



Duntroon School

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

KIA ORA WHANAU

The first week back for the term saw our Year 7 & 8's have 4 days at OIS for Technology. A great experience for them to get specialised teaching in the Intermediate environment while mixing with students from other rural schools.

There are busy lunchtime options for the students as well. This week Mr Wills and his team started the first Indoor Bowls session with some senior students at the hall. Kapa Haka with Miss McNeill, Basketball/miniball practice with Miss McNeill and Miss George, Crocheting and knitting club with Sheryl Thursday and Friday.

Entrance

There were a few aesthetic changes to the school during the holiday. Our small side gate and old concrete steps have been taken out and tidied up and the area re-grassed. A huge thank you to Mike and Tux who made this happen, I am so appreciative of this time you give to our school. This is the first step towards enhancing our school entrance area.

The next step is to upgrade the front gates and fencing and reinstate our original Duntroon School sign. Thank you to everyone who is mindful of children crossing the road during the drop off and after school pick up as we work through this change of routine for people.

Children being picked up are to wait with Miss George and Miss Milmine by the Duntroon School sign until their parents have picked them up.

- Parents, please leave the space at the school gates free while waiting for your child to come out of school, as it gets congested. You can wait by the container or over by the Office.
- Children leaving school must be accompanied by an adult, especially when crossing the road.
- Bus children will walk with their teacher single file to their bus (a new single gate will be installed for the bus children to use ... soon)

Kaitiaki

Part of our Kaitiaki theme this year involves learning about our back yard and understanding the geological features which are part of the UNESCO global geopark. We are very fortunate as a school to have such a unique experience 'just down the road' at the Vanished World.

All classes will be visiting the Vanished World over the two days next week (30 & 31st) to experience hands-on learning about the conservation, science and appropriate use of fossils, outcrops and landforms. Building on this learning the classroom teachers are planning field trips into the environment they are learning about. Rooms 4 & 5 have their trip planned for 3rd September.

Cross country at Omarama

Looking ahead to week 3 on Wednesday 5th August, we will attend the Rural Schools cross-country event. Your child will have a notice regarding this event. Please fill in and return to the class teacher.

Teacher only day, Thursday 6th August - school will be closed

We will be attending a day of learning with Impact Ed along with other teachers from the Waitaki District.

Go-cart

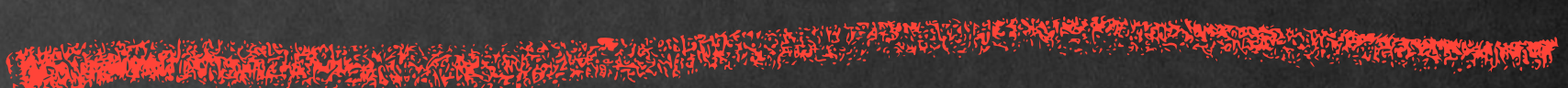
Thank you to Ashton's Dad who has made another go-cart for the school. Tyler and Ashton enjoyed it at morning tea. We are lucky to have clever people in our school community. Thank you so much Jac.

Have a great weekend everyone.

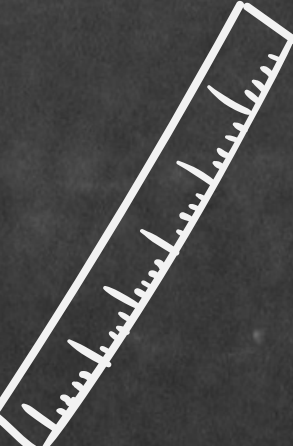
Sarah & Staff



DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday 4 th August	Clued Up Kids (Year 6)
Wednesday 5 th August (CHANGE OF DATE)	Upper Waitaki Cross Country Omarama
Thursday 6 th August	Teacher Only Day SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 7 th August	Scholastic Lucky Bookclub is due in today to ensure your order is with you by the end of term 3.
Monday 10 th August	North Otago Cross Country
Thursday 13 th August	Mathletics Competition Yr 5-8 O.I.S.



Can you help us with an OUTSIDE ZONE?

We would love to develop an outside zone where exploration can take place. Currently our thoughts are – a mud kitchen, pipes and guttering and a wooden cable drum. These ideas would benefit the children's development across all curriculum areas.

