



Principals News....

Swimming

Swimming lessons are well and truly underway. Students are grouped and instruction is given at an appropriate ability level to improve skills and stroke development. Swimming is a compulsory part of our physical education programme and is essential for water safety skills. I encourage parents to support school with this and ensure students are bringing their togs each day.

Upper Waitaki Swim Sports

This event is on Friday March the 1st at Waitaki Valley School. Our fastest swimmers will compete at this event. If your child is being entered into this event Mrs Frear will make contact in the coming weeks.

Here are some Room 1 students at the pool on Wednesday.

Beautiful weather! Awesome pool!



Meet the teacher

Our meet the teacher sessions are scheduled for Thursday February 22nd. Each teacher runs a 15-minute session introducing themselves and talking about what is happening in the class.

The times for this are as follows:

Room 4 at 2:00pm

Room 3 at 2:15pm

Room 2 at 2:30pm

Room 1 at 2:45pm

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Touch

Touch starts this coming Tuesday February the 20th . The teams are attached to this newsletter and have gone home with students. Please check this to see what team your child is playing in and read the important reminders about touch. Also check Skool Loop for the field map and the draw each week. A reminder that touch is now played at Awamoa Park in Oamaru. Thanks to those parents who have offered to take a team. Invoices for touch have gone home.

Danseys Pass Trail Ride

Our annual fundraiser is coming up on Saturday March 23rd . Families will have received information about this via the school office. Please check your email for this information. Families can volunteer for many jobs before the day, on the day and after the event. Please get the form back to the trail ride committee if you can help.

School Contact Information

We like to keep our family contact information up to date. Please let your child's classroom teacher or the office know if your phone numbers, emails, or home addresses have changed. This is very important for communication and for health and safety.

Ring Tree

In the past we have given families a ring tree to help with communication from school regarding buses etc. We won't be using this anymore. We have found that Skool Loop, email and Facebook are the most effective means of communication. We will keep a bus communication list with our family contact information for internal use only.

If you have not yet downloaded Skool Loop to your device, see the instructions on this newsletter.

Nga Mihi Nui

Mike and Staff

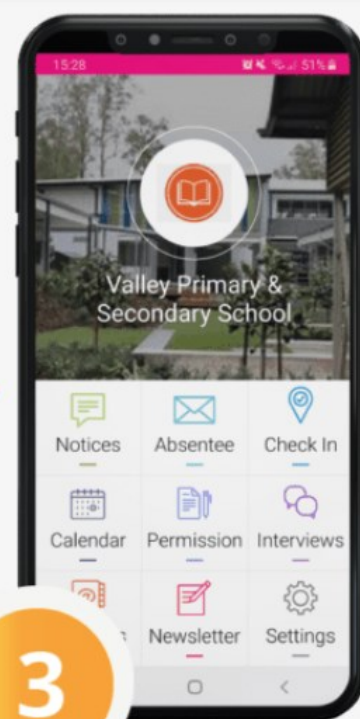
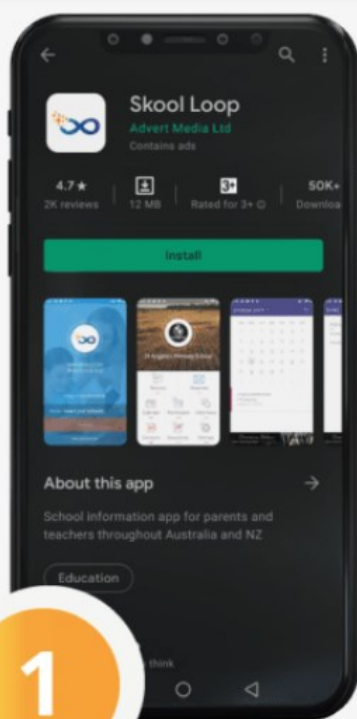
