



Duntroon School

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KIA ORA WHANAU

Parent Consultation Survey

Please see the link in this newsletter to our Board Strategic Plan (2027–2029) consultation survey. Last week this survey was shared in the newsletter, email, skool loop and via class teachers email and I have got 10 responses. Your feedback is vital to shaping our school's future. Students and staff are also completing surveys, along with key members of our wider community. These are anonymous. Please take a few minutes to open it up and fill in where you wish. It would be much appreciated.

Kapa Haka group

Currently Miss McNeill is meeting regularly with our newly formed Duntroon Kapa Haka group. They will perform at our Showcase and have a big public performance on 11th November at the Waitaki Kapa Haka Hui Ako at the new events centre. Miss McNeill is also coordinating new uniforms for this group which is pretty exciting - this group will be looking and sounding very sharp!

Athletics training

Our teachers are giving every opportunity for our kids to practice their Athletic skills each afternoon. The seniors are working towards the Rural Schools Athletic event at Twizel on 27th October competing with Waitaki Valley, Omarama and Twizel students.

Our juniors are practicing for the Junior Athletic day hosted by Duntroon on the 19th October competing with Waitaki Valley and Omarama students.

We will love to see you all there - pop the dates into your calendar.

Yr 7 & 8 ski trip

Today Team Tahi are enjoying the slopes of Roundhill ski field. Miss Tilbury has worked hard to ensure a great day out for everyone. You can look forward to seeing some photos in our next newsletter. We are so fortunate to have such a great ski field to learn on, pretty much on our back doorstep. Hopefully as you read this we will have had a 'blue bird' day of fun and learning.

Yr 8 Inspiring Futures

Next Friday our Year 8's will attend the 'Inspiring Futures' event at Weston Hall. A hugely successful event opening our students' eyes as to possible career pathways and what is involved with regards to training or what study is required. They will share this day with Year 8 students from our rural schools. Another opportunity for our Year 8's to build connections with others who they may meet next year at High School.

This has certainly been another full week at Duntroon School.

Have a restful weekend everyone (while you open this link to the feedback form)

[Link](#)



Sarah & Staff



School family consultation for our Strategic Planning development 2027-2029

We are due to consult and write a new Strategic Plan which will be in place from 2027 - 2029.

This questionnaire is part of our public consultation in order to shape our new Strategic Plan.

The Board will look at themes arising from the consultation process to determine our new strategic goals.

We invite you to fill out this form so that we can gain an understanding of your experience and thoughts about yours and your child's experience at Duntroon School.

This will support the Board to shape quality teaching and learning opportunities for your child/ren.

Link for the form below:

CLICK HERE >

<https://forms.gle/hjT3usmLSUuHV79e6>

If you wish to have a paper copy to fill out, please pop into the Office and pick one up or you can request a paper copy to be sent home with your child.

Your thoughts and suggestions are valuable to us.





Policy Reviews Term 3 2026

Please complete the following link to your browser to access the reviews and follow the instructions on the School Docs website.



Home

SchoolDocs provides schools and boards with a living set of policies tailored to each community. We keep them up to date with New Zealand law and Ministry guidance so you...

 [Schooldocs.co.nz](https://schooldocs.co.nz)

Your username is - Duntroon
Your password is - 9494

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

TERM 3	
SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	School Community Engagement Policy (board)
	Inclusive School Culture (board)
	Enrolment
	Student Attendance (board)
	Student Uniform / Student Dress Expectations
	Concerns and Complaints Policy (board)

Electoral Commission Job Vacancies

Duntroon School will be used as a voting location.

Electoral Commission jobs available

There are over 28,000 jobs available for the 2026 General Election. We need people from all over Aotearoa New Zealand with all levels of experience to apply.

No experience, no worries! We are recruiting for a variety of roles, whether you're new to the job market, or an experienced leader, chances are there is a role to suit you. You'll be fully trained and get paid to work in the heart of your community.

Election day is Saturday 7 November and advance voting begins on Monday 26 October.

Roles vary in length from several weeks, to just election day. There are lots of opportunities available.

General Election 2026 - Waitaki - Electoral Commission

All jobs are listed by electorate so you can find a role in the location that best suits you.

