

Principals News....

Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

Mr Turner

The board of trustees sent home a letter on Tuesday regarding my resignation. This was not an easy decision to make as I have loved my time here and this school is thriving. My new role will be working for PR1ME Mathematics. I will be supporting other schools who have implemented PR1ME and new schools needing support. Kate Frear will take on the role of acting principal in term one or until a replacement principal has been appointed. Kate will still be teaching in room 2 and will have some release days in the office.

The board of trustees are working hard in the background and have already started the process for the appointment of a new Principal. I look forward to catching up with families over the next few weeks before I leave Duntroon.

Miss Tilbury – new teacher

Grace Tilbury will be visiting Duntroon School on Monday and Tuesday next week. She will be roaming classes, getting to know students and staff and starting to sort things for 2025. We are pleased she can come and hang out here at Duntroon prior to starting in term 1.

Swimming pool

The pool is now open. Please return pool contracts to the office if you wish to get a key. Remind yourself of the expectations when using the pool. These are clearly displayed around the pool as well as in your contract. The pool book needs to be filled in each time you visit too please.

Year 4 and 5 camp

From all accounts the year 4 and 5 students had a blast at camp. We are looking forward to hearing all about the adventure. There may be some tired kids this afternoon. Thanks to Emily, Phil and Andrew for your parent support. Mrs Frear – you did a top job organising this.

End of year

The end of the term is swiftly sneaking up in us!

We will end the year with our normal final assembly and shared lunch. The final assembly will be on Tuesday December 17th at 11am. Families are welcome to attend this. At the conclusion of this, we will have our shared lunch out on the school verandah.

We ask families to please bring something along to share.

Buses will be running as normal for the morning of the 17th of December.

Buses will leave Duntroon School at 1:30pm on the 17 h of December.

Have a great weekend.

Nga Mihi Nuii

Mike and staff



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Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Miss McNeill who has officially moved from being a provisionally registered teacher to fully registered.

Members of staff were lucky enough to be able to celebrate with her on Thursday night at the NZEI graduation dinner.

Well done Rebecca on completing your two years.

We are so proud of you. You have proven yourself to be a dedicated, hardworking teacher and Duntroon School is so lucky to have you.



New Library Space

Many of you would have seen the new container outside the school office. With the school expanding to five classrooms next year, we had to shift the library space somewhere.

This week the library has been officially moved into the container, and it has turned out much better than we ever imagined.

It is a cosy, quiet and functional space and it houses our many books beautifully.

Pop in and have a look, I think you will be pleasantly surprised.



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.

Team Tahī News

Wow, Term 4 has absolutely flown by and all of a sudden it's less than a month till Christmas! Room One has had a fantastic, action-packed term. This week our Year 7 & 8's are at Oamaru Intermediate for Tech. The Year 6's have had Miss Borrie and Miss Milmine this week. We have been baking in Tuhura, creating some wonderful art and making Christmas wreaths.

As this is Team Tahī's final newsletter entry for 2024, we would like to say farewell to our group of seven fantastic Year 8's who are moving onto High School next year. While we are sad to say goodbye, we are also very excited for you all as you take this next step. Every one of you can be very proud of your time at Duntroon School whether that has been 6 months, 8 years or anything in between. Enjoy your last two and a half weeks here at Duntroon! We will miss you all but look forward to hearing of the awesome things you achieve.

All the best Seth, Reco, Cohen, Greer, Laila, Breana and Fred!



Seth Butcher



Reco Hodgetts



Cohen McLachlan



Greer Neal



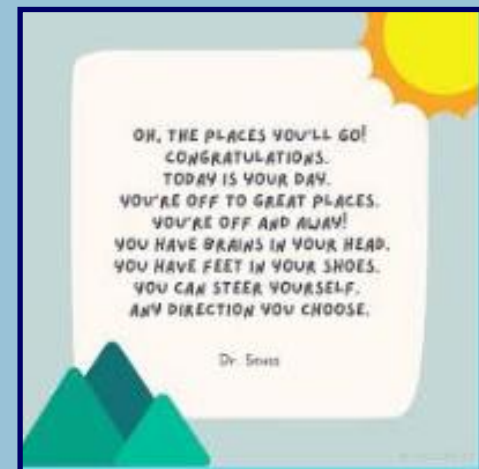
Laila Samara



Breana Smith



Fred Stalker



Duntroon School Pool – Code of Conduct 2024/25

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.
- Children under the age of 16 must be actively supervised by a person 18 years 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 from 9am – 3pm).
- It is essential that you sign the pool register when you enter the complex.
- Please ensure the cover is placed back over the pool and that the gate is locked when leaving.
- Please leave the complex in a tidy state and remove own rubbish.
- The swimming pool complex is smoke free at all times.
- Please report any damage or concerns to either of the following:

