

## Principals News....

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

I hope the long weekend was relaxing for all. It was a bit wet in parts but hopefully everyone got some time to recharge.

### Teacher Only Day

On Tuesday teachers attended the curriculum refresh teacher only day with Waitaki Valley and Omarama schools. This day involved a bit more unpacking of the new Maths curriculum and some work around structured Maths. We were very pleased with the day and got a lot out of this. We are headed in the right direction by using PR1ME Maths. This is now a Ministry of Education funded programme.

### Swimming Pool Keys

We intend to open the pool in mid-November this year. We have lessons starting after this time. Pool keys will be available to parents. We will let you know when you are able to purchase one of these. Keep your eye on the newsletter.

### Junior Athletics

Junior athletics is Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. The information about this has gone home to with students in Room 3 and 4. Please get the transport slip back to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We hope the weather is all good for this event.

### Year 8 HPV

Just a reminder for those Year 8 parents who have children getting the HPV vaccination.

This will happen at school on Tuesday November the 5<sup>th</sup> .

### Classes for 2025 and student reports

We are currently in the planning stage for classes and class placements for next year. I have already had questions from parents regarding year groups, teachers and where their child may be placed. Your child's class placement and class teacher will come out to you when the student report comes out on Friday December 13.

Nga Mihi Nui  
Mike and staff



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# Think Safe Brain

This term we are lucky enough to have the  
'Think Safe Brain'

farming day here in Duntroon.

All our students will go along to this.

Families are welcome to come along and join in with this. It  
would be great to see a few of you there.

## Are you coming?

20th NOVEMBER 2024 10am sharp.

Duntroon and Waitaki Valley Schools  
invite you to join them at the Duntroon  
Domain for their 'Think Safe Brain'  
farming day!



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All families have been sponsored by St John to take  
home a set of Gurt and Pops books written by our  
local Author Harriet Bremner-Pinckney!



## TOUCH URGENT SAFETY REMINDER

### A safety reminder now that Touch Season is underway

With North Otago Junior Touch back, here's a reminder about road safety around Awamoa Park. There could be over 1000 children participating in this competition on Tuesdays after school until about 7pm - which means it's going to be busy in the area. So, drivers need to slow down, and pedestrians need to take extra care.

### Parking advice for parents.

- Use the car park or park on the same side of the road as Awamoa Park if there are car parks available.
- Ensure your children get in and out on the footpath side of the car.
- Park safely, away from yellow lines, intersections, and driveways.
- Drive slowly outside sports grounds, schools etc and be prepared for surprises.
- Never double park, it affects visibility.
- Get out of the car and cross the road with your children.

If you have to park on the opposite side of the road - ensure your children get in and out on the footpath side of the car and take the opportunity to remind your children how to cross the road safely. We encourage you to get out of the car and cross with them until you are sure they have good road sense.

Stop, Look, Listen, Decide is the way to go.

🛑 STOP on the side of the road **in a safe place** where you can see and be seen.

👁️ LOOK all the ways traffic might come from.

👂 LISTEN for traffic.

🤔 Think and DECIDE... is it safe to cross?

If so, walk briskly across the road, looking each way as you cross.

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# Welcome to Duntroon School!



## JACK McLAY

**Jack lives with his Mum, Dad and brother Angus**

**At home he has Ruby the dog and Rosie the cat.**

**Jack loves to play soccer.**

**His favourite colours are green and red.**

**Bacon is the food he likes to eat the most.**

**He loves to watch "Monster Wheelies" on TV**

**In his spare time he loves playing in the sandpit with Angus.**

**The person he looks up to the most is his brother Angus, because he plays with him and he is nice.**

**Welcome to Duntroon School Jack, we hope you love it here!**



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# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## NOVEMBER

- 4/5th November—Life Education
- 5th November—HPV Vaccinations
- 7th November—Trapping Club Meeting
- 7th November—BOT Meeting
- 8th November—Junior Athletics, WVS
- 11th November—North Otago Athletics
- 14th November—Year 8 Science Day
- 19th November—Otago Athletics
- 20th November—Think Safe Brain Farming day
- 22 & 25th November Swimming Lessons
- 24-29th November—Tech Week
- 28/29th November— Yr4/5 Camp

## DECEMBER

- 4/5/6th December—Swimming Lessons
- 11/12th December—Swimming Lessons
- 13th December—Year 8 Water Day
- 17th December—Last Day of School
- 18th December—Yr 8 Lunch



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# SHOW US YOUR TOYS '24

**SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER**

**Kurow Air Field, Main Street, Kurow**  
**Enter opposite Hakataramea Motors**  
**Register on the day from 9.30am**



Public Entry  
\$2pp  
Exhibit Entry  
\$15

Raffles/Judged Prizes  
Lawnmower racing  
Kids Activities  
Car Blow Up  
Market Stalls

Classic, Late model, Vintage, Hot Rods,  
Import, Race Cars, Off Road, Motorbikes,  
Trucks, Boats, even Helicopters and  
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## SESSION FACILITATOR LOWER WAITAKI PLAYCENTRE

We're looking for an enthusiastic educator to help us nurture child-led play! Be part of our Playcentre whānau and guide tamariki and parents through a hands-on, fun learning journey.

### What you'll do:

- Facilitate child-led sessions
- Foster Te Reo Māori and positive learning experiences
- Encourage parent participation and capture magical moments with learning stories.

### What we need:

- Playcentre Course 3 or ECE Level 4+
- First Aid Cert (or willing to get one)
- Passion for Te Whāriki and empowering whānau

### Position details:

Start Date: 27 January 2025  
Days: Tues, Wed, Thurs (8:30am – 1:30pm)  
Term time only

Full ad can be viewed by visiting -  
<https://www.playcentre.org.nz/vacancies/session-facilitator-lower-waitaki-playcentre/>



**APPLY BY 30 NOVEMBER 2024**  
**SEND YOUR CV AND COVER LETTER TO:**  
**[vacancies@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:vacancies@playcentre.org.nz)**

# DUNTROON PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS 10-12 PM | BEHIND DUNTROON SCHOOL

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## RAISING RESILIENT CAPABLE CHILDREN

Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk.

Waitaki Ara Kāhui Ako invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

### This workshop aims to

- Identify the specific challenges children face when using ICT.
- Includes guidance on behaviour management processes for parents in the practical situations they will face.
- Empower parents to safeguard their children.
- Parents leave with the tools to support their children in how to use ICT safely and ethically at home and at school.

### TOPICS COVERED

- Online sexual exploitation.
- Cyber bullying.
- Future proofing for employment.
- Managing screen time.
- The importance of sleep.
- Online pornography.
- Risk factors and protective factors are identified.



## Waitaki Girls' Auditorium



Thursday 28th November



6.30 PM - 8.00 PM

FREE Tickets available from your schools office