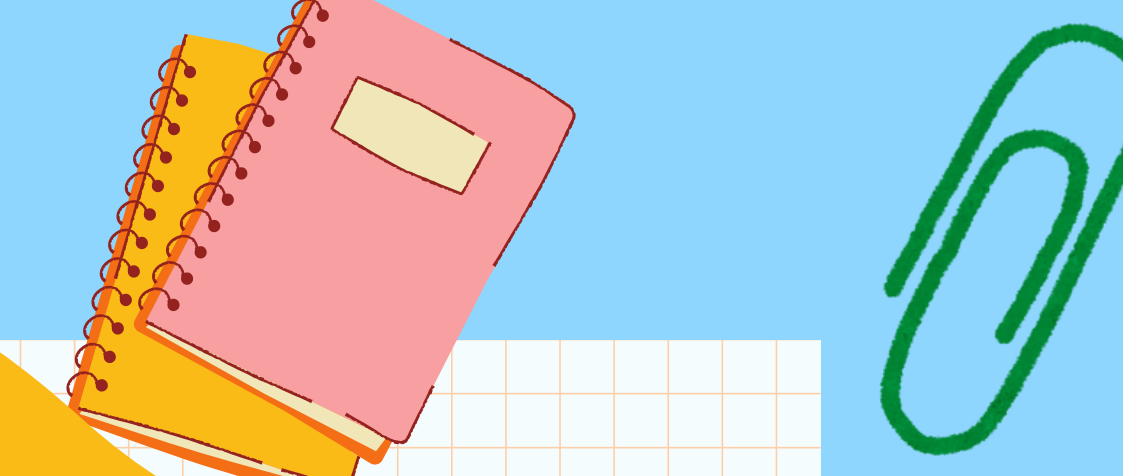
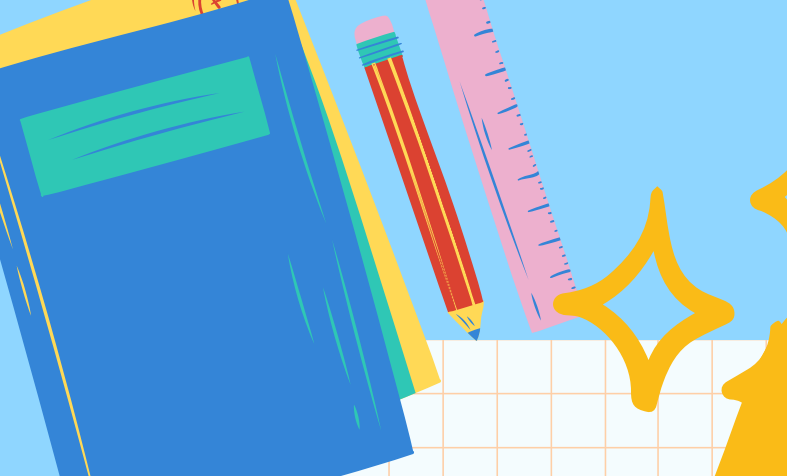
With thousands of jobs available, it pays to be you.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gerard Moore | Recruitment and Rostering Manager, Waitaki Electorate

Electoral Commission | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri | Mobile 021 860 806 | vote.nz | elections.nz





SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

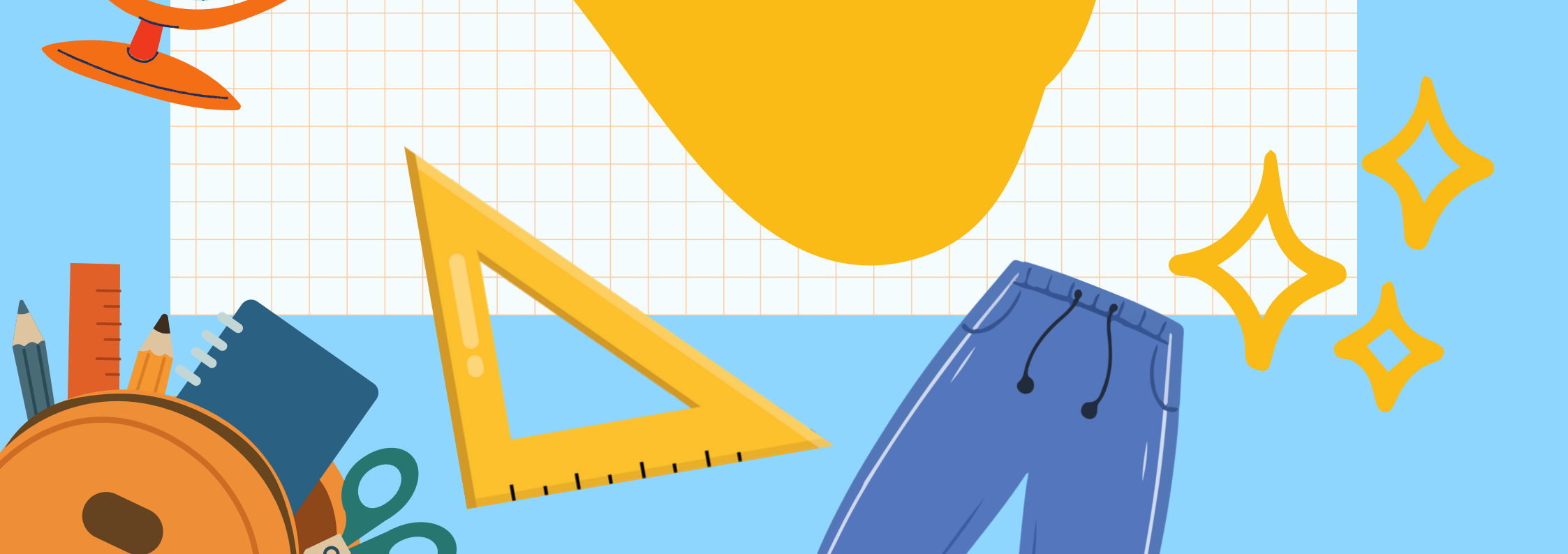


As the weather gets colder, we have a number of students who would benefit from warm school uniform items.

If you have any good-quality uniforms that are no longer being used, we would greatly appreciate your donation.

Please drop any items off at the school office.

Thank you for supporting our school community.



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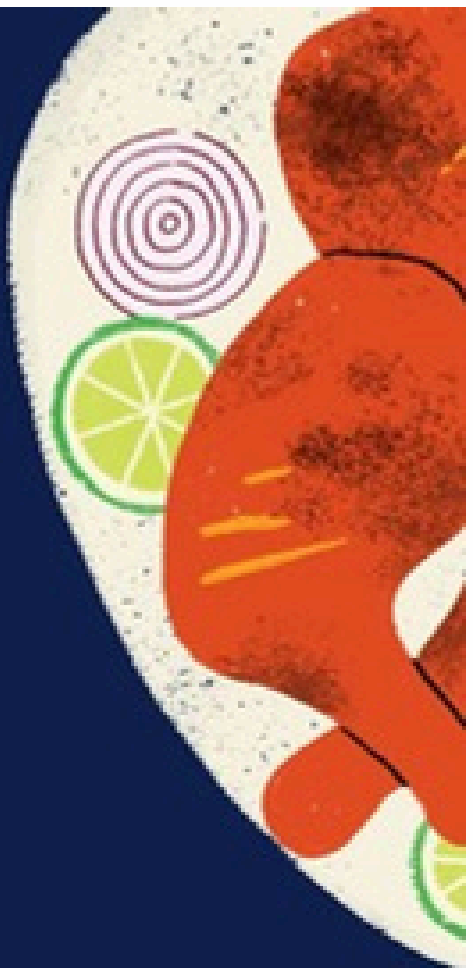
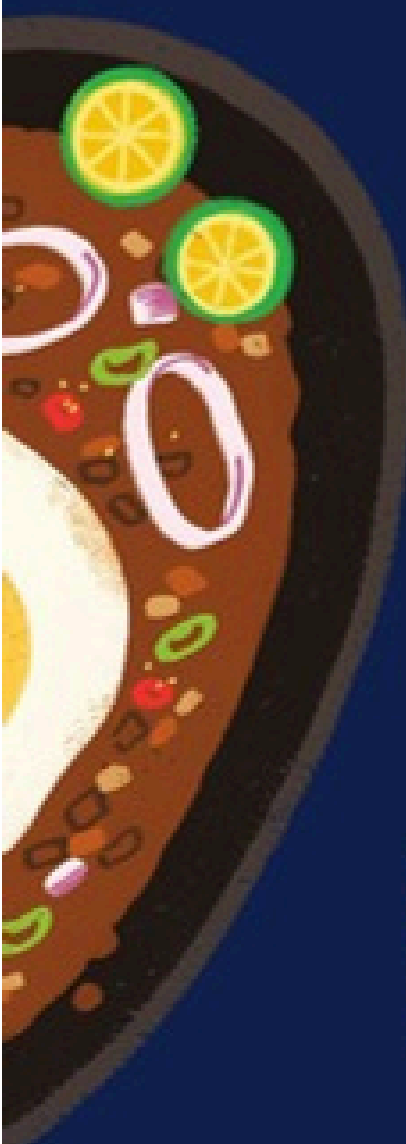
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programme for all
youth aged 5 to 18!
Find us on [Facebook](#)
or [scouts.nz](#) for
more info

