



Duntroon School

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KIA ORA WHANAU

It's Week 2 already, and we have a busy and exciting time ahead!

Junior Athletics Success

On Monday, Duntroon School hosted the Junior Athletics day and were delighted to welcome students, staff and parents from Waitaki Valley and Omarama schools. The school was a hive of activity under sunny skies! It was a well run event, and while there were plenty of tired children by the end of the day, a great time was had by all. A huge thank you to Nellie and Rebecca for their outstanding organisation and Miss Notman for her support too.

Year 7/8 Camp

Our Year 7 and 8 students would have now or are about to return from an action-packed, fun-filled camp at Wainui. Expect some very tired campers ready for their own beds-and plenty of laundry! Fortunately, a long weekend is right around the corner for everyone to recharge.

Labour Day Holiday – School Closed Monday, 25th October

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, 26th October for Labour Day. We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned day of rest in preparation for Senior Athletics.

Senior Athletics in Twizel – Tuesday, 27th October

On Tuesday, students who are 8 years of age (as of 1st October 2026) will be representing our school at the Upper Waitaki Schools Athletics event in Twizel. Transport Note: Direct emails have been sent to all families whose children require school-arranged transport.

Transport & Arrival Times: If your child is traveling in the school van or with Mrs Caldwell, please ensure they are at school by 7:25 AM at the latest. We must arrive in Twizel by 8:45 AM.

What to Pack and Prepare:

- Correct school uniform
- Extra warm clothing layers
- Sunscreen applied before arriving at the event
- A substantial lunch and a filled water bottle
- Personal medication (especially inhalers or pre-taken antihistamines)
- Sunhats will be brought up from school (please see your teacher on arrival when the roll is taken to get yours).
- There will be a BBQ and bake/drinks sale, run by the Twizel senior school students with sausages \$3, and if its a hot day there will be ice blocks \$1, the funds raised will help keep costs down for our kids school camp.

TWIZEL SCHOOL HAVE NO WATER FOUNTAINS - so please ensure kids bring water bottles. There will be a cone at the the door to access the toilets and fill water bottles if needed.

Cancellations and Pickups: Any weather cancellations will be posted on our school Facebook page and Skooloop app. We will send an update when leaving Twizel so parents know when to expect students back for pickup.

Regular Bus Service: Normal school buses will run as scheduled for all students remaining at school.

Good luck to our relay teams!

8 yr old girls	8 yr old boys	9 yr old girls	9 yr old boys	10 yr old girls	10 yr old boys
1. Krystal	1. Arthur	1. Rosa	1. Cooper	1. Georgie	1. Jaxson
2. Kaiah	2. Owen	2. Olivia J	2. Chase	2. Holly	2. Mace
3. Emileigh	3. Ashton	3. Eleanor	3. Reid	3. Khaylie	3. Jackson
4. Olivia W 	4. Zeb	4. Evie	4. Fletcher	4. Rosa	4. Zach
11 yr old girls	11 yr old boys	12 yr old girls	12 yr old boys	13+ yr old girls	13+ yr old boys
1. Phoebe	1. Huw	1. Chelsey	1..Mason	1. Sadie	1. Jacob
2. Aaliyah	2. Arniel	2. Heine	2. Henry	2. Annabelle	2. Michael
3. Leah	3. Mace	3. Eden	3.. Kane	3. Alaina	3. Dane
4. Scarlet	4. Jackson	4. Boh	4.Murdoch	4. Sofia	4. Sid

North Otago Athletics

If your child qualifies for the North Otago’s athletics I will be in touch with you promptly as they are being held on Monday 2nd of November at Centennial Park.

Welcome Stacey Ferris

Next week Stacey Ferris will be joining Miss Milmine in Room 5. Stacey's teacher training is with Te Rito Maioha. She will be with us for four weeks. Stacey currently lives in Ikawai so is very excited to have a rural teaching experience. We look forward to welcoming her to our school, and know the children will benefit from having her here.

