



## Principals News....

### COVID

Unfortunately, COVID is still hanging around. In the middle of this week, we had over 30 students and 2 staff off school who are COVID positive. We are seeing a trend of students feeling unwell and testing negative for several days before they test positive.

Your isolation period can be counted from when your child is symptomatic. So, keep this in mind. School will give you guidance around your required isolation period.

**If your child has any symptoms at all. Keep them off school please.**

**School needs to be informed ASAP if your child has tested positive for Covid.**

### Showcase

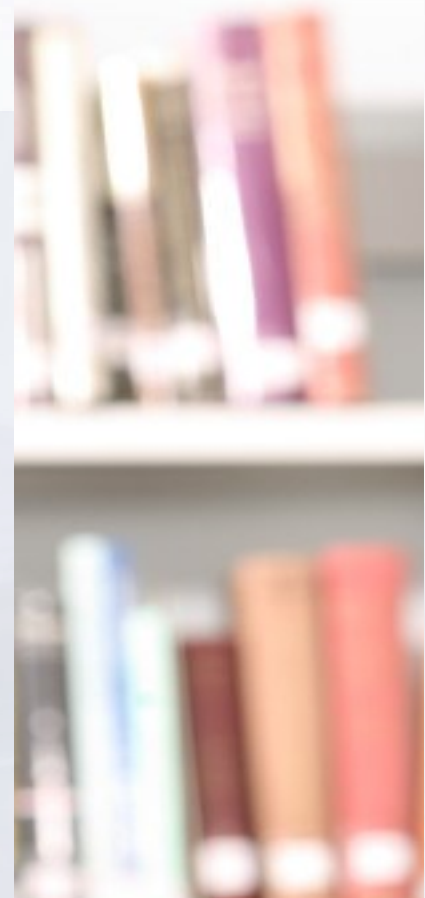
At the end of the term, we will hold our annual showcase. Students can perform a song, dance or another act of their choice. We will also hold our annual house choirs. This year our theme is 'Country' so at house assemblies we have been learning our country songs. This will be held in the Duntroon Hall on Friday September 22nd at 1pm. We will keep reminding you as the term goes on.

### PR1ME Maths

Across the school we have started our implementation of PR1ME maths. Over the last couple of years, we have looked closely at our maths programme and identified where we need to improve. PR1ME is used in over 300 primary schools in New Zealand and the evidence coming through from 95% of those schools (so far) is that is improving knowledge and understanding in mathematics for young people. Attached to this newsletter is a page about PR1ME for you to read. We will keep you informed of its success as time goes by. If you have any questions regarding this, feel free to see your child's classroom teacher.

### Hockey and Miniball

Our school Hockey and Miniball teams will finish their season next week. I want to congratulate our students for all their efforts this season in both codes. It always makes me very proud to see the sportsmanship of our players and their absolute determination to do their best and fairest while on the turf and court. A special thanks to all our coaches, managers, van drivers, supporters for all of your efforts as well.



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## Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, you can notify school by doing the following:

A phone call to the school office (03)4312829

A text to the school mobile phone (021)2161249

An absentee submission on our Skool Loop app

An email to the office on [office@dunroon.school.nz](mailto:office@dunroon.school.nz)

**Have a great weekend**

**Nga Mihi Nui**

**Mike and Staff**



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## Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



# PR1ME<sup>™</sup>

## About PR1ME Mathematics

PR1ME Mathematics is based on three of the top performing maths countries in the world: Singapore, South Korea and Hong Kong. PR1ME was developed alongside the Ministry of Education in Singapore. The programme and its content speak to the universal world of mathematics and mathematics education. It is the one curriculum area whose subject matter is the substantially the same, no matter where on Earth you are.

