



Principals News....

This will be the last newsletter for 2023.

Thanks for a great year! 2023 has been another very busy one with plenty going on around Duntroon School. We have our last day and final assembly on Thursday December 14th where we will say farewell to our year 8 students and farewell Mrs Campbell. We also present our values awards to four students from each class. Please feel free to join us. We will be having our shared lunch after this at school.

Buses will run at 1pm on Thursday December 14th .

Our first day back for students in 2024 is Wednesday January 31st.

NEW CLASSES

Yesterday the students spent time in their 2024 classroom with their 2024 teacher. For some of our students this is the same class and teacher. For some there is a change. These transition meetings are a great opportunity for the teachers to get to know any new students they are getting in 2024, and also helps with students feeling at ease when they arrive back at the beginning of the year.

ENROLMENTS

We have had new enrolments for students who are due to start in 2024. If you know of anybody who has moved to the area and intends to enrol to start in 2024, please get them to get in contact with the school. The sooner we know about this, the better for planning.

TERM TREAT

Term treat is scheduled for Tuesday. We are going to have water fun. The students will rotate around 3 different water activities in the middle part of the day. Water Slide, Water balloon Bullrush, and the pool. Students will need their togs and a towel for this. We also recommend they bring a T-shirt to wear over their togs while they are on the slide – also for extra sun protection.

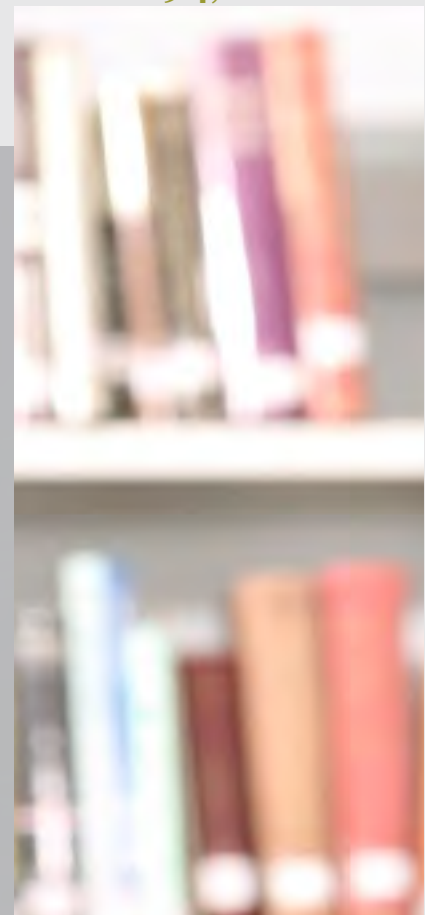
NOSLAM

On Monday December 11th the Year 6-8 students will head down to Papakaio School for our Marine Virtual Reality session that we missed a couple of weeks ago. This will happen in the morning.

Thanks again for a great year. See you all at the final assembly.

Nga Mihi Nui

Mike and Staff



In this issue....

End of Year Dates.....	2
Cartoon.....	2
Pool Contract.....	3
Policy Document.....	4
Ruma Wha News.....	5
Upcoming Dates.....	6
Yr 8 Leavers.....	7
Yr 8 Leavers.....	8
Mrs Campbell.....	9
Cartoon.....	10
Trail Ride.....	11
Trail Ride.....	12
Trail Ride.....	13
Trail Ride.....	14

Important End of Year dates/information

Friday 8th December — Reports go home

Tuesday 12th December - Term Treat

Thursday 14th December - Final Assembly (11am), Shared Lunch to follow.

Thursday 14th December—FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL—1PM Buses

Friday 15th December — Year 8 Lunch

Wednesday 31st January - Term one begins

We value Respect, Honesty, Perseverance and Cooperation and Inclusion

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



"Have a great summer and please do not throw your books in the air or run through the halls -- wait until the students have left the building."

Duntroon School Pool – Code of Conduct 2023/24

Safety

- Key holders are responsible for ALL people they admit to the pool.
- No one is to swim alone.
- Keys are for the use of family members and their guests.
- Children under the age of 16 must be actively supervised by a person 18 years or older.
- Due to health and hygiene reasons all babies/toddlers not yet toilet trained must wear swim pants such as Huggies "Little Swimmers" (not underwear) whilst swimming.
- No jumping, bombing or diving into the pool.

Pool

- Opening hours: 6am – 9pm (During school terms the pool is closed to the public from 9am – 3pm).
- It is essential that you sign the pool register when you enter the complex.
- Please ensure the cover is placed back over the pool and that the gate is locked when leaving.
- Please leave the complex in a tidy state and remove own rubbish.
- The swimming pool complex is smoke free at all times.
- Please report any damage or concerns to either of the following:

Chris Woodmore - Pool Operator 027 693 3639
Mike Turner - Principal 027 389 0310

Keys

Keys are not to be lent, shared or borrowed. They are available to school families at the subsidised cost of \$50.00. Keys are also available to those without children at our school for \$100.00. Lost keys will be invoiced for at the replacement cost of \$10.00 each.