A Huge Thank You to Our Home & School Team!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Home and School community and everyone involved in organising and supporting the Trail Ride fundraiser! Thanks to their incredible efforts, we have been able to lease new interactive SMART Boards for our classrooms. These state-of-the-art boards are non-glare, interactive displays-essentially acting as large, powerful teaching devices that give our classrooms instant access to top-tier digital learning tools and interactive lessons. You may have already spotted them in action during our recent open classroom sessions! Beyond the new SMART Boards, the Home and School committee has provided invaluable financial support throughout the year, including funding for:

- School Camps: Supporting camp experiences for all of our students.
- Ski Day: Helping make the Year 7 and 8 ski day possible.
- Kapa Haka: Funding our fantastic new Kapa Haka uniforms.
- Class Trips: Covering bus transport costs to ensure our students can enjoy learning beyond the classroom.

In so many different ways, every dollar raised directly enriches the everyday learning environment and experiences of every child across our school. Thank you all for your continued support!

NO TOUCH on Tuesday 27th October for all Duntroon School Teams.

Ngā mihi nui

Kate & Staff



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

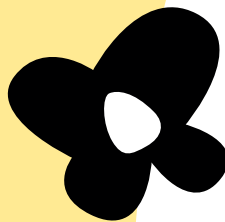
- Completed at School: Bee Art (completed in class prior to Country Day)
- Completed at Home: Photograph (Bee theme)

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.

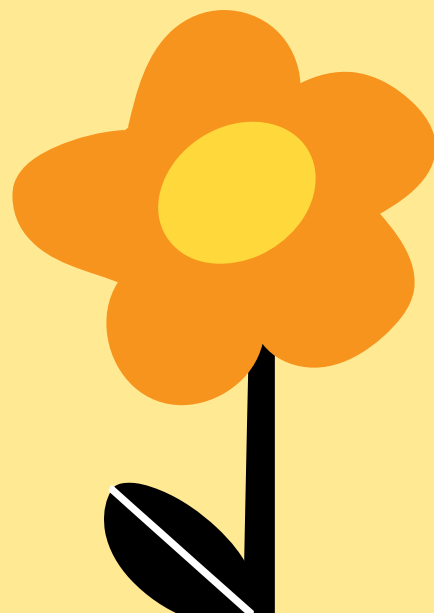
1pm Grand Parade/ Fancy Dress Parade (and judging).

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.

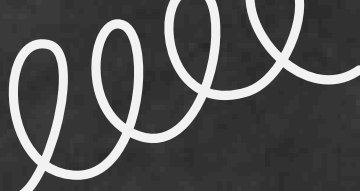


Crochet Lessons

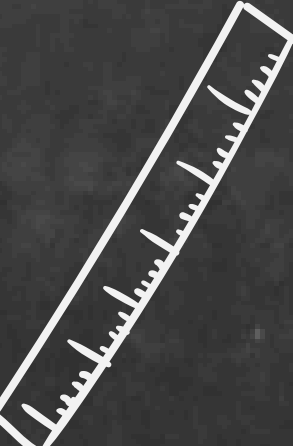
A huge thank you to Sheryl for coming in and teaching crochet to our students every Friday lunchtime.



We look forward to seeing the results at the end of term.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday 26 th October	Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 27 th October	NO TOUCH RUGBY for all Duntroon School Teams
Tuesday 27 th October	Senior Athletics Day (Twizel)
Friday 30 th October	World Teachers Day
Monday 9 th November	COUNTRY DAY!
Thursday 12 th November	Ki o Rahi Funday Year 5-8
Tuesday 17 th November	Otago Athletics







FAMILY CONNECT GROUP

Everyone is welcome

FREE

JOIN US FOR

- ✓ Friendly chats and support
- ✓ Guest speakers from Community Organisations
- ✓ Meet parents from around the World
- ✓ Playgroup activities for children 0 - 5 years

Every Monday
10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Plunket Rooms
1 Severn Street, Oamaru

Contact Justyna
022 466 3240
connector@waitakimulticultural.org.nz

LATIN DANCE WORKOUT



This activity is part of the Active Movement Programme and is available to all newcomers and migrants

WEDNESDAYS

6.45 pm - 7.35 pm, Recreation Centre, 43 Orwell Street
No classes during school holidays.



