

Principals News....

Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po

I have experienced a fantastic first week at Duntroon School. The beautiful waitata led by Maevyn on the guitar and warm welcome by our BOT Chair person Nathan McLachlan and school staff on Monday morning was very special. The students had a chance to interview me and young Reid started with "How old are you?" Then a young girl named Rhylee told me her favourite meal was steak! I knew at this point I was in a rural school and those things counted!

My start has been made all the easier by the work Kate Frear did for the School as Acting Principal in Term 1. She was managing her class and the school at the same time which made her term very busy. Kate and the teachers, teacher aides and Janette Fielding in the office have given me a supportive and warm welcome which I am most appreciative of.

My first impressions of your children have been wonderful ... great manners around the school, industrious and fun loving.

Winter sports

Winter sports start next week. We have Hockey, Miniball & Basketball teams representing our school. We are looking forward to an awesome winter sports season where Duntroon can shine. There has been a great deal of organisation behind the scenes by our competent staff in order to enable our Duntroon children the chance to partake in sport. This is an opportunity to build life skills of teamwork, commitment, coping with winning and losing, meeting new people.

Please make sure all sports subs are paid prior to the first games.

Dairy changeover

As we prepare for the upcoming dairy changeover, we kindly ask that if you have any recent or upcoming changes, or if you know of families who may need to enroll their children at the school, please inform us. This will help us ensure a smooth transition for all students.

Additionally, if you are planning to move or have recently moved, please notify the school office of your new address so we can update our records accordingly.

After school arrangements

Thank you to the people who have contacted the school regarding any changes to after school arrangements for the bus. Particularly the standing arrangements with children involved in sport.



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Upcoming events:

Strike

We are excited to have 'Strike to Schools' coming to Duntroon next Tuesday 6th May. It is an interactive, high energy show that introduces students to a broad range of modern percussion styles from around the world.

Year 8 day at Papakaio

Miss Borrie has everything organised for the Year 8 day at Papakaio next Friday (9th May). A great opportunity to mix and meet with our fellow year 8's from Ardgowan, Five Forks, Papakaio, Waitaki Valley, Glenavy, Kakanui, Omarama, Maheno and Hampden. They will be taking part in a variety of activities ranging from drumming to squash and a lot more in between. Fantastic work from Damian Brown at Papakaio for making this happen for our rural schools.

Speeches

All classrooms are currently working on their skills in public speaking. This will lead towards the Speech finals on Wednesday 28th May. Children presenting are the finalists from their classroom presentations. We welcome the Duntroon community to this.

Our topics:

Juniors are sharing a poem

Year 3 & 4 students are sharing a prepared reading from a chosen book

"In my experience ... " (yr 5 / 6) prepared speech

"I am convinced ... " (yr 7 / 8) prepared speech

The winner of each section goes through to the WRSN Speech Competition @ WGHS 4th June 5pm.

Choir

Lou Tait and Emily Hamilton are supporting our choir students who are practicing their songs for the big performance at the North Otago Music Festival on the 10th June. They are encouraged to learn the words they have been given by Lou in order to be fully prepared when they come to each practice session.

Thank you!

A huge 'thank you' to Lowri and Andrew O'Callaghan for replacing and repairing the tyre wall in our playground over the holidays.

Also our thanks to Jack and Sandy from Bucklands garage for donating the tyres, bolts and nuts.

Our school is lucky to have such supportive parents and community.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 6th May—Miniball/Yr 7/8 Hockey Starts
- 7th May—Basketball/ Junior Hockey Starts
- 9th May— Year 8 day, Papakaio
- 13th—Choir to OIS for practice
- 22nd May—BOT Meeting
- 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

Always plant trees so that the prevailing wind blows the autumn leaves next door.



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St Kevin's College Open Day

Thursday 8th May 1PM & 6PM

Presentation in the Library, followed by a tour of the College.



— St Kevin's College *A College of Special Character*

Upcoming Open Day at Waitaki Girls' High School.



Date: Wednesday 21st 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.



DUNTROON PLAYGROUP

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\$1000



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QUIZ NIGHT



Come along for a fun night of quizzing, quick fire cash raffles PLUS the drawing of our Mothers day raffle

\$10 PER PERSON (4-6 PEOPLE PER TEAM)

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

SEATED BY 6:15PM. QUIZ STARTS AT 6:30PM

NORTHSTAR RESTAURANT & BAR



Please RSVP by Friday 9th of May by emailing pathfinders.funding@gmail.com

Y•Whānau

**FREE Parenting Programme
for parents and caregivers of 10-16 year olds**

2-hour evening sessions over 6 weeks

BOOK TODAY!

Next course starts:

22 May 2025

5:30pm - 7:30pm

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Scotts Own Sea Scouts 2025 times and nights

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

Cubs
ages 8-11
6-7:30
Tuesday

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

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

New Members
always welcome

First
month
free!

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.

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WINTER FEED COMPETITION

6PM, FRIDAY
16th 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!



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