Keas age 5 to 7.
Wednesday 430 - 530pm

Cubs age 8 to 10
Tuesday 6 - 730pm

Scouts age 11 to 14
Monday 630 - 830pm

Venturers age 15 to 18
please enquire



Duntroon community potluck dinner



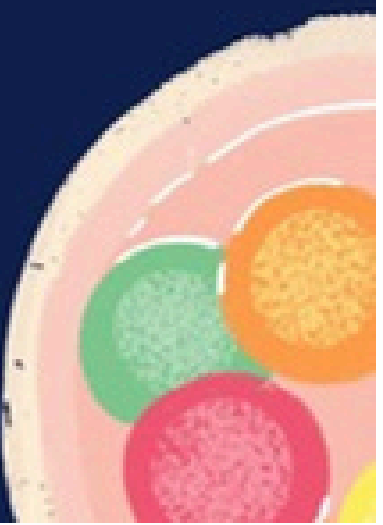
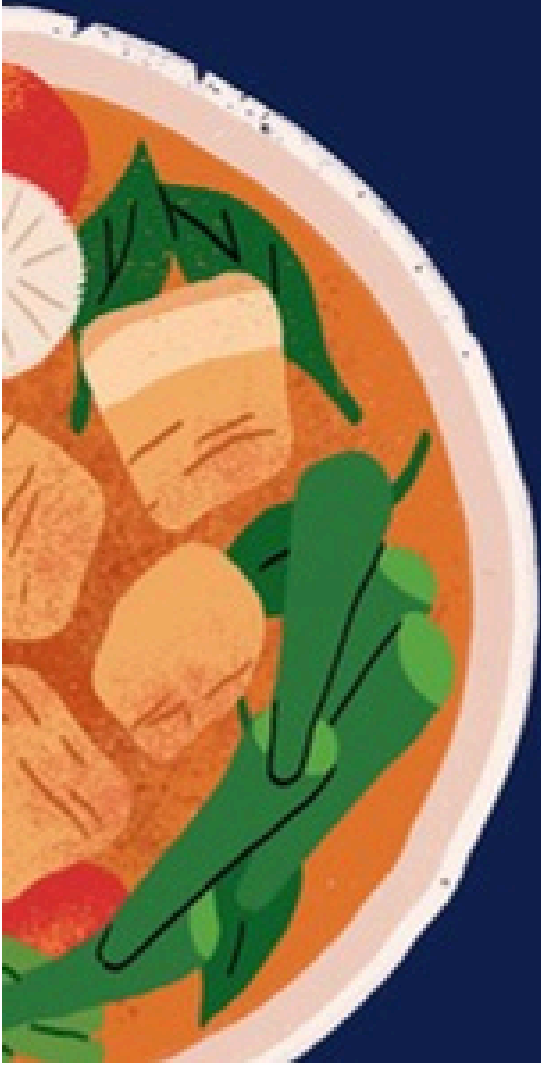
BRING A MEAL TO SHARE,
YOUR OWN PLATES AND CUTLERY &
YOUR OWN DRINKS

All welcome! Please invite your friends
and neighbours.