Key features of PR1ME Mathematics

- Covers junior through to senior year levels of primary education – Years 1 to 8
- Follows a text-based programme that allows ample scope for localised and teacher augmentation
- Ensures a consistent approach to teaching, programme content and sequencing of learning through each year level of the school
- Provides built-in teacher professional development and support for all mathematics concepts and problem-solving strategies
- Develops mathematical understandings progressively through concrete, pictorial and abstract approaches
- Builds student confidence through consistent problem-solving strategies
- Mathematical problems are posed in multiple ways
- Knowledge and skills at each step of learning are regularly applied to contextual, real-world problems
- Through a scaffolded approach, mastery of increasingly complex concepts (strategies) and skills is built up from previous steps of learning
- Maintenance and mastery are supported by revisiting and practising concepts and skills previously learned
- Active discussion and engagement among students is key to their learning rather than rote, lock-step approaches
- Supplementary resources and activities that fit with the programme are already available in schools
- Regular assessments provide formative feedback and contribute to summative purposes

# Ruma Toru News

Room 3 began term 3 learning all about how to be firewise! We discussed the importance of knowing what to do if a fire happened in our homes and how to call 111. Ali from Fire and Emergency New Zealand joined us in class to share her knowledge! We got to practice safely exiting the classroom if there was a fire in Room 3 and Ali even brought along some look-alike smoke to represent what it would be like in a real fire!

Visit from Ali  
FENZ



We have also started using PR1ME Maths to support our learning in this curriculum area. The children have loved the independence of having their own books to complete their follow up activities in, as well as piecing all the learning together with equipment.

It is awesome to hear the children excited to do maths! We are working really hard, persevering and we are gradually getting into a great routine now.

PR1ME in Action!



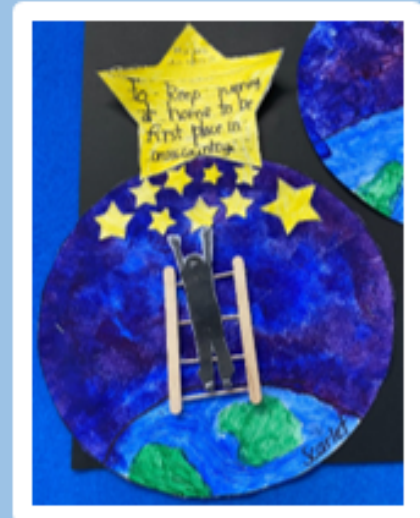
# Matariki



Room 3 spent the first few weeks of term 3 learning all about Matariki and why it is important to us living in New Zealand. We shared books, sang songs, made music with rakau sticks and finally created a matariki art piece. We even learnt all of the 9 star names by learning a matariki song that goes with the tune of the classic macarena dance!

Our art piece was inspired by the smallest star in the matariki cluster 'Hiwa-i-te-rangi'. This star represents motivation, inspiration and goals for our future growth.

We are very proud of what we achieved!



## The Process

1. Sketch out and paint world and sky using a paint brush or sponge
2. Colour in 9 stars and glue them to the top of background
3. Create ladder using hot glue gun, 4 toothpicks and 2 popsicle sticks. (This was a tricky task but with a little bit of perseverance we successfully made and attached these)
4. Finally stick on photo reaching for the stars and attach goal for term 3.



"I am paying attention. I'm just suffering from slow download speeds."

**Congratulations to our Hockey Player of the Day awards this week.**

**Duntroon Blue— Lochie Horn**

**Congratulations to Duntroon Blue team, who are in the finals for the season.**

**Best of luck for your final!**

**Year 5/6 Hockey was cancelled this week.**



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# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## AUGUST

- 14th August—St John Visit
- 15th August—Rugby League training
- 18th August—Rugby League Tournament
- 24/25th August— Yr7/8 Ski Camp
- 28th August—North Otago Cross Country

## SEPTEMBER

- 15th September—Yr 8 Career Day
- 19th September—School Photos
- 22nd September—Duntroon School Show case
- 22nd September—Last Day of Term 3

## OCTOBER

- 9th October— Term 4 Starts
- 16th-20 October— Year 6-8 Camp
- 23rd October—Labour Day
- 27th October—Upper Waitaki Athletics
- 31st October-3rd November—Tech Week

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# Power Up Community Fund applications are open

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Applications are open until midnight 24 September 2023.

## How to apply

For more information and to apply:

- visit [meridian.co.nz/pu-waitaki](https://meridian.co.nz/pu-waitaki)
- email [community.fund@meridianenergy.co.nz](mailto:community.fund@meridianenergy.co.nz)
- call 03 357 9732



**St Kevin's College Presents**



# **MAN OF STEEL**

**A musical spoof**

**Dates:**

**24th &**

**25th August**

**Location:**

**St Kevin's College**

**Auditorium**

**Tickets on sale at:**

**[www.stkevins.school.nz](http://www.stkevins.school.nz)**