Chris Woodmore - Pool Operator 027 693 3639
Mike Turner - Principal 027 389 0310

Keys

Keys are not to be lent, shared or borrowed. They are available to school families at the subsidised cost of \$50.00. Keys are 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 bank account: 02-0900-0000540-00. Please enter your name and POOL as reference. A key will be issued once payment appears in this account and a signed Code of Conduct received.

Keys are limited and are available on a first-come first-served basis. We ask that, in fairness to others, keys are not held over to the next season. Please return this key to the school office

I/we have read the above code of conduct. I/we understand and accept the guidelines therein.

Name:

Address:

Phone no. 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.

Please return this key to the school office by 31st March 2025.

Key #

Duntroon Kids Trapping Group (Duntroon Kids Kaitiaki Collective)

I am excited to announce that next year I will be starting a pest trapping initiative with the year 7&8 students.

At the recent NOPPA teachers conference I attend a course on trapping. This was about Ardgowan School implementing a trapping programme to help engage kids in their learning. I was immediately interested and with the backing of Mr Turner, straight away started setting something like this up at Duntroon School for our kids.

This initiative is not only about trapping/killing animals. It is about tracking potential species that are around so we can set the appropriate traps, monitoring and data recording the local bird life and native plant species, mapping & calculating the trapping area, making our own wooden trapping boxes and bait, setting and monitoring our trapping lines, data recording of trapped species just to name a few things.

I have been working with DOC and the Otago district council to gain permission to access to the Maerewhenua riverbed area behind the school, as we believe this has untapped potential for trapping pests. Keep an eye out for our soon to be set up page on [Trap NZ](https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050/) and check out this link <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050/> which has a lot of information on it.

We have also been very lucky to have been granted some funding from Dogterom Farming Ltd to help kick start us off on our trapping journey. I am also waiting to hear if any of my grant applications have been successful, as like anything, this initiative comes with some costs.

If any parents would like to be involved in any way please don't hesitate to contact me. There will be more information sent out in the new year. Lou Tait

Thank you!!!

Anzco Foods

For your generous donation to our school which was possible through the "Sponsor a School" programme.

This was made possible by participating dairy farmers sending in their calves to Anzco, and nominating our school for sponsorship.

We are very thankful for this and look forward to putting these funds back into our school.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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"No Miss, I wasn't day dreaming.
I was planning my summer vacation!"

TOOT FOR TUCKER

As you may know, Toot for tucker is on in Duntroon Village on Tuesday 3rd of December from 6pm.

The Duntroon Volunteer fire brigade will be out and about collecting any non-perishable foods.

If you live out of the village, and want to donate anything, you are more than welcome to send or drop any items to the school for Lou Tait to collect.

TOOT FOR TUCKER



**DUNTROON FIRE BRIGADE ~
KUROW AMBULANCE
COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

3RD DECEMBER FROM 6PM

Non - perishable food can be left at
Vanished World or at your letter box

Jacob's Lawns + Yards

Ph: 0275150002

Jacob is asking for nominations for any deserving people in the Duntroon community that would benefit from an hour of Jacob's time for mowing lawns, stacking firewood or raking leaves, even some gardening.

This has been generously donated by a former Duntroon resident with connections still to Duntroon, who also would love to help some of the locals.

If you know of anyone who would love this service, please contact the number above and we can discuss further.

Unicorn Poo

Alaina has been busy collecting up and bagging manure from her committed producers.

These are for sale for \$2 per bag, or you can take a trailer load for \$5.

She is fundraising to get to Nationals in January.

If you are wanting any

Contact Lou 0272946084

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