Friday 6th November 2026 Term 4, Week 4

Duntroon School

The **BEST** we can be! • Ko te **PAI** e taea e tatou!

KIA ORA WHANAU

I believe it has been a very exciting week, as I got to see our old, very precious, Duntroon School sign that used to hang over the side gate, be newly positioned in front of the Office. The sign has been away for a bit of a spa treatment and has a new lease of life to it. The pole has been extended and painted and securely put in place by Mike Andrews and Tux Tremewan.
We are now another step closer to the rejuvenation of the school entrance area to welcome our families each day and our visitors. Next step for you to keep an eye out for are new gates and fence.
We look forward to taking a special photo of our Yr 8 leavers under the sign at the end of the year.

'Country Day'
Kate Frear could not be more excited about our 'Country Day' on Monday 9th November.
I know many families will be busy preparing their entries and items they will need for their creations. The animals that will be having their time at school will be getting spruced up ready to look their best and hopefully behave themselves beautifully. This is an event we have wanted to have for a while and I know Emma Rapsey and her friends feel the same way. She has memories of Pet Days at Duntroon School when she was a wee girl and wanted the same experience for her kids. Many members of our community have teamed up with Kate to make this happen and I know our wonderful teachers are also looking forward to it. It is a 'fingers crossed' for a perfect weather situation as we would love everyone to come into school and enjoy the day with us.

Country Day message from Kate Frear
We are all looking forward to Country Day on Monday! There is already lots of excitement and talk in the corridors about leading and fancy dress outfits.

- Mufti: Students are welcome to wear country day mufti.
- Doggy bags: Please if you are bringing a dog, make sure you bring doggy bags.

OR we have let Kate off our staff meeting after school for clean up duties! 😉

Kapa Haka at Hui Ako
Miss McNeill and Emily Hamilton have been prepping the Kapa Haka group for the Hui Ako event with Kapa Haka groups from the North Otago schools. This will be their first public performance at the Network Waitaki Event Centre, outside of Duntroon School and I know they will make us proud. This is happening on Wednesday 11th November.

Kī-o-rahi tournament
Miss Tilbury has organised teams to attend the Kī-o-rahi tournament on Thursday 12th November in town. The buses have been provided for us to attend so it is a perfect opportunity to enjoy a fun, fast paced game with the company of other schools.

School pool
John has made a terrific job of prepping the pool for the upcoming swimming season. Keys will be available from the Office from next week to be hired for Terms 4 and Term 1 27' while the pool is open. There is a contract to be signed with guidelines for the pool use. We take a great deal of pride in being able to provide this for our students and the community with many families enjoying it over the summer break. Swimming lessons with a qualified instructor start in week 6 on Wednesday 18th November for all of our students.

Apricot tree
Many of you will have seen the old apricot tree was flattened in the wind last Friday - it had its last fruiting season in the summer which apparently was the best many had known, it was its last burst as it turns out. Some of you ex-pupils may remember enjoying the fruit of that tree in your school days. John will be working away on clearing this in the next week or so.

Duntroon School is going to be the polling booth on Saturday, so get along and vote if you haven't already.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Sarah & Staff



NORTH OTAGO
ATHLETICS RESULTS



Placings are as follows:

Krystal

1st – 8/9 Year Old Relay Team

1st – 60m Sprint

1st – Long Jump

Chase

3rd – 60m Sprint

2nd – Long Jump

Mace

2nd – 80m Sprint

2nd – 800m

1st – Long Jump

1st – Discus

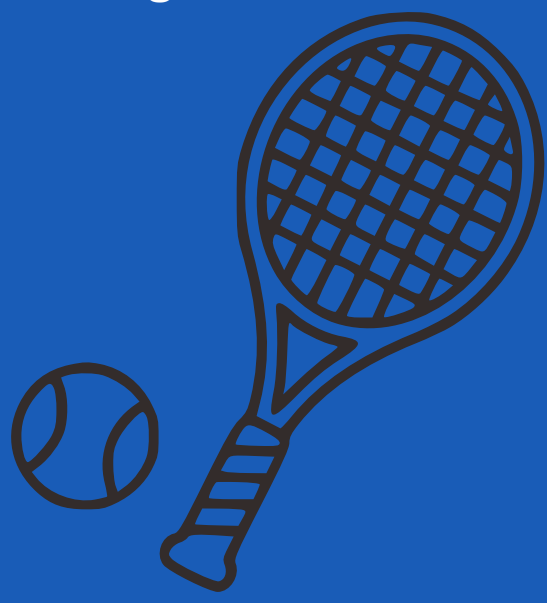
1st – High Jump

Sadie

1st – High Jump

Congratulations to all of the above students, who have qualified for the Otago Athletics on Tuesday, 17th November!

