Friday 30th October 2026 Term 4, Week 3

# Duntroon School

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## KIA ORA WHANAU

Another busy start to the week with families attending the **Senior Athletics Day** at Twizel Area School. This was my first experience attending the Athletics off site as last year, due to Twizel's building work, we had our own day on the Duntroon grounds and domain. Athletics was another example of how every time I get to be away with the Duntroon students either on Camp, Athletics, High School transition visits, Year 8 days etc I am always proud of the students conduct when they represent our school values. Our teachers often reflect on this and it is something to be proud of.

As you will see in this week's newsletter there is information regarding the upcoming '**Country Day'**, seeing the Wainui Camp experience, & the North Otago Athletics - congratulations to the students who qualified. Mrs Frear and I will be with this group on Monday.

**World Teachers Day** today - the Teachers were thoroughly spoiled by our colleagues Janette, Maria, Paige, Monika, Maria & Mel with scrumptious morning tea. This certainly is a great team to be part of.

I hope the Duntron Playgroups 'Spooky Disco' goes well tonight. Have a great weekend everyone.

*Sarah & Staff*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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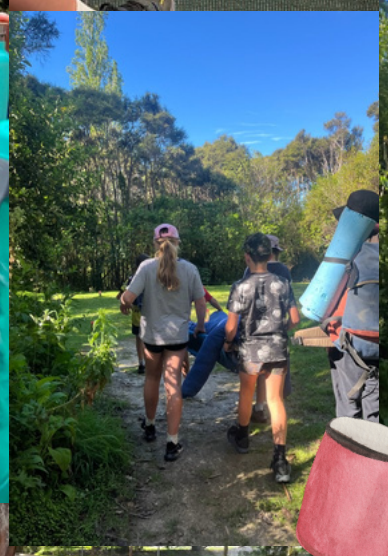
| Monday 9th November | COUNTRY DAY! |
| Thursday 12th November | Ki o Rahi Funday Year 5-8 |
| Tuesday 17th November | Otago Athletics |
| Thursday 19th/20th November | Year 3 -4 Overnight Camp at School |
| Thursday 26th November | Year 5-6 Camp at Danseys |

# Camp Wainui 2026

On Monday the 19th of October 2026, the Year 7 & 8 students were off to Wainui Camp. We got on the bus and headed to Ashburton for our first stop to have some lunch and a short break. After our break, we got back on the bus to Wainui. After a long two hours on the bus, we finally arrived in Wainui and were greeted by one of our instructors, Freddie. The next couple of days were jam-packed with fun activities and good laughs. A few of the activities we did were coasteering, paddling, high ropes, UHF radios, search and rescue, archery, ABL games, orienteering, and eating lots of Andy's awesome food.

Thank you to all our helpers for giving up your week to come help us!



# Upper Waitaki Athletics 2026 Results - Girls

| SHOT PUT | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | Krystal Todd | Olivia Walton | |
| 9 year old | | Olivia Johnston | Eleanor O'Callaghan |
| 12 year old | Eden Savill | | |
| 13+ year old | Sadie McLachlan | | Alaina Tait |

| DISCUS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | Krystal Todd | | Olivia Walton |
| 9 year old | | | |
| 11 year old | | Phoebe Trezise | Leah Todd |
| 13+ year old | | | Sadie McLachlan |

| HIGH JUMP | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | Krystal Todd | | Kaiah Benbow |
| 10 year old | Zoe Bell | | |
| 11 year old | | Phoebe Trezise | |
| 13+ year old | Sadie McLachlan | | |

| LONG JUMP | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | Krystal Todd | | |
| 9 year old | Eleanor O'Callaghan | | Olivia Johnston |
| 11 year old | | | Leah Todd |
| 13+ year old | | | Sadie McLachlan |

| SPRINTS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | Krystal Todd | | |
| 11 year old | | | Phoebe Trezise |
| 13+ year old | | Sadie McLachlan | |

| 800m | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | | Krystal Todd | Emileigh Rapsey |
| 12 year old | | | Eden Savill |
| 13+ year old | Sadie McLachlan | | |

# Upper Waitaki Athletics 2026 Results - Boys

| SHOT PUT | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 year old | | | Cooper Hamilton |
| 10 year old | | Mace Benbow | |
| 13+ year old | | Michael Craig | Jacob Trezise |

| DISCUS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 year old | Mace Benbow | Jaxson Benbow | |
| 13+ year old | | Jacob Trezise | Michael Craig |

| HIGH JUMP | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | | Arthur Douglas | |
| 9 year old | | Fletcher Hamilton and Chase Todd | |
| 10 year old | Mace Benbow | Jaxson Benbow | |

| LONG JUMP | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | | Arthur Douglas | |
| 9 year old | Chase Tosh | | Cooper Hamilton |
| 10 year old | Mace Benbow | | Jaxson Benbow |
| 13+ year old | Jacob Trezise | | Sid Stalker |

| SPRINTS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 year old | | | Arthur Douglas |
| 9 year old | | Chase Tosh | |
| 10 year old | Mace Benbow | Jaxson Benbow | Jackson Hamilton |
| 13+ year old | | Jacob Trezise | Michael Craig |

| 800m | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 year old | | | Cooper Hamilton |
| 10 year old | Mace Benbow | Ollie Wilson | |
| 13+ year old | Jacob Trezise | | Sid Stalker |

## North Otago Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to participate in the North Otago Athletics on Monday:

Krystal, Arthur, Olivia J, Ollie, Chase, Mace, Jaxson, Jackson, Phoebe, Jacob, Sadie, Eden, and Michael.

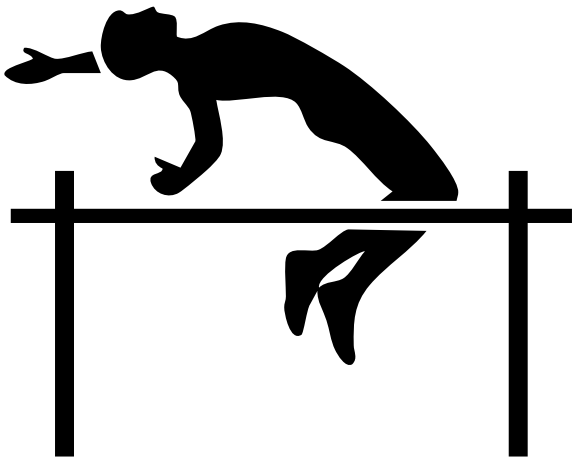
**Country Day Update**

Thank you to the 3 parents who have offered to help with the Young Farmers activities! We still require 3 more volunteers. Please let Mrs Frear know ASAP if you can help.
katef@duntroon.school.nz

Notices for Country Day were sent home yesterday. Please return the event entry forms by **Wednesday, 5th November**.

Mrs Frear is also looking to borrow the following equipment for the Young Farmers activities:

- Gumboots (clearly named) for the gumboot throw
- Sacks for the sack race
- A tug-of-war rope
- Clean empty cans for the "Knock the Cans" target game
- 3 wheelbarrows for the wheelbarrow race



# 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.