



# Duntroon School

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Term 3, Week 9, Friday 12 September 2025

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Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po

## Otago Cross-Country

Congrats to Kane and Jacob for a great run at Otago's and thank you to Jason Trezise for taking them to Dunedin.

Jacob placed 35th / 63 and Kane placed 26th / 63 competitors.

## Health Curriculum

Following this newsletter is a notice which will also be sent home with the eldest/only child in the family. It is regarding the **Health unit** we will be teaching in Term 4, please look for it in their bags if you wish to fill it out.

## What is happening for the last week of Term 3:

- The senior students will receive Cricket coaching next Tuesday.
- The Wednesday patties and sausage sizzle fundraising for Camp has gone well this term, thanks to the fabulous effort of Charlotte Montgomery, helped along by Emily Hamilton and Amanda Bayne. Sausage sizzle next week will be on **Thursday 18th September**
- Term Treat will be led by the House Captains on **Wednesday 17th**. Students can come in **'Sporty Mufti'**
- Open Classrooms and Showcase on **Friday 19th September**.

## Reminder ...

### Showcase

*There has been a lot of practising for the Showcase event which is on the last day of the term - **Friday 19th September**. I am told that this is well attended by our Duntroon School Community with 'standing room' only!*

*With that in mind we have organised an 'Open classroom' on the same day, so that you can come into class and chat with your child and their class teacher about their work, their progress and most importantly the opportunity for them to show you what they are proud of.*

*This is the timeline for the afternoon so that you can organise your life to be with us. If you wish to pop in and join your child for lunch then please do as well.*

**Early lunch: 12 - 12:30**

**Open classroom: 12:30 - 1:15pm**

**Showcase: 1:20 - 3pm**

### Buses

*Sometimes people request their children go home on the bus to someone else's place or on another bus. This is something that **will not be an option** any more for a number of Health & Safety and contractual reasons. If they are wanting to get dropped off at a different house on their same bus run - that is OK. Please let the school know so we can let the bus driver know.*

Nga Mihi Nui—Sarah and Staff

**TERM REMINDERS: SEPTEMBER**

Sept 19—Showcase/Classroom Open Day

Sept 19—Last Day of Term 3

**OCTOBER**

Oct 6—First day of Term 4

Oct 7-10th—Tech Week

Oct 13th—Clued Up Campers first aid

Oct 14th—North Otago Touch Starts

Oct 17th—Athletics (at Duntroon School)

Oct 31st— Teacher Only Day (School Closed)



**Dear Parents**

In order to consult with our community this information is shared with you so that you have the required information of what will be taught at Duntroon School. This table shows topics covered at each level during sessions based around sexuality education. Any questions or queries related to this content can be discussed with the child's classroom teacher in the first instance. You are welcome to fill out this form or pop in and see me. This is the outline that will be taught at Duntroon School in Term 4, 2025.

**Current guidelines from Ministry of Education with regards to the Health Curriculum:**

The relationships and sexuality education (RSE) guidelines and associated resources have been removed as we refresh the wider health and physical education (HPE) learning area.

Further updates and support for RSE will be available as we progress the refresh of The New Zealand Curriculum in 2025/26.

Areas of the Health Curriculum:	Knowledge, understanding, and skills relating to development – physical, emotional, social and spiritual.	Personal and interpersonal skills and related attitudes.	Understanding and skills to enhance relationships; think critically about sexuality in society.
Level 1 – approx Yrs 1 to 2	Describing changes in growth patterns and identifying body parts, using correct terminology.	Respecting self and others. Relating to friends and classmates. Expressing ideas and feelings.	Relating to friends and classmates. Expressing ideas and feelings. Enhancing classroom relationships.
Level 2 – approx Yrs 3 to 4	Describing changes in growth patterns and identifying body parts, using correct terminology. Describing stages of growth and developmental needs.	Setting classroom rules. Promoting a positive body image. Coping with shyness and embarrassment. Considering respect, aroha and responsibility.	Developing a supportive social environment. Choosing, making and changing friends. Recognising discrimination and acting to support others.
Level 3 – approx Yrs 5 to 6	Describing changes in growth patterns and identifying body parts, using correct terminology. Describing stages of growth and developmental needs. Developing a positive body image. Developing knowledge of puberty (appropriate to their needs).	Identifying the feelings of self and others. Making friends and supporting others. Equity issues: recognising bullying, stereotypes and body image messages. Recognising and dealing with harassment. Supporting the rights and feelings of self and others.	Relating to friends and classmates. Expressing ideas and feelings. Enhancing classroom relationships. Developing a supportive social environment. Choosing, making and changing friends. Recognising discrimination and acting to support others.
Level 4 – approx Yrs 7 to 8	Describing changes in growth patterns and identifying body parts, using correct terminology. Describing stages of growth and developmental needs. Developing a positive body image. Developing knowledge of puberty (appropriate to their needs). Developing knowledge about and managing pubertal change. Identify how social messages regarding body image and gender roles affect self-worth.	Developing assertiveness skills	Recognising discrimination and acting to support others. Dealing with harassment. Recognising the effects of changing roles on relationships.