TENNIS



Good luck to Georgina, who will be representing Duntroon School and North Otago Tennis at the Southern Primary and Intermediate School Champs in Dunedin today. We look forward to hearing how she gets on.

SUPPORT DUNTROON SCHOOL

Support our school fundraising effort and get yourself organised for Christmas gift giving with ‘Kids Artwork’. There was such a positive response to the first round of ordering of calendars, mouse pads, notebooks and diaries with your child’s artwork on it, that we have been able to extend the ordering period for another week. If you would like to put in another order or a new order please follow these simple instructions.

1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ2397
3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted













SAVE THE DATE!

COUNTRY DAY





MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

THEME: 'THE YEAR OF THE BEE'

Country Day is coming up! Mark your calendars for Monday, 9th November. A form will be sent home next week so you can indicate which events your child will be entering.
A huge thank you to Yvonne Duff for organising our indoor exhibit judges and Emma Rapsey for the outdoor judges.

🚜 **Young Farmers Events – Parent Helpers Needed!** 🚜

We are still on the hunt for enthusiastic parents to help run our Young Farmers stations while indoor exhibits are being judged. We need 6 stations (e.g., tug of war, sack races, sponge throwing, gumboot throw, wheelbarrow races, or irrigation challenges—we are open to your ideas!).
If you can help plan or organise these stations, please email katef@duntroon.school.nz. ASAP.



🐾 **Pets & Entries** 🐾

Showcase your favourite animals and creative ideas! Below are the categories available:



- **Lambs:** Fancy Dress, Leading, Care and Attention
- **Calves:** Fancy Dress, Leading, Care and Attention
  *Calf Requirements: Must have its own food/water containers, halter and lead, and be tied up at least 2 meters away from other calves.
- **Dogs (Small and Large)**: Fancy Dress, Leading, Care and Attention
  *Note: Dogs must be well-socialised family pets that get along with other dogs.
- **Horses:** Leading and Handling, Care and Attention, Fancy Dress
- **Miscellaneous Pets:** Pet Knowledge, Care and Attention, Fancy Dress
- **Poster on a Pet:** Research a pet you have or would like to have (care required, usefulness, etc.).
- **Fancy Dress Bike:** Decorate your bike!

🎨 **Indoor Exhibits**

Each student must submit a minimum of 2 entries, but you are welcome to enter as many as you like! Students will have 1 hour on the morning of Country Day to prepare their in-class entries.



🧁 **Baking (Complete at home & bring to school on the day)**



- Homemade sweets (gift packed - fudge, chocolate, hokey pokey, etc.)
- Traditional Kiwi recipe baking
- ONE decorated cupcake (standard size, decorated by the child with minimal bought decorations)

🌸 **Flowers (Complete at school on Country Day morning)**

Bring all necessary materials. Items not constructed at school will not be judged.



- Novelty Container Arrangement (using interesting crockery, a boot, etc.)
- Sand Saucer
- Aqua Jar

🎨 **Art Work**

- Completed at School: Bee Art (completed in class prior to Country Day)
- Completed at Home: Photograph (Bee theme)

🚜 **Construction**

- Completed at School (Morning of Country Day):
  *Oven-dish Miniature Farmyard (bring all materials)
  *Vegetable Animals (bring materials; precut is fine, but carving/sculpting and construction must be done at school)
- Completed at Home:
  *Creative Construction (Lego, Meccano, K'nex, etc. — must be an original creation, no boxed sets)







Country Day Outline

9am All children in class so that the Roll can be taken.
9-10am Children construct their in-class exhibits. This is done in children's own class, not earlier than 8.30am.
10-10.30am Whole School Activity - John Aitken's (our lovely caretaker) talk about bee keeping.
10.30-10.55am Morning Tea.
10.55-11am Assemble for Young Farmers Rotations. Judges will start judging in-class exhibits.
11-12.15pm Young Farmers Rotations.
12.15-1pm Lunch.
Pets arrive at school, not earlier than 12.30pm.
1pm Grand Parade/ Fancy Dress Parade (and judging).
1.30pm Pet Judging. Certificates for each class presented.
2pm Certificates presented by each section.
2.30pm Children collect entries from classrooms.
3pm Buses leave.

