



Duntroon School

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Newsletter
08-03-2024
Term 1, Week 6

Principals News....

Danseys Pass Trail Ride

As you will have heard the trail ride has been cancelled for 2024. This is the best decision given the current conditions on and around trails. The risk to riders and property is the number one priority and at this point in time, the fire risk is too great.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people for the hours of work behind the scenes. Your contribution to our school is immense and we appreciate that the hard work had already been done.

Parents and families – thanks for your offers of support. Also, thanks to our generous landowners and sponsors. Bring on 2025!

Technology

We have had our Year 7 and 8 students visiting Oamaru Intermediate this week as part of our partnership school's technology programme. They have been involved in Hard materials, Art media, Food technology and Digital technology. We always look forward to what they share with us when they come back each day. We are always very happy to hear that Duntroon School students' attitude and effort is exemplary while they are at Technology in Oamaru.

Upper Waitaki Swim results

Attached to this newsletter are our Upper Waitaki Swim results. Well done to all those students who took part.

North Otago Swim Sports

The North Otago swim sports are on Wednesday March 20th in Oamaru. We had 6 swimmers qualify for this event. Kate Frear will have been in contact if your child has qualified. Please send information back to school asap. These students will get an extra practice session at the Waitaki Aquatic Centre on Friday March 15th .

Touch draw issue

Thanks for your patience on Tuesday in regard to touch draws and a very late cancellation. The new person in charge of North Otago Touch has had some technical difficulties that we hope are rectified before the next round of competition. Please keep your eye on Skool Loop as this is our quickest and easiest way to notify parents about changes.



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Bus Behaviour

From time to time there are issues with behaviour on our buses. We have high expectations of our students travelling to and from school on the buses. They are very aware of what the rules are and all of them sign a code of conduct.

There is a process for our students to follow if they think something is not right on the bus.

1. Tell the student bus monitor.
2. Tell the driver at a safe and sensible time.
3. Report this to Mr Turner.

I would also encourage any of our students to speak up and remind other students what behaviour is expected if they see something that isn't ok.

As per our bus policy - students may be removed from the bus for a length of time if their behaviour is deemed inappropriate.

House Captains

These 6 students are our house captains for 2024.

Brydone House – Fred Stalker and Breana Smith

Campbell House – Olivia Strachan and Greer Neal

Reid House – Oliver Hamilton and Cohen McLachlan

Their role in school is varied. They are responsible for playground duties, running house assemblies, helping to organise term treats, and of course being super role models. We are very pleased to have this group of student leaders in 2024.



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Upper Waitaki Swim Results

FREESTYLE

JACK HAMILTON - 3 RD PLACE IN 8 YEARS

SADIE MCLACHLAN - 1 ST PLACE IN 10 YEARS

LEAH WILSON – 3 RD PLACE IN 11 YEARS

BREANA SMITH – 2 ND PLACE IN 12+ YEARS

GREER NEAL – 3 RD PLACE IN 12+ YEARS

BACKSTROKE

LAUREN STRACHAN – 2ND PLACE IN 8 YEARS

FRED STALKER – 2ND PLACE IN 12+ YEARS

BREANA SMITH – 1 ST PLACE IN 12+ YEARS

BREAST-STROKE

BREANA SMITH – 1 ST PLACE IN 12+ YEARS

BUTTERFLY

BREANA SMITH – 1 ST PLACE IN 12+ YEARS

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

BREANA SMITH – 2 ND PLACE (68:00)

Well done to all students who competed at this event



Policy Reviews Term 1 2024

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

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

your username is – duntroon

your password is - 9494

Click on the Current Review Tab – *Shown here*



Our policy reviews for this term are on:

Parent Involvement, Communicating with parents, Community conduct, School Planning and reporting

Currently under review

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.

[About the review process](#) ⓘ

[Start your review](#)

