

Principals News....

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

North Otago Athletics

Well done to all of our competitors in the North Otago Athletics. You all participated well and gave it your best. This year we had no 1st – 3rd placings in events. The upper Waitaki relay team came 2 nd in their relay. Well done!

Library Books

We would like all library books back to school during the week of Monday November 18th –22nd. Please make sure you have these back and we do not have to chase you up. It will make our lives much easier for a smooth transition to the container.

Library Space

The new library container has arrived. There was plenty of excitement on Tuesday as it was lifted off the truck and placed in the grounds. Parents are welcome to come along and check the container out at any stage. Thanks to Road Metals for delivering this free of charge to school. Your generosity is amazing. Also of course thanks once again to the Home and School for the donation of container.

Swimming pool

The pool will open in the next few days. I will keep parents up to date on the exact timing of this. You can purchase a key for the season. This is at a cost of \$50 per key for Duntroon families. \$100 for non-Duntroon families. Attached to this newsletter is the pool contract.

Complete this and return it to school if you wish to get a key. Alternatively, you can request a copy from the office. office@duntroon.school.nz
Once the contract is received and the fee is paid, you will receive a key. Please use the code 'pool key' when paying online.

Think safe brain farm day

This is next Wednesday the 20th . If you are intending on coming along, please do not park down at the domain. There will be a lot of traffic moving in and out of this area such as tractors, trucks and farming implements. We ask that you park up by school and walk over to the domain. We will open the school grounds for parking also in case it is needed. This starts at 10am at the domain.

2025 Dates

Just a heads up. Students start back on Monday February 3rd 2025.

Term 4 will finish on Wednesday December 17th 2025.

This is a change from previous dates listed.

Have a great weekend.

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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Come along and interact with practical learning
modules including: Tractors, Motorbikes, NZ Police -
Firearms, Trucks, Fire and Emergency NZ, St John and
more.

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!



“No, I can’t explain my D in math. That class teaches us about numbers, not letters!”

LUNCH CUTLERY

Please remember to put cutlery in your child’s lunch if it is needed.

Our staff cutlery stocks are starting to decrease again.

Many Thanks.

Policy Reviews Term 4 2024

Please copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the reviews and follow the instructions on the School Docs website.

<https://duntroon.schooldocs.co.nz>

your username is – duntroon

your password is - 9494

Click on the Current Review Tab – *Shown here*



Our policy reviews for this term are on:

Finance and Asset Management Policies

Currently under review

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.

[About the review process](#) ⓘ

[Start your review](#)

After choosing the review topic you can click start your review: *Shown above*

Please complete by Friday December 13th

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

Ruma Wha News

Welcome to Ruma Wha. Wow it Is hard to believe that we are halfway through Term 4. Week 5 has crept up very quickly. Our classroom continues to be very busy. The children can be extremely proud of their achievements and new learning so far this term.

Jack is now very settled into Ruma 4 and the routines. We now have Billie, Edward, Elliot, Quinn and Winter visiting each week in preparation for next year. It is certainly a very busy classroom with a lovely buzz of chatter, activities and time with a teacher. We are lucky to have Mrs Hutton on a Wednesday and Thursday during our Literacy Programme. This means the children have time with Mrs Hutton pre-reading and working on their vocabulary in the new books as well as reading with Mrs Simpson and feeling really positive about the text and story. Thank you, Mrs Hutton, for helping the Ruma Wha children.

We had a very exciting time meeting Harold and sharing his programme in the bus.

Our learning programme was “Learning that each of us are “Unique” – how we think/feel/act and what we each like to do. We also learnt about Atawhai – Kindness. Some of the ideas we learnt to use were: “Smile”, “Play Together”, “Help put the Toys Away”, “Help each other when we are hurt”, “Use Our Manners” and “Work Together”. We also learnt about Feather Feelings and Rock Feelings. This helped us understand how we as individuals feel and how we can all support each other.



Room 4

Emileigh, Ashton, Grace, Lainey, Jayden, Georgie, Logan D, Logan T, Ioan, Jordan, Riley, Connor, Marnie, Aleigha, Michael, Rivah, Hugh, Greta, Billie and Jack, as well as our special visting children: Elliott, Quinn, Edward and Winter.

Welcome to Duntroon...



Nikau Newton

Nikau lives with his Mum, & Dad. He has a large family with five brothers and one sister. Their names are Emanuel, Jai, Druss, Beau, Dash, JJ and sister Palace.

He has two dogs at home called Loki and Punley and a cat called Ivy.

His favourite colour is red and he loves to eat Pepperoni.

His favourite sport is rugby.

In his spare time, Nikau loves sleeping.