Online payments can be made to the school bank account: 02-0900-0000540-00. Please enter your name and POOL as reference. A key will be issued once payment appears in this account and a signed Code of Conduct received.

Keys are limited and are available on a first-come first-served basis. We ask that, in fairness to others, keys are not held over to the next season. Please return this key to the school office

I/we have read the above code of conduct. I/we understand and accept the guidelines therein.

Name:

Address:

Phone no. Email.....

Signed..... Dated

Disclaimer: The Duntroon BOT accepts no responsibility for any accidents or injuries whilst using the Pool complex or for damage to personal property. Use the pool at your own risk. The BOT reserves the right to close the pool at any time due to Health & Safety issues.

Please return this key to the school office by: **31st March 2024.**

Key #

Policy Reviews Term 4 2023

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:

Curriculum and Student Achievement

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

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](#)

Please complete by Friday December 8th 2023

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

Ruma Wha News

Welcome from Ruma Wha. Week 9 has arrived very quickly and yet we are still as busy as ever. We have welcomed Yugeeth and Grace into Room 4 since our last newsletter. They have both settled in so well.

Swimming is one of our favourite activities nearly every day. Some days we swim with Ruma Toru and I am sure the whole of Duntroon can hear the noise. Certainly a lot of fun is shared. Even when the air temperature can be a bit cold the water is warm and inviting. We can't wait for next year when Kerry will be here teaching us how to swim and be safe in water.

We thoroughly enjoyed Grandpa's Shed, one of our shared reading books. We have learnt some amazing new vocabulary. Here are the words we learnt and what some of them mean: "ship-shape", "muddle", "gasp", "stack", "kuia" means grandma and "koro" means grandfather.

We wondered how many other parents and grandparents find it hard to throw things away!!

We have been spending this week making exciting and fun things for Christmas and we will bring them home to share with our families.

Here are a few photos of our activities.



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

Ruma 4 –Ollie, Riley, Rhylee, Kyle, Gino, Reid, Fletcher, Steven, Arthur, Yugeeth, Y Krystal, Kaiah, MJ, Ashton, Pun, Emileigh, Grace and Michael (visiting each week)



The **BEST** we can be!

**BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF
EMPOWERED
TO LEARN
SOCIALLY
RESPONSIBLE
THINKERS
AND
LEARNERS
FOR LIFE**

Duntroon School

**1 Livingstone Street
Duntroon 9494**

**Phone: 03 4312 829
Cell: 021 216 1249**

**E-mail:
office@duntroon.school.nz**

**Account:
02-0900-0000540-000**

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

13th December—Term Treat

14th December—Last day of term

15th December—Year 8 lunch

JANUARY

29/30th January Teacher Only Day

31st January—Term One Starts

FEBRUARY

6th February—Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)

7th February—Swimming Lessons start

Duntroon 2023 Leavers

Tahlia Sanford

Is off to St Kevin's. Tahlia started here when she was 5 years old. Her first teacher was Mrs McCone.

Her favourite thing about Duntroon School is the teachers and the people here at the school. In the future, Tahlia would like to be a primary school teacher.



MJ Turnock

MJ is off to Waitaki Girls next year. She started here as a new entrant with Mrs McCone.

Her favourite thing about Duntroon School is the 100's club, which she has worked very hard at.

MJ is not sure what she wants to do once she leaves school.

Paul Flores

Paul is heading to St Kevin's next year. He started here in 2021 as a year 6. He wants to work in farming once he leaves school.

His favourite thing about Duntroon School is all his awesome friends.



Kyla Cipriano

Kyla is going to St Kevins' next year. She started here earlier this year. Her favourite thing about Duntroon is that she was made to feel so welcome when she first started here.



Lochie Horn

Lochie is off to Waitaki Boys Don House. He started here at Duntroon as a 5 year old with Mrs McCone. Lochie wants to become a Farmer or a Fencer once he leaves school. His favourite memory of Duntroon School is the 2022 camp in Queenstown.



Duntroon 2023 Leavers

Connor Tait

Connor is heading to Waitaki Boys Don House. He started here as a new entrant with Mrs McCone. He wants to work in farming once he leaves school. Connor's favourite thing about Duntroon school is the great teachers and good friends.



Roy Tepper

Roy is going to Waitaki Boys next year. He started here in term one of 2023. Roy really wants to be a contractor in the farming sector when he leaves school.

His favourite thing about Duntroon School is Mrs Campbell.



Belle Wainwright

Belle is going to Waitaki Girls next year. She started here at Duntroon when she was 5 years old in Mrs McCone's class. Belle wants to be a Farmer when she leaves school. Belle thinks the best thing about Duntroon School is Mrs Campbell.

(Can you tell she likes her photo taken?)



Felicity Montgomery

Felicity is off to Waitaki Girls next year. She started here as a year 4 in Miss Parson's class.

Felicity wants to be a large animal vet when she leaves school.