We believe materials would be of a minimal financial expense as many of the items might be found around property. We are after items such as ...

- Stainless bowls and pans
- stainless steel sink
- metal baskets
- pipes/spouting
- Cable reels /wooden cabel

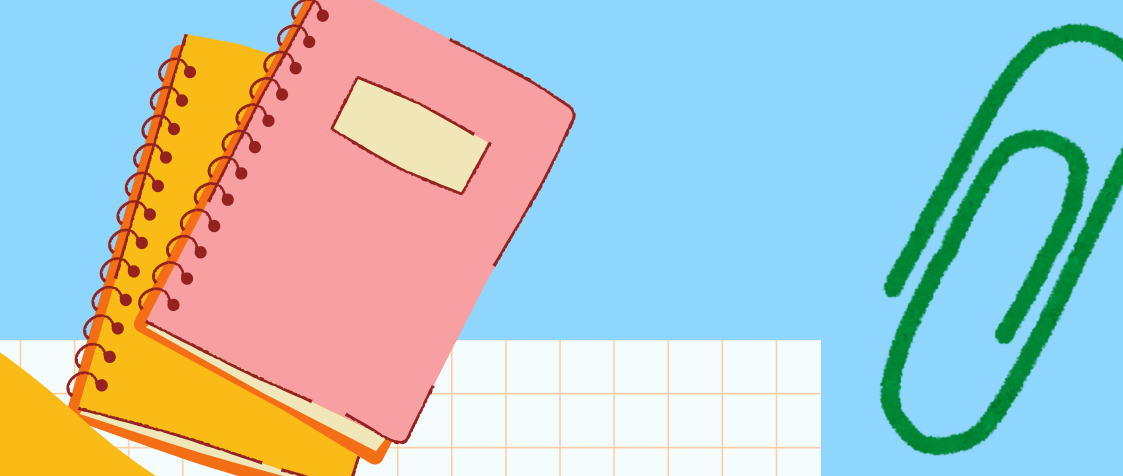
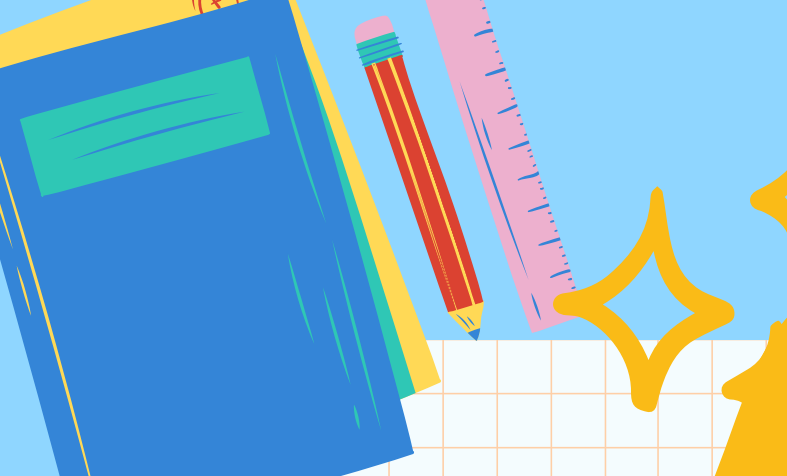
If you have any expertise to help with the actual creation of this, please let it be known! (HELP!)

The trolleys have been a hit. Currently we have one needing repairs and a few to be completed. If you can lend a hand, please pop in and see Sarah or Nellie.

This is just at planning stage currently. Our ideas are below.



If anyone thinks they can help source different materials, please contact nelliem@dontroon.school.nz



SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS



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

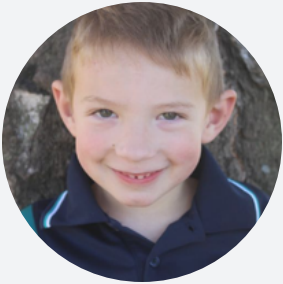
If you have any good-quality uniforms that are no longer being used, we would greatly appreciate your donation.

Please drop any items off at the school office.



Thank you for supporting our school community.





Hudson Hamilton-Stroud

Age: 5

Fun Fact:

I have 1 brother and 1 sister. I love to play with my friends. I especially love playing rugby and watching TV. My favourite food is popcorn and chocolate!