Some commonly asked questions:

**What is sexuality education?**

Sexuality Education is part of the Health and Physical Education learning area of the NZ Curriculum. Children learn about themselves and develop knowledge and skills about acting in a positive and respectful way with others.

Effective sexuality education takes a positive view of sexual development as a natural part of growing up. It is vital for the well being of our children and young people.

**Does my child have to participate in sexuality education?**

It is important that you have a good understanding of what will be taught and why, so talk to us here at school first before you make any decisions about withdrawing your child. At Primary School level you can see from the outline the content relates to physical, emotional and social change, interpersonal development (expressing feelings etc) and understanding and developing skills to relate with friends and classmates.

**Are teachers trained for this work?**

Your child's teacher is qualified and registered. Primary teacher training equips teachers with the skills to deliver the content. Teachers will often work with outside agencies such as PublicHealth Nurses and Police Education Officers when delivering the Health Curriculum.

**Will my culture, religious beliefs and values be respected?**

There will be a range of views in your community about the place of sexuality education, some of these will be based on culture and or religious beliefs. Schools try hard to respect differences in culture and religion.

If you are concerned about sexuality education, it's important to talk to your school first.

**How can I get involved?**

You have a very important role to play by answering questions, talking to your child about what's on their mind, what they are learning, and connecting the learning with your life at home. Children's confidence and knowledge grows when schools, parents and family work in partnership.

Please fill out if you wish to give feedback:

Please be as specific with your feedback as possible.

Return this form no later than Thursday 18th September. You are also welcome to pop in and see me if you have any questions as well.

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Name:

(Not compulsory)

Follow up contact required? Yes/No

Sarah Caldwell  
Principal Duntroon School

# Year 8 Day - Moeraki Hikoi



On Friday, we had our termly Year 8 day with other rural schools in North Otago. We spent the day in Moeraki exploring the boulders, the village and the old pā site at the lighthouse. We learnt about the history of the area and local wildlife.

Visiting the pā site at the lighthouse linked well to our Term 1 Reading focus when we read about and designed our own pā. It was a great day to build on our connections with other Year 8's before heading off to High School next year.



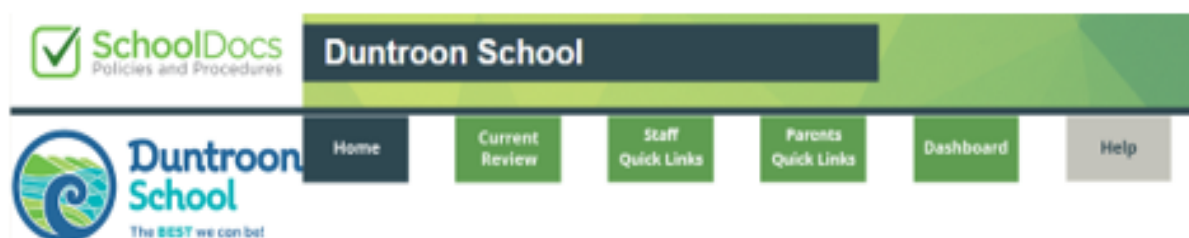
## Policy Reviews Term 3 2025

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

<https://duntroon.school.co.nz>

your username is – Duntroon

your password is – 9494



Our Policy review statements for this term are on:

- **Food and Nutrition**
- **Police Vetting**
- **Missing Student Procedure**

Currently under review

[About the review process](#)

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 if they have a review button.

[Start your review](#)

**After choosing the review topic you can click start your review: Shown Above**

**Please complete by Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.**



# NORTH OTAGO TENNIS

## 2025 Hot Shots Junior Tennis

### Registrations now open

Term Four Season are open for all New  
and current tennis players

No experience required !