Her favourite thing about Duntroon School are the Term Treats, they are epic!



Mila Andrews

Mila is heading to Waitaki Girls next year. She started here as a year 2 in Mrs McCone's class. Mila is not exactly sure what she wants to do when she leaves school but she wants to do something Equine related.



Farewell Mrs Campbell

We are so sad to see you leaving us, but so grateful to have had you teach at our amazing school.

The difference you have made not only to the school but to the kids you have taught and mentored is truly a special thing.



**Te tuku aroha me nga mihi pai i runga i to huarahi
(Sending you love and best wishes on your path)**





"It's almost the last day of school, Marilyn.
Quit saying 'Are we there yet'."

Free Unicorn Poo

Mrs Tait's ponies are a 24/7 production line.
Please feel free to come and grab a trailer full
or just a couple of bags.

Contact Lou 0272946084

DUNTROON TRAIL RIDE 23rd MARCH 2024



Keep the 23rd of March free to help your school in this once a year amazing fundraising event!

The Danseys pass trail ride has been going for over 20 years and has been the biggest trail ride in the south island for a number of years, we have over 1000 riders coming every year! It is an amazing event which helps provide amazing resources and opportunities for the kids at Duntroon school.

The trail ride committee has been busy ticking away in the background these last few months, getting Key things organised. However This ride needs more than committee people to ensure the event can run. On the weekend of the event we basically need someone from every family to help out in some way.

This doesn't mean you need to know anything about bikes! You also don't need to commit a lot of time, just 2 hours is all we need. There is more than one type of role needed, So have a read of this newsletter to get an idea of what we will need, ready for February when I will be sending out a request for help/availability. And don't hesitate to contact me if you want
(Kirsty McLachlan on 0274274344, nathandkirsty@gmail.com

Happy holidays!

Keep up to date

Join up to Duntroon school families facebook group
Keep eye on Skool Loop and newsletter

DUNTROON TRAIL RIDE 23rd MARCH 2024

The Danseys pass trail ride covers a wide range of country from the tussock hill blocks up towards the otekaieke reserve, forestry blocks behind livingstone, gnarly bush tracks behind the Maraewhenua river, and spectacular views from the top of ben lomond. It has track levels for everyone from a family friendly 50cc level trail, fast and open intermediate track, 2 advanced loops providing diverse riding conditions and an 'extreme' gnarly tight track. Very few people can complete all the tracks in a day, which keeps people coming back for the fun and the challenge.



Keep up to date

Join up to Duntroon school families facebook group
Keep eye on Skool Loop and newsletter

DUNTROON TRAIL RIDE 23rd MARCH 2024

Providing epic tracks makes this a great ride,

We need track makers and people to help with track maintenance leading up to the day of the event

If you enjoy riding a 2 wheeler and want to be involved in the track team talk to Phil Wilson (0274240311) Track levels range from family to extreme.

If you're happy to use loppers, line trimmers, weed wackers or chainsaws, to clear broom gorse, and trees from tracks come along to some working bees. You will start to see notices in the newsletter/facebook pages/Skool Loop regarding track working bees. For any information about this you can talk to Lowri OCallaghan (0211176214)

Having a smoothly run event makes this ride a great event to come to.

People arrive at the 'Base paddock' from 7am. We need lots of people on deck here to get the event started. We require people to help with.

car parking,

registration and payments,

checking bikes and riders for safety gear

For any questions relating to these jobs, talk to Kirsty McLachlan (0274274344) in the first instance.

Providing a safely run event is also what makes this a great ride.

we need track marshalls to ride loops of the tracks throughout the day,

Riders also cross roads out on track, and we need help manning the road crossings

If riding bikes is up your alley, and you're happy to help in this way let Phil Wilson (0274240311) know. You need to be available to pre ride on Thursday and on the day.

If you're happy to sit out on a quiet country road for some part of the day, this can just be for a 2hr stint, or if you're available all day, you can cover a variety of crossings throughout the day. Many of the roads will see no car traffic, so bringing young kids will be fine. The busier roads are best suited for people who are able to find help for kids on the day, or have older children (over 10) for questions regarding this talk to Kirsty McLachlan (0274274344)

Keep up to date

Join up to Duntroon school families facebook group

Keep eye on Skool Loop and newsletter

DUNTROON TRAIL RIDE 23rd MARCH 2024

Providing a great ride day also means FOOD! We provide food for riders and volunteers on the day with a **BBQ** running from 8am-5pm.

For more information about the BBQ talk to charlotte Montgomery (0273470329)

Kids can also help by selling spark arrestors at registration tent, they can hand out rider briefings as riders line up to register, and older kids can be the second adult on the quieter road crossings.

If you're interested in helping please keep an eye on newsletters, and Skool Loop, but also sign up to **Duntroon school families facebook page**. This is the easiest way for committee members to communicate with families.

Keep up to date

Join up to Duntroon school families facebook group

Keep eye on Skool Loop and newsletter