Pets:

I have 2 cats and 2 dogs.

When I grow up I want to be:

A firefighter or policeman.



Sebastian Pangan

Age: 5

Fun Fact:

I have 1 sister and 1 brother, I love dressing up and playing at school with my friends. I love to play tennis, basketball and I love to go swimming. My favourite food is vanilla icecream!

Pets:

I have pet chickens.

When I grow up I want to be:

A motorbiker.



Bella Vergara

Age: 5

Fun Fact:

I have 1 brother. I love soccer, netball and reading. My favourite food is chips and popcorn!

Pets:

I have a black cat.

When I grow up I want to be:

I want to read books.



Monty Duff

Age: 5

Fun Fact:

I go to school. I like school because I've made lots of new friends. I love the school bus. I have 1 brother called Logan. I love playing soccer.

Pets:

When I grow up I want to be:

A farmer and work for my dad.



Ella Benbow

Age: 5

Fun Fact:

I love doing soccer skills. I love going to the movies and my favourite movie is Lilo and Stitch. My favourite foods are noodles and chocolate!

Pets:

I have chickens.

When I grow up I want to be:

A hairdresser.



Max McCulloch

Age: 5

Fun Fact:

I have 1 brother. I love playing on the trampoline and playing soccer, rugby and touch. My favourite foods are pineapple and rock melon.

Pets:

A dog named Cooper.

When I grow up I want to be:

A builder.



LETS GLOW DISCO PARTY

YR 8 FUNDRAISER AT PAPA KAI O HALL

FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026



YR 0-5

YR 6-8



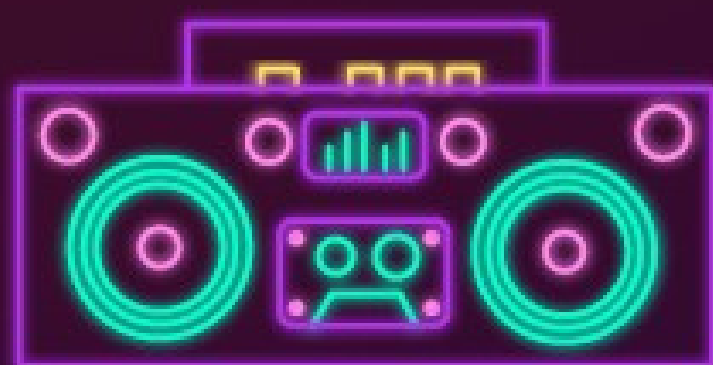
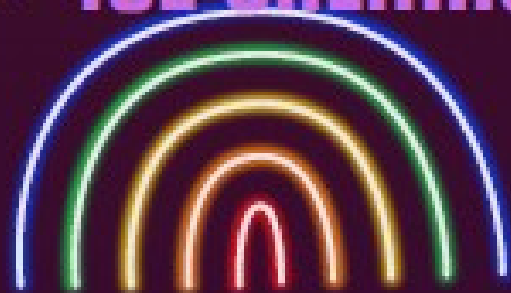
5.30-6.45PM

7-8.30PM

ENTRY FEE \$4
INC GLOW STICK

BRING CASH!!!!

- HOT FOOD
- SNACKS
- LOLLIES
- GLOW STICKS
- ICE CREAMS



- FACE PAINT
- POPCORN
- CANDY FLOSS
- MUSIC
- FIZZ





NORTH OTAGO JAMBOREE
FUNDRAISER

Quiz Night

8th August
2026
6:00 PM

TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA TEST

QUIZ . RAFFLES . NIBBLES

\$60 PER TEAM OF 5
Northstar Restaurant Oamaru

To book a Table email
jessicafogarty87@gmail.com

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

9.30AM TEAM REGISTRATION AT NORTH STAR CARPARK
10AM START





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— WAITAHI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL —
1ST XI HOCKEY FUNDRAISER

QUIZ NIGHT

 Northstar, Oamaru

 Monday 3rd August

 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

 Teams of 4-6

 \$10 per person

 Silent Auctions Raffles



REGISTER YOUR TEAM
<https://tinyurl.com/wbhshockey2026>
 or text team name, no. of players & email to 022 4447627

ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK TO THE WBHS 1ST XI HOCKEY TEAM