See the event page on Facebook for
more info

6pm
Duntroon Hall

Friday 16 October



OAMARU SWIM CLUB PRESENTS

Fast 'n' furious club night

FREE
ENTRY

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026 Waitaki Aquatic Centre
Warm-up 5.30pm · Races start 6.00pm

- All swimmers aged 8+ who can swim 25 metres □ new swimmers welcome
- Sprints · Underwater challenge · Relay
- Entry forms at pool reception or oamaruswim@gmail.com or enter via link on <https://www.facebook.com/OamaruSwimClub>

Spring Fast & Furious Entry Form – Friday 18th September



Tick the box beside the events you would like to enter then hand into the pool reception OR email to oamaruswim@gmail.com by **5pm Wednesday 16th September**

Name: _____

Squad/swimming level: _____ M/F: _____

Your email address for results: _____

Would you like information on how to join the swim club? YES / NO

TICK TO ENTER

☐	200m freestyle
☐	25m backstroke
☐	50m butterfly
☐	25m freestyle
☐	50m breaststroke
☐	Underwater swim
☐	100m backstroke
☐	100m medley
☐	50m freestyle
☐	25m breaststroke
☐	100m butterfly
☐	Freestyle relay



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

DEVELOP | LEARN | GROW

A great opportunity for **U12-U14 players** wanting to sharpen their skills, develop their game and prepare for the upcoming season.

These sessions are also an awesome opportunity for players looking to trial for an Otago team this season.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
OAMARU Venue TBC	1ST OCTOBER	10AM – 12PM
DUNEDIN Edgar Centre	2ND OCTOBER	10AM – 12PM
BALCLUTHA Balclutha Rec Centre	5TH OCTOBER	10AM – 12PM
WĀNAKA Wānaka Rugby Grounds	9TH OCTOBER	10AM – 4:30PM

*Wānaka includes U16 Players



10AM-12PM | OAMARU, DUNEDIN & BALCLUTHA
WĀNAKA: 10AM-4:30PM | TIMES VARY BY AGE GROUP

FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT
OLIVIA@OTAGOTOUCH.CO.NZ



DUNTROON PLAYGROUP
THURSDAYS 10AM TO 12PM
CONTACT: MARIANA TOSH 0272030233

Squishy & Slime Workshop

💖🌟 MISS IVY'S SQUISHY & SLIME HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS! 🌟💖

Calling all squishy and slime lovers! 🍪🍡🧡💖

Miss Ivy is super excited to share her love of all things squishy, slimy and sensory these September school holidays with TWO fun-filled workshops! 🎉

🍪 **SQUISHY DELIGHTS WORKSHOP** – \$10 per child

Get ready to create your very own squishy goodies! Each little creator will make a cookie squishy 🍪 and a dumpling squishy 🍡 to decorate, squish and take home.

So many squishy delights!

💧 **SLIME SENSATION WORKSHOP** – \$15 per child

Prepare to get your hands messy! 🧼🧴 Kids will make fluffy slime and sensory slime, with lots of fun extras like glitter, beads and more! 🌟🌈

🌞 **WHEN:** September school holidays

🕒 **TIME:** 9am–12pm

🏠 **WHERE:** Ivy's home in Tokarahi

👧 **AGES:** School-aged kids

👤 Ivy will be supported by her mum, Mariana, throughout the workshops.

Both workshops include morning tea 🍵🍎 and all your squishy/slime creations to take home! 💖

To keep things fun, relaxed and hands-on, there will be a maximum of 6 kids per workshop.

🚗 Pick-up and drop-off from Duntroon School can also be offered.

If your child would love to join the squishy fun, please express your interest by letting us know which workshop(s) they'd like to attend. Once we know how many kids are keen, we'll work out the best days and confirm the details with everyone.

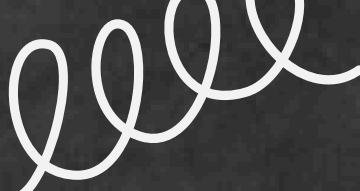
Get ready for a morning full of squishes, slime, giggles and sensory fun! 💖💧🌟

Miss Ivy can't wait to get squishing! 💖

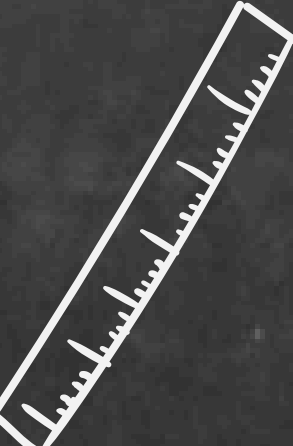


Contact

Mariana Tosh 0272030233



DATES TO REMEMBER



17 th September	BOT meeting
18 th September	Inspiring Futures Yr 8
24 th September	SHOWCASE / House Choirs, Open classrooms (all welcome)
25 th September	Scholastic Lucky Book Club orders due today.
25 th September	Last day of Term 3!