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

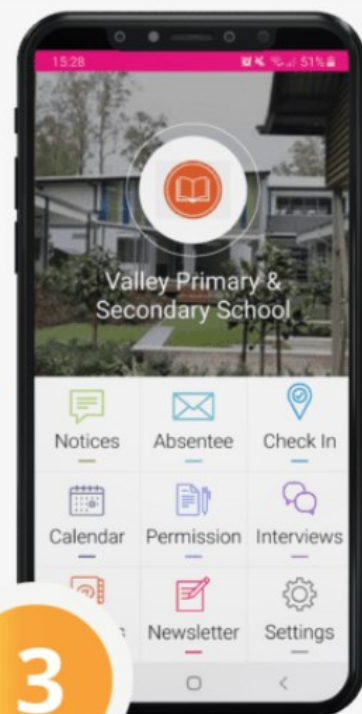
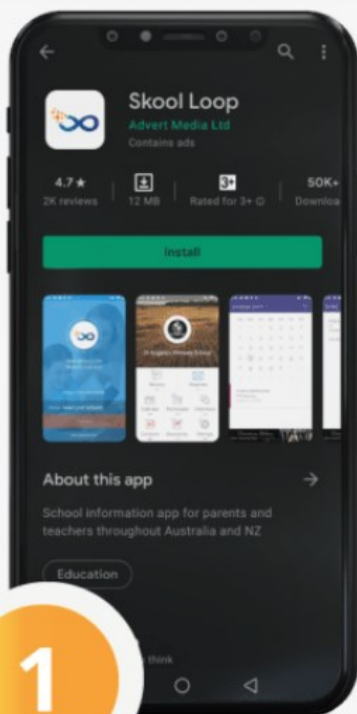
Please complete by Friday April 5th 2024

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

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.



Team Tahī News

Room One has settled well into 2024. We've had a great start to the year with plenty happening already! □

This week has been a bit of a change in routine with the Year 7 & 8's away at Oamaru Intermediate for Technology. The Year 6's have had two days with Miss Milmine doing art, Maths activities, class games and board games.

□□ On Thursday they started making their own movie trailers using the iPads. The groups had to put together their own storyboard, create costumes using dress ups and film each of their scenes. It was awesome to see so many creative ideas being explored. They learnt about different types of camera shots and angles and why they are used. For example, a close up shot is used to show the characters emotion. In their own movie trailers they had to use a range of camera angles/shots, include credits and dialogue.

At Tech, some of the creations the Year 7 & 8's have been making are 3D printed key chains in Digitech, phone holders in hard materials, painting and clay plaques in Art and bagels and sushi in Food.



Some of our Year 6's in action making their movie trailers.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

13th March—North Otago Netball

20th March—North Otago Swimming

25th March—Otago Anniversary Day—School closed

29th March—Good Friday –School closed

APRIL

1st April—Easter Monday—School Closed

2nd April—Easter Tuesday—School Closed

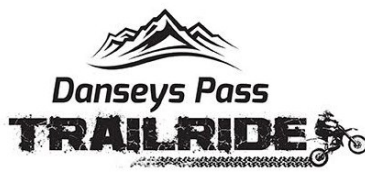
3rd April—Goal Setting Interviews

10th April—Goal Setting Interviews

12th April—Last day of Term 1

25th April—Anzac Day

29th April—First day of Term 2

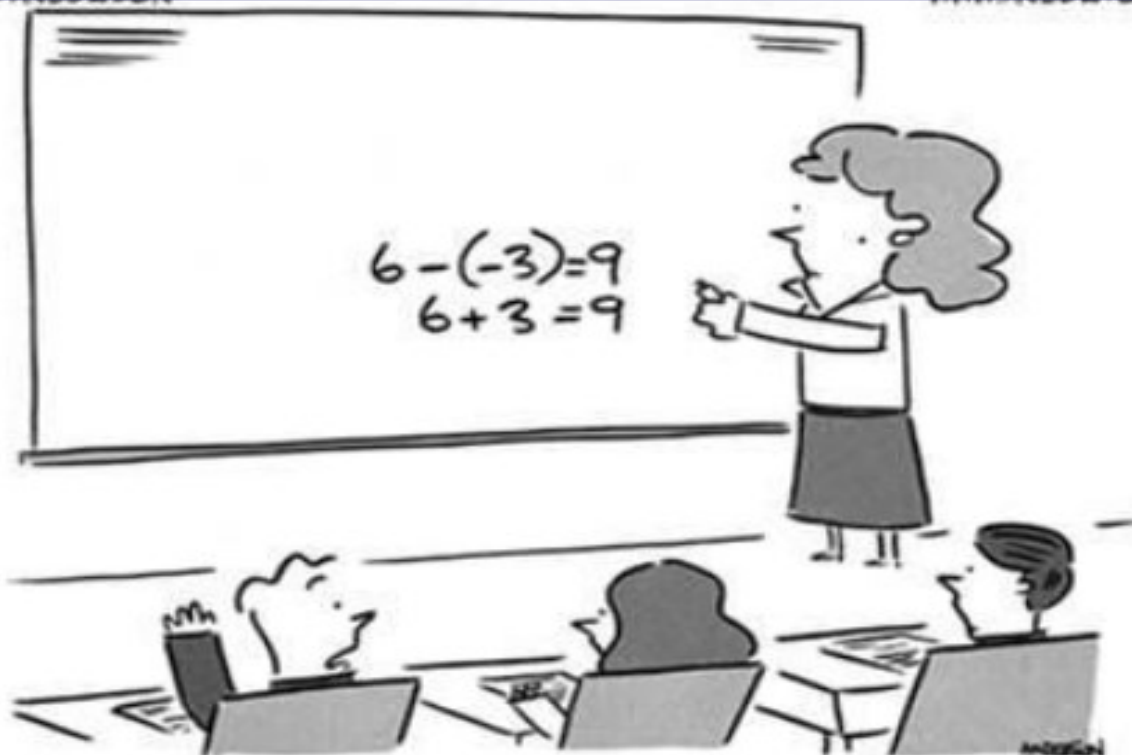


Treasurer Needed

The trail ride committee is looking for someone to step into the Treasurer role for the home and school committee.