Head over to

<https://clubspark.kiwi/NorthOtago>

all enquiries to

[northotagotennis@gmail.com](mailto:northotagotennis@gmail.com)

# Active Kids Waitaki Holiday Programme Sept/Oct 2025

Waitaki Community  
Recreation Centre

Monday - Friday  
29 Sept to 3 Oct; 9.30am – 12.30pm

Primary & Intermediate-  
aged children



WAITAKI COMMUNITY  
**RECREATION  
CENTRE**

**\$10 per child per day**  
Regos open now. Places are  
limited to 40 children per day.

To register, go to

[www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc)

For more info contact the Rec  
Centre 4346932 / 021 08150688

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday: 9.30am – 12.30pm  
Different activities each day!

# 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



Gold coin entry  
Bring a share plate for  
supper  
Parent supervision

# Halloween DISCO

Duntroon  
Playgroup

**FRIDAY**  
31ST OCTOBER

DUNTROON HALL

**JUNIOR (KINDY -YR 4): 4.30 TO 6**  
**SENIOR (YR 5 -YR 8): 6 TO 7.30**

\* all welcome at either time slot, music and games will vary depending on age group.

Kindly  
sponsored by  
Buckland  
Automotive



**Spooky dress / games / prizes**

# NETBALL FUNDAY

WITH ABBEY MCKENZIE

**SHARPEN**  
YOUR SKILLS,  
GAME PLAY  
AND FUN

**YEAR 3-4**  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22  
9-12PM

**YEAR 5-6**  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22  
12:30- 3:30

NORTH OTAGO COURTS  
\$50 PER PLAYER  
LIMITED TO 20 SPOTS

**BOOK NOW: [ABBEYMCKENZIE@ENHANCEOT.CO.NZ](mailto:ABBEYMCKENZIE@ENHANCEOT.CO.NZ)**



**OAMARU ROWING CLUB**

# INTRO TO ROWING YEAR 8+

**Term 4 2025 - Term 1 2026**



**Hey Year 8s!**

We've got a super cool Learn-to-Row program just for you, perfect for anyone heading to high school in 2026.

**It's going to be awesome!**

You'll learn all about rowing, on the water and on land. We'll explore the parts of a rowing boat, try out different rowing styles, and get fit with fun gym and Erg rowing machine sessions to boost our skills.

We'll visit cool spots like Oamaru Harbour and Waihao Box, and in Term 1, we'll even go watch some real racing at Lake

**Ruataniwha in Twizel.**

Our rowing coach and older rowers will be there to help us learn and have a blast. You'll also get to see how the high school rowers train, which is super inspiring!

Cost: \$100 - This covers travel for the fun trips we'll take.

When: Every Monday and Wednesday, 3:30pm-4:30pm (during term), at the Oamaru Rowing Club. Starts Monday 13th October

Plus, some awesome weekend trips!

**Can't wait to row with you all!**

For more details contact:

Coach Tracey Marshall 027 240 4476



# FUSTAL

TERM 4

## SCHOOL YEARS 1-8



**EXTENDED TERM 4!!**  
13TH OCT - 1ST DEC

**Contact your School NOW!!!**

MORE INFO:  
[waitakifootball@gmail.com](mailto:waitakifootball@gmail.com)



**If you want to help out in your community and be part of a friendly bunch of volunteers look no further than the Duntroon Volunteer Fire Brigade!**



**Duntroon Volunteer Fire Brigade needs you!**

**NO CAPES. NO SUPERPOWERS. BUT WE DO WEAR MASKS!**

**JOIN OUR TEAM OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE STEPPING UP FOR THE DUNTRON COMMUNITY**

**WE ATTEND APPROXIMATELY 30 CALL-OUTS, EVERY YEAR. THIS INCLUDES;**

- STRUCTURE FIRES
- VEGETATION FIRES
- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- RESCUE (MOTORIST)
- RESCUE (PEDESTRIAN)

For more info contact...

**Jamie Deans—027486845**

**Richard Wills— 0224312881**

**Lou Tait—0272946084**

# FlippaBall

at Waitaki Aquatic Centre

**Who: Years 5-6 and Years 7-8**  
**When: Term 4 2025**

## FOR INFORMATION :

Please contact your school or Kerry and Alissa at the  
Waitaki Aquatic Centre  
Kerry Holland (kholland@waitaki.govt.nz)  
Alissa Anderson (aanderson@waitaki.govt.nz)



## What is Flippaball?



- Intro to Water Polo
- Each team tries to get the ball into the opposite goal
  - Can only use 1 hand to catch or throw
  - Must stand still or swim when holding the ball, no walking



Waitaki

WAITAKI AQUATIC CENTRE

## Flippaball



- Played in shallow water
- Short Games ~20 min
- No contact sport
- Great teambuilding activity