



Duntroon School

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

KIA ORA WHANAU

The last day of term is finishing with a well deserved term treat for our wonderful students who have worked hard, cared for each other and made good choices this term. The weather is not playing ball at the stage of writing this but hoping for it to clear so we can get some fun underway.

Showcase and House Choirs were beautifully organised by Miss McNeill and supported by our great team of teachers. We were certainly entertained and the tradition of this Duntroon School event continues to be memorable. We have appreciated being able to have Emily Hamilton to support our school singing and Kapa Haka performance.

Jemima and Lachie have returned to us this year from St Kevins College and judged the House Choirs with Brydone House being the champion Choir for 2026, 2nd Reid House and 3rd Campbell House. Congratulations to everyone on a 'feel good' school community event.

Kapa Haka

What a fabulous performance by our newly formed Kapa Haka group at the Showcase event. Miss McNeill has been working hard with this great wee group to perform for everyone while displaying for the first time their new uniforms - how great did they look also complimented by Gemma's hairstyling of the girls! The group was well led by our senior students Eden, Mason & Naomi. Everyone was so proud of them.

Their next big performance will be next term on the 11th November at the Waitaki Kapa Haka Hui Ako at the new events centre.

Open Classrooms

Thank you everyone who made it along to our Open Classrooms on Thursday. This is now an established part of the term calendar teamed up with the Showcase. The children can be proud of their learning and we love to see families coming into the school so they can show it off to you. I know the teachers and students certainly put in big hours preparing for this day.

Shelby Johnston, from the North Otago Rugby Football Union visited Duntroon School on Wednesday to speak to a group of boys who had questions about a School Rugby team. They were well prepared and asked astute questions and had exceptional manners. Shelby then ran a skills session for senior players. Well done Mace, Jaxson, Ollie and Gino.

Home & School BBQ and Pies

The Home & School have continued their fundraising efforts for our kids this term by running the barbeque each Friday and selling pies each Wednesday. A huge thank you to Charlotte and her band of parent volunteers who did some great barbequing. To Maria, Alfaaz & Riley, Heine & Eden who also helped to ensure everyone got their lunches each Wednesday and Friday.

Please see the Board report for the School Community from Nathan McLachlan, our Presiding member. We are fortunate to have such a supportive Board at Duntroon School.

Remember - Tech week at OIS for Yr 7 & 8 students Tuesday - Friday the first week back in term 4 ... buses will run earlier.

Have great holidays everyone.
Sarah & Staff



Board Report

Hi Everyone,

With Term 3 coming to an end, we thought it was a good time to give you an update on what we've been working on as a Board this year. A fair bit happens behind the scenes, so we're planning to share a Board update in the newsletter each term. We think it's important to keep our community informed about what we're working on and what's ahead for the school.

Your Board members are myself, Ben Douglas, Lucy Tremewan, Mike Andrews, Paige Wills and Lowri O'Callaghan, alongside our staff representative Kate Frear and principal Sarah Caldwell. I'd like to thank everyone for the time and thought they put into these roles. There has been plenty to work through this year, and I appreciate their commitment to our school.

For anyone unsure what the Board does, we look after the overall direction of the school, oversee finances and property, and make sure the right policies and plans are in place. We work alongside Sarah, supporting her and checking how the school is progressing, while she leads the day-to-day running of the school. We also bring a community voice to the table, with the children's learning and wellbeing at the centre of our decisions.

The ERO review was a big part of the first half of the year. The report was broadly positive, with some useful learnings to take forward. With Sarah having recently started as our new leader, the timing worked out well. It's been a good chance to take a fresh look at things and build on what is working well.

On the property front, we're looking forward to getting the LSM accessible bathroom project finished over the holidays. This has taken longer than we would have liked, so it will be good to have it completed. We're also moving forward with planning to upgrade the school's water supply and toilet facilities. We'll keep you updated as these projects progress.

We're very lucky to have such a strong team. We have five teaching staff, three teacher aides, two office staff, a caretaker and a cleaner, who all play an important part in keeping the school running and supporting our kids. One of the challenges at the moment is navigating the changing curriculum and the demands this places on our teachers. Sarah has done a great job of getting our teachers involved in professional development programmes that support these changes and build on the skills and experience they already bring to their classrooms. We also hope you're enjoying the new reporting format.

The kids will soon be heading away on their school camps, which is always a highlight for the year. These are great opportunities to try something new, build confidence and independence, and make memories with their mates. I'll certainly never forget my experience at Boyle River. We started by filling the van with the wrong fuel, I spent the whole time with no shoes because the kids kept hiding them, and then finished up with gastro going through the camp! Still one of the best times of my life.