FREE CLASS



Join us for our Latin Dance Workout. Spaces are limited

Register / Questions

Justyna Miller :0224663240
connector@waitakimulticultural.org.nz

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ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Every Tuesday 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Does not run during school holidays

Community House
100 Thames Street, Oamaru 9400

- ✓ Improve your English language skills
- ✓ Learn English speaking and listening
- ✓ The topic changes on a weekly basis
- ✓ Meet and connect with new people

Contact Justyna Miller

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**FREE
JOIN US
TODAY**

Let's Talk Kids Workshop in Oamaru



Discover ways to keep your children safe and support their well-being through trust, positive communication, and strong family connections.

When and Where

Monday, 2 November, 20 Ribble Street, Oamaru (OPIT Learning Hub), 11.00-1.30

For more information

Contact Justyna at letstalkkids@gmail.com or 0224663240

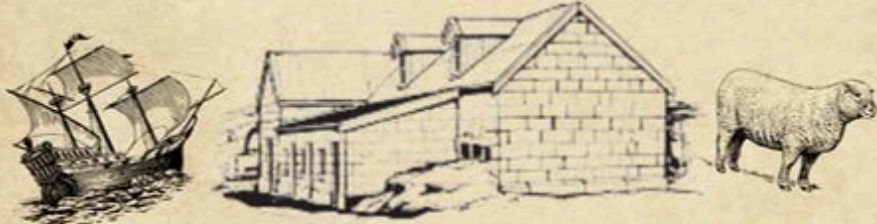
HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS
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TOTARA ~ ESTATE
565 ALMA-MAHENO HIGHWAY · 8KM SOUTH OF ŌAMARU

Victorian Heritage Celebrations

TALES and TEA at Totara

Celebrate the birthplace of the frozen meat industry



THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

10.30am & 2pm: Hear the story of Totara Estate from a different perspective. Explore the Estate as it comes to life through stories, then celebrate afterwards with freshly baked scones and billy tea.

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

10.30am & 2pm: Hear the story of Totara Estate from a different perspective. Explore the Estate as it comes to life through stories, then celebrate afterwards with freshly baked scones and billy tea.

\$30 per person, scones and tea included.
Bookings recommended.
Email: totaraestate@heritage.org.nz Phone: 03 433 126



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OPEN TO ALL AGES

SCONES, ZINES & HORSESHOES

AT TOTARA ESTATE

GOLD COIN ENTRY

Victorian Zine Station

Drop in and create your own miniature masterpiece at our Victorian Zine Station. Inspired by the pamphlets, penny publications, illustrations, and printed ephemera of the past, visitors are encouraged to experiment with words, drawings, collage, and design.

Grand Victorian Scone Competition

Bring along your best scones for The Grand Victorian Scone Competition — a light-hearted celebration of baking and tradition. Bring four scones from any category (plain, cheese, or fancy/creative) to Totara Estate by 12pm to be judged and in to win a prize!
Competition details on Totara Estate Facebook or VHC website.

National Horseshoe Throwing Championship

Step into the ring and test your aim as you compete head-to-head for the chance to be crowned National Horseshoe Throwing Champion! Open to all ages and skill levels. Have a go while your scones are being judged!

Sunday 15th November 11am-2pm



Sunday 15th November 12pm



Sunday 15th November 12.15pm



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Landmarks that tell our stories

rePAIR Café

Sunday 1 November
10am-2pm | scottishhall
10 tyne street, Ōamaru 9400

Free entry!
Koha welcome



Bring along your broken or damaged items and see if our volunteer repairers can help! * Some repairs may incur a small cost for parts or specialist help

FREE WORKSHOPS
First come, first served!

clothes swap!

11am - Beeswax Wraps
12pm - Lip Balm –
1pm - Lip Balm –

Swapit,saveit,styleit!Join our Clothes Swap. Hosted by JOT, Just One Thing Waitaki.

Together we can make Waitaki waste free!

WASTE FREE WAITAKI

Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust

Waitaki District Council

JUST ONE THING

Scan the QRcode to go to the Waitaki Resource Recovery Park Facebook page for event updates & more information

