



# Duntroon School

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Term 2, Week 4, Friday 23rd May 2025

Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po

## Assemblies

At our morning Assemblies we have been impressed by the sporting results shared. Our Duntroon teams in hockey, miniball & basketball along with the club teams in football, netball and rugby. They are also showing the values of Duntroon School and respecting their opponents and playing fairly. I know some students are trying new sports or positions in their sport this season which is admirable.

Our Monday and Wednesday Assemblies this week have been led by Miss Tilbury. Miss Tilbury along with Eleanor and Rosa have been teaching how to sign when greeting someone. The school is also preparing for our long lunch by learning our kai karakia combined with sign language.

You will be able to read and view (using the QR code) more about this on Room Rima's page.

You are all invited to be entertained by our Speech finalists at the Duntroon Hall, starting at 1pm on Wednesday 28th May.

This has been a huge week for students sharing their speeches and for the teachers to listen and judge them all. The effort of all students in an area that for some is challenging, shows resilience and can be built on for the next challenge they face in life and learning.

We have two young lads from Waitaki Boys High School to judge the speeches. Congratulations to our finalists.

Yr 1 / 2 Poetry re-	Yr 3 / 4 Book read-	Yr 5 / 6 'In my ex-	Yr 7 / 8 'I am
Logan Duff	Fletcher Hamilton	Leah Todd	Hazel Wills
Connor McCulloch	Lexis Calbone	Tate Hamilton	Lindsay Sanidad
Aleigha Fleming	Ollie Wilson	Jackson Hamilton	Sadie McLachlan
Jayden Todd	Rosa Tremewan	Zach Singno	Oliver Hamilton
Emileigh Rapsey	Steven Pangan	Boh Hamilton	Lilly-Grace Bayne

Top 1 of each section goes through to the WRSN @ WGH5 4th June 5pm.

## School donation

Next week you will receive an invoice for the school donation. This is a voluntary donation to school. We don't enforce this as a compulsory school fee. Any donation money we receive is used for general school-related purposes.

Ngā mihi nui

Sarah and staff

## TERM REMINDERS:

### MAY

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

# RUMA RIMA'S NEWS...

WEEK FOUR - 19<sup>TH</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE DUNTROON SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE TO SEE RUMA RIMA INTRODUCING THEMSELVES!

As it was New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) week in week 2, and as part of our Culture Study unit, Ruma Rima, along with the other children at Duntroon school decided to learn some sign language.

We learnt that NZSL is recognized as an official language in New Zealand, along with English and Te Reo Māori. We learnt the alphabet, how to introduce ourselves, ask what other peoples names are and how to say it is nice to meet someone.

USE THE DICTIONARY BELOW TO LEARN YOUR NAME AND TEACH OTHERS THEIRS!



## NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE ALPHABET



# Trapping Club News.....



**This morning we built our trapping boxes. It was great to see the trapping club kids putting some practical skills into use. Using screwdrivers, hammers and side cutters to piece together our trapping boxes.**

**Massive thank you to Grant Tremewan, who supplied and cut all the timber, sourced the wire mesh and everything else we needed to build these.**

**Big thank you also, to Paul Grant for coming down to help us put the boxes together.**

**Our next step is put the boxes out with a bit of bait and no traps. This helps the pests get used to them in their environment without them being a threat.**

**After they have been out for a couple of weeks we will install the traps in to the boxes. Thank you to Paul Grant and Quested Eggs for supplying us with bait for our trapping boxes.**

**Great Progress—Lou Tait**





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We would like to share our lunch with you and welcome you to join us at the

## ‘LONGEST LUNCH’

This is part of our learning this year called ‘Celebrating Cultures’.

Thursday 19th June 12:30 in Week 8  
Duntroon School/(Duntroon Hall if wet)

# 19.06.25

Each family is asked to bring one dish that can be put on the long lunch table.

The dish is of the families choosing.

It is a dish that is special to the culture of each family, it can be sweet or savoury.

Please bring your dish ready to eat.





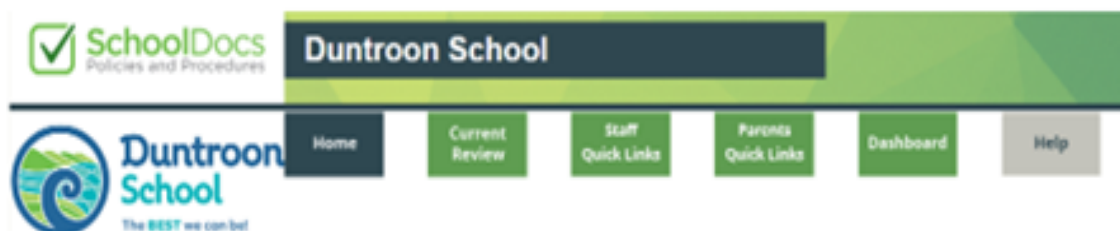
## Policy Reviews Term 2 2025

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.**

# 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



# 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**

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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.

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

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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  
Central Barrel Racing: Ange Shutt | 027 227 786 | james.ange@ktr.co.nz  
Waikouaiti Rodeo Club: Dianne Bradshaw | 021 367 546 | waikouaitirodeo@gmail.com  
Catalyst Performance Agronomy: Fergus Keown | 027 567 0733 | fergus@catalystag.co.nz

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