A big thank you to the staff and parents doing the organising and giving up their time to make these trips happen. Thanks also to Home and School for their fundraising and financial support, which helps make these opportunities possible. Get involved in the trail ride, everyone, it's a great way to support our kids!

It's great to see our roll growing strongly, with the school now up to 108 students. A warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year. That growth is exciting, and part of our job is making sure we plan ahead so the school continues to meet the needs of our children.

Please take a few minutes to complete the family consultation survey, which will help shape our school's Strategic Plan for 2027–2029. We want to hear about your family's experience at Duntroon and what matters to you for the future. You can find the link in your email or on Skool Loop. If you'd prefer a paper copy, pop into the office or ask for one to be sent home with your child. Your feedback really does help us with our planning.

You're also welcome to come along to our Board meetings and see what we're working on. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers. There are times when we need to discuss confidential matters privately, but otherwise we're happy to have you there.

Finally, thank you to Sarah, all our staff, and everyone who supports the school. Whether it's helping with fundraising, providing transport, volunteering at events or lending a hand when needed, it all makes a difference. We're very lucky to have a community that gets behind our kids.

Enjoy the holiday break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for Term 4.

Nathan McLachlan
Presiding Member
Duntroon School Board





Room 4 & 5 were very priveleged to be gifted a piece of limestone for each child who visited the Quarry. We have had a fabulous time exploring our tools and learning how to carve limestone.

During the process one child said "We aren't being Kaitiaki," worried about the mess we had made on the field. Another student called over to them "yes we are, we have just fertilised the land!" The learning has been ongoing and very meaningful.



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)

KUROW CRICKET CLUB

2026 Term 4 Cricket Season

Games starting Friday nights in term 4 at 4.30pm.

There are 3 grades this season; Smash cricket, Intermediate B and Intermediate A.

Duntroon is our home ground and games are played in Oamaru, Weston and Duntroon. Practice will be on Wednesdays, location TBC with your coach.

For more information please follow the Facebook page @Kurowcricketclub

or contact Ben Nowell 0272266619

To register

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/4fafa1>

SNAZZY

NEW UNIFORMS
THIS YEAR!
SHIRTS & PANTS
to be revealed
Soon!



Kurow Cricket Club



THE ROAD TO THE U.S. BASKETBALL CAMP



RUN BY
BOSTON CATHCART & TOBY LEWIS

A FUNDRAISER FOR **BOSTON CATHCART**
TO TRAVEL TO **LAS VEGAS** FOR 10 DAYS AT THE END OF THE YEAR TO PLAY BASKETBALL.

YEAR 3-6

SEPTEMBER

28th & 29th

10AM - 2PM

YEAR 7-10

SEPT/OCT

30th & 1st

10AM - 2PM

\$40 PER DAY

\$75 FOR 2 DAYS

Waitaki Boys' High School Gym

SCOTTS OWN SEA SCOUTS AMAZING RACE COMMUNITY EVENT



GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER!
SAT 26TH SEPT

4-5 CONTESTANTS PER TEAM

MUST INCLUDE A DRIVER

\$10 PER PERSON

REGO WITH THE QR CODE BELOW.

9.30AM MEET AT NORTH STAR CARPARK

10AM START



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SEA SCOUTS IN TERM 4?



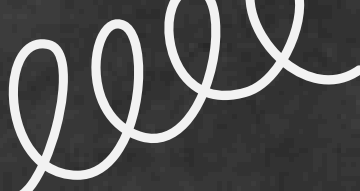
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Keas age 5 to 7.
Wednesday 430 - 530pm

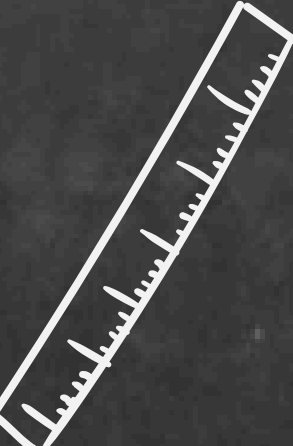
Cubs age 8 to 10
Tuesday 6 - 730pm

Scouts age 11 to 14
Monday 630 - 830pm

Venturers age 15 to 18
please enquire



DATES TO REMEMBER



Monday 12 th October	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 13 th October - Friday 16 th October	Technology Week - EARLY BUSES
Monday 19 th October - Friday 23 rd October	Year 7/8 Wainui Camp
Monday 19 th October	Junior Athletics Day (Duntroon)
Monday 26 th October	Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Tuesday 27 th October	Senior Athletics Day (Twizel)