Belinda Isbister will be there to provide full training and give as much support as needed over the next year.

If you think you can help out, please get in touch with Grant Tremwan 0272333472 (Home and School chairperson) or Belinda Isbister 0272395707 (Treasurer) for any questions or if you are interested.



"So in English a double negative is bad, but in math it's a *positive*?"

New to Duntroon School,



Jayden Todd

Jayden lives with his Mum and Dad and he has two sisters, Leah and Krystal.

He has 3 dogs at home and a puppy called Patsy. He also has two cats named Fattie and Lillie.

Jayden likes to watch boating and fishing shows and his favourite sport is cricket.

In his spare time he likes playing with his ball, his favourite food is Strawberry Roll-Ups and he loves the colour blue (dark blue).

Jayden most admires his dad because he is funny.

Welcome Jayden, Happy School days!

Welcome.....



Ioan O'Callaghan

Ioan lives with his Dad, Mum, brother, - Huw and sister -Eleanor.

He has a dog at home named Gin and a pet sheep.

His favourite colour is dark blue and the food he loves the most is chocolate ice cream.

In his spare time he likes to bounce on the trampoline and he likes to watch "Top Gear" on the TV.

Ioan likes playing rugby and a little birdie tells me he loves trucks, tractors and machinery.

He most admires his Dad as he takes him on the farm.

Welcome Ioan, Enjoy Duntroon School!



Power Up Community Fund applications are open

Got a community project that needs funding?

Applications are open until midnight Sunday 21st April 2024.

How to apply

For more information and to apply:

- visit meridianenergy.co.nz/pu-waitaki
- call 03 357 9732



Meridian.



Don House Hostel and Waitakī Boys High

Don House Open Day

Sunday April 7th, 2024

Starts at 12PM with Afternoon tea at 1.30PM in the Common room.

Don House Management invite families interested in hostel life to join us at Waitakī Boys High School and Don House to discuss the Don House experience.

We will have boarders present and attending families will be able to take away the Don House Hostel Handbook that gives an insight into the vision and values that Don House portrays and aspires to.

Families will be able to see the programmes and daily routine which includes SCRANO practices, leadership opportunities, self, and time management and how Don House Hostel is able to teach the necessary skills for young men to be successful. A school tour of the surrounding facilities will also take place.

Any enquires please contact

Director of Boarding
Scott Mayhew
scottm@waitakibhs.school.nz
027 285 3885

Residential Manager
Chelsea Seddon
hosteladmin@waitakibhs.school.nz
027 406 6608

Nga Mihi Nui,





Kurow Netball Club Junior Registrations for the 2024 Season

Thursday 14th March, 3-4pm

This is for years 3-8 who will play Friday afternoons in Oamaru.

Ball Skills sessions for 5-7 year olds will be held during term 2 contact Anna for more information

Any questions/queries please contact club secretary Anna Haugh 027 291 5416



"I CAN'T COME OUT. I HAVE TO HELP MY DAD WITH MY HOMEWORK."⁹³

UNION JAB RUGBY 2024



Registrations - Last years players have been sent an email for re-registration. All new players please use the link below by the 5th March.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/257895>

**Any questions please contact
Phil Wilson 027 424 0311
glenurefarming@farmside.co.nz**

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WORKSHOP DETAILS

**Saturday 16 March, 9 - 3pm
Scottish Hall, Tyne Street,
Oamaru**

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Rangatahi aged 12 - 30(ish)
- Those interested in learning new digital skills and giving back to their community

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- How to take apart a laptop and the key parts of a device
- How to diagnose what's wrong with it and fix it in a day
- How to divert e-waste keeping laptops out of landfill

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AND THERE IS NO COST TO THIS WORKSHOP. ALL DEVICES AND TOOLS ARE PROVIDED AND YOU GET TO KEEP THE DEVICE YOU REBURBISH AT THE END.

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**TO REGISTER
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Trish Hurley
trish@resourcewaitaki.co.nz
027 450 6584

There are only 20 spots available for this workshop so please register by Monday 11 March to secure your place.