



# Duntroon School

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**Term 4, Week 7, Friday 21st November 2025**

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## Tēnā koutou whanau

We are having great weather which has made for some fun times in the pool and playground. Our class swimming lessons with a qualified swimming instructor will be starting soon which is a great opportunity to improve on swimming skills learnt in the previous year.

The Year 4-5 students led by Miss Tilbury and Miss McNeill will be looking forward to their overnight stay in the Museum on Monday 24th November. Parents of these children please keep an eye on Miss Tilbury's communication with you, so your child is well prepared for this experience. While Miss McNeill is away at Camp Miss George will be teaching room 3.

Thank you to our Emily Hamilton, Nikki Beazley, Andrew O'Callaghan and Sarah Todd who are going as parent helpers on the year4-5 camp.

Next Friday the Year 8's have their Transition days at their respective High Schools. There has been a note from Miss Borrie to all the Year 8 families regarding a few different things Year 8 students will be involved in as we near the end of the year. To support this organisation, please take the time to read through this and ensure your child is organised and in the right place at the right time.

## Caretaker / Pool support

We are currently looking for expressions of interest from someone in the Duntroon Community who would be interested in some part time hours taking care of the grounds and around the school. I am also looking for a person who may be looking for summer hours looking after the pool during the holiday period. This could be a combined role or 2 separate roles. If you know of someone or are interested in this yourself, please make time to come and see me to find out what these roles entail.

## 2026 organisation

Teachers for classes in 2026 will be Yr 1/2: Mrs Simpson, Yr 2 /3: Miss McNeill, Yr 4 /5: Miss George, Yr 6 /7: Mrs Frear, Yr 7 /8: Miss Tilbury.

Sarah & Staff

### NOVEMBER

24/25th Nov—Year4/5 Camp—Dunedin  
 28th Nov—Year 8 Transition Day

### December

5th Dec—Water Day Glenavy Yr 8s  
 11th Dec—Reports home  
 16th Dec—School break up

**First day of school 2026**  
**Monday 2nd February**

# New Students!

We have had a few students start here at Duntroon School in the last little while, we would like to introduce them all to you, and welcome them here.



Meet (from left) Ciara, Ted and Ysabella. They have joined us in Room 4 this year. They are all 5 years old.

When asked what their favourite food is:

Ciara: Tomatoes

Ted: Chicken Nuggets

Ysabella: Marshmallows

I asked them if they have any pets at home:

Ciara: No, I don't.

Ted: Puppies

Ysabella: Benny, the cat.

Their favourite colours are:

Ciara, Ted, Ysabella

**Introducing Arniel (11) and Arjie (6)**

**Arniel is in room 2 and Arjie is in room 4.**

**I asked them to tell me a little bit about themselves.**

**Arniel likes the colour black and basketball is his favourite sport, his favourite food is bananas, like the Minions.**

**Arjie's favourite colour is blue and apples are the food he loves the most. Soccer is his favourite sport.**

**When the boys are not at school and have some free time, they love riding their bikes.**



# New Students...

Big welcome to The Langrope Family.

From left Tessa (7), Holly (10) and Tyler (8).

Holly is in room 2, Tyler in room 5 and Tessa in room 3.

When I asked them what their favourite food is, they all unanimously answered ice cream!

Tyler and Tessa's favourite sport is Touch, while Holly's is Netball.

Their favourite colours are

Holly, Tyler, Tessa.



Keep an eye out next week for more new students who were away today.

## POOL CONTACT

**Please feel free to print it out, fill it out and bring it into the office, OR there are forms at the office.**

### Duntroon School Pool - Code of Conduct 2025/26

#### Safety

- Key holders are responsible for ALL people they admit to the pool.
- No one is to swim alone.
- Keys are for the use of family members and their guests. Keys are not to be shared.
- Children under the age of 16 must be actively supervised by a person 18 yrs or older.
- Due to health and hygiene reasons all babies/toddlers not yet toilet trained must wear swim pants such as Huggies "Little Swimmers" (not underwear) whilst swimming.
- No jumping, bombing or diving into the pool.

#### Pool

- Opening hours: 6am-9pm (During school terms the pool is closed to the public 9am-3pm)
- It's essential that you sign the pool register when you enter and leave the complex.
- Ensure the cover is placed back over the pool and the gate is locked when leaving.
- Please leave the complex in a tidy state and remove your own rubbish.
- The swimming pool complex is smoke-free at all times.
- Please report any damage or concerns to Sarah Caldwell, Principal - 027 434 9068

#### Keys

These are available to school families at the subsidised cost of \$50.00. They're also available to those without children at our school for \$100.00. Lost keys will be invoiced for at the replacement cost of \$10.00 each.

Online payments can be made to the school account 02-0900-0000540-00. Please enter your name and POOL as reference. A key will be issued once payment is received and a Code of Conduct completed and signed.

Keys are limited and are available on a first-come/first-served basis. Please return keys to the school office by the date specified and don't hold over until the next season.