He said he doesn't like much TV, but he does like to play Minecraft.

Nikau thinks the most amazing person in the world is his Mum, because she does a lot for all his family.

Welcome to Duntroon School Nikau, we hope you enjoy your time here!

New to Duntroon...



Emanuel Newton

Emanuel has a large family, consisting of five brothers and one sister. Their names are Nikau, Jai, Druss, Beau, Dash, JJ and sister Palace. He has Mum and Dad at home too.

Emanuel has a cat called Ivy and two dogs called Loki and Punley.

In his spare time Emanuel likes to do gaming, especially Minecraft.

Soccer is his favourite sport and the food he likes the most is Watermelon.

Light blue is his favourite colour.

It is not surprising that Emanuel likes to watch Minecraft programmes on the TV.

Emanuel thinks the most amazing people are Jesus and God,

Welcome Emanuel, enjoy your school days at Duntroon School!



The trail ride committee are looking for some new people to join the committee, the existing people will be around for at least 1 more trail ride to ensure a smooth handover and help in the first year with any questions. We require the following roles to be filled.

Treasurer - This is a standard office bearing role, which requires you to manage payments and accounts receivable, Keep an electronic Cashbook, and ensure financial legal requirements are kept on top of (such as audits) throughout the year. You are required to prepare a written financial report, and come to most meetings. The majority of the work occurs from February-April. On the day of the Trail ride you are responsible for all payments and helping to run the registration team.

Run the start gates on the day of the trail ride -This is an "on the day" role. You are responsible for holding bikes at the track entry point, and letting them go as advised by base command. you also need to ensure that bikes have paid and been checked over and given the all clear to ride. you will have at least one other person to assist. You will be in radio communication with base command, as often tracks need to be closed, this job suits someone who is calm under pressure, as often you will be dealing with riders who want to be out on track, but they have to wait. You need to be available all day on trail ride day, and also be involved the day before setting up the starting lanes.

After event BBQ/snacks/Drinks-for volunteers, committee members and landowners. (about 50 people) This requires someone who is comfortable coming up with food options, and preparing food safely. The BBQ team can assist with ordering/collecting some food. It is also good if this person gets to know the landowners, and non school volunteers to ensure they are well looked after. this starts around 6.30-9pm on trail ride day.

Base paddock- this role is mainly just all base paddock bookings (such as tents, toilets, bins, coffee, internet but could also involve further bookings such as helicopter, 4WD, and St John. On the day before Trail ride you would also be required to come help set up base paddock, and coordinate with the team of people coming down to assist with setting up base paddock as well.

Administration- This role requires someone to help keep all electronic trail ride documents up to date throughout the year (mainly February-April) Leading up to trail ride you need to ensure documents required for the ride are printed off and set up at base paddock (for example maps, rider briefings, rules of the ride, safety document) This is done at school and in town at the print shop.

For any further questions or expressions of interest about any of these roles please contact either -

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Kirsty McLachlan 0274274344



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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 19th November—Otago Athletics
- 20th November—Think Safe Brain Farming day
- 22 & 25th November Swimming Lessons
- 25th November—Trapping Club Meeting
- 24-29th November—Tech Week
- 28/29th November— Yr4/5 Camp

DECEMBER.

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

FEBRUARY

- 3rd February—First day of school for 2025



 LJ Hooker Oamaru



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 Planes, anything goes. ALL WELCOME!

Crowd favourite LAWN MOWER RACING

Email kurowkruisers@gmail.com for rules and entry details.



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FEATURE CAR,
HOLDEN TAKING
CENTRE STAGE!**

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

Saturday 23rd November

Waimate Rodeo Grounds, Sth Canterbury

Enter through the Jotform Link

LINK ON OUR FB PAGE

COACHING FROM 10AM

BBQ LUNCH AVAILABLE

HAVE A GO DAY!

Youth Bull Riding

**Learn about Bull/ Steer riding - on a pretend steer and
opportunity to ride the real deal!**

Junior steers - Rider 15 yrs & under, & under 50kg

Novice Steers - Rider 15 yrs & under

2nd Div Bulls- 16 years and over

Mouth guard compulsory, if you have gear please bring it along,
otherwise there will be some helmets and backprotectors available



OAMARU SWIM CLUB INVITES YOU TO

FAST & FURIOUS

Join us for the final event for 2024,
a fun & festive night of racing!

There's an event for all levels, from beginners right
through to experienced swimmers.

**NOVEMBER
22ND**

**WARM UP 5.30 PM
START 6 PM**

ENTER BY WEDNESDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER

SPOT PRIZES

**FESTIVE
DRESS UP**



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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