

Sunday May 18th and 25<sup>th</sup>

These are suitable for all ages

Children's event – Registration at 9.30am, Start time 10am

Aspiring young riders – Registration at 10.15am, Start time 10.30am

Adults – Registration at 10.15am, Start time 10.30am

Venue: Reservoir Road Mountain bike tracks

Enquiries to Adair Craik 021-309-439

email: [adair@adairca.co.nz](mailto:adair@adairca.co.nz)