*I/we have read the above Code of Conduct and understand and accept the guidelines therein.*

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....email.....

Signed.....Dated.....

Disclaimer: The Duntroon BOT accepts no responsibility for any accidents or injuries whilst using the pool complex or for damage to personal property. Use the pool at your own risk. The BOT reserves the right to close the pool at any time due to Health & Safety issues.



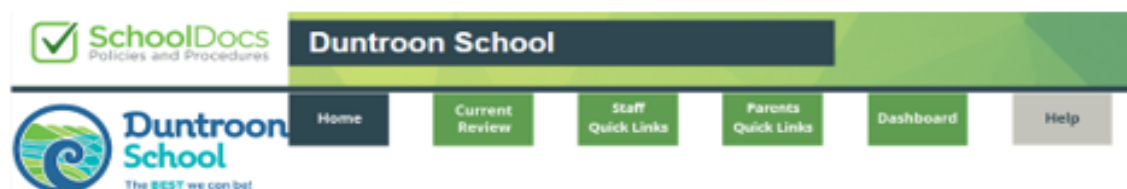
## Policy Reviews Term 4 2025

Please complete the following link to 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



Our Policy review statements for this term are on:

- **Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property**
- **Stand-Down, Suspension and Exclusion**
- **Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

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 December 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

# 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




Merry Kirimihete, Waitaki!

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING




Christmas Tree lights will switch on at 9.30pm

**SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES** by bringing canned food or a wrapped child's gift to exchange for...

 Bouncy castle fun

 Popcorn

 Sausage sizzle

 A BYO logo reusable coffee cup

Let's bring Christmas magic to every household this holiday season

also happening

## SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Friday 28th November 7pm - 9.30pm | LOWER THAMES STREET, DAMARU

Waitaki District Youth Council for sausage sizzle, plus delicious food trucks  
Music by Saggy Britches band | Luzette face painting | Bouncy castle | Popcorn





Have a go at Athletics with



# LAUNCH ATHLETICS

An exciting and inclusive event for rangatahi aged 12-18 to give athletics a go in a fun, team-based setting!  
No experience needed — all abilities are welcome. You don't need to be involved in Athletics to join the fun at Launch!



**Sunday, 23 November 2025**

**9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

Post-Event

Shared BBQ for everyone involved



Q&A with Senior Otago athletes

**Caledonian Ground  
Dunedin**

Register its FREE  
Registrations close 21st  
Nov 11:59pm



Scan the QR code to register and find out more about Launch.

Any questions please contact Holly Robinson: [development@athleticsotago.co.nz](mailto:development@athleticsotago.co.nz)



**OAMARU ROWING CLUB**

# INTRO TO ROWING YEAR 8+



**Term 4 2025 - Term 1 2026**

### Hey Year 8s!

We've got a super cool Learn-to-Row program just for you, perfect for anyone heading to high school in 2026.

### It's going to be awesome!

You'll learn all about rowing, on the water and on land. We'll explore the parts of a rowing boat, try out different rowing styles, and get fit with fun gym and Erg rowing machine sessions to boost our skills.

We'll visit cool spots like Oamaru Harbour and Waihao Box, and in Term 1, we'll even go watch some real racing at Lake

Ruataniwha in Twizel.

Our rowing coach and older rowers will be there to help us learn and have a blast. You'll also get to see how the high school rowers train, which is super inspiring!

Cost: \$100 - This covers travel for the fun trips we'll take.

When: Every Monday and Wednesday, 3:30pm-4:30pm (during term), at the Oamaru Rowing Club. Starts Monday 13th October

Plus, some awesome weekend trips!

**Can't wait to row with you all!**

For more details contact:

Coach Tracey Marshall 027 240 4476



## NORTH OTAGO PONY CLUB

A safe and supportive community where young people enjoy equestrian activities and grow their knowledge.

Where it begins!

- Learn how to care for and ride horses safely and effectively
- Monthly rallies with instruction in riding and horse management
- Aimed at children and young people under 25 years of age
- All stages and abilities are catered for
- Earn certificates in an internationally recognised syllabus
- Make friends and participate in fun activities and events
- Opportunities to compete and be part of teams
- Excellent value with low fees and experienced coaches
- Access to grounds and facilities

**Give it a go!**

**First three rallies are free for prospective members**

Whether you're want to ride for fun or aim for the top, Pony Club is New Zealand's gateway to a lifelong journey with horses.

For more information contact us through Facebook or [coachnopc@gmail.com](mailto:coachnopc@gmail.com)

[www.nzpca.org](http://www.nzpca.org)



## WAIMATE RODEO CLUB YOUTH BULL RIDING SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

WAIMATE RODEO GROUNDS  
5TH CANTERBURY

Ages 5-18 (years 0-13)

Bucking machines, technique coaching

Jnr Steers, Novice Steers, 2nd Division Bulls

Great low key day to come along and have a go!

**OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**COACHING FROM 10AM**

**JACKPOT AFTER LUNCH**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Entry form to follow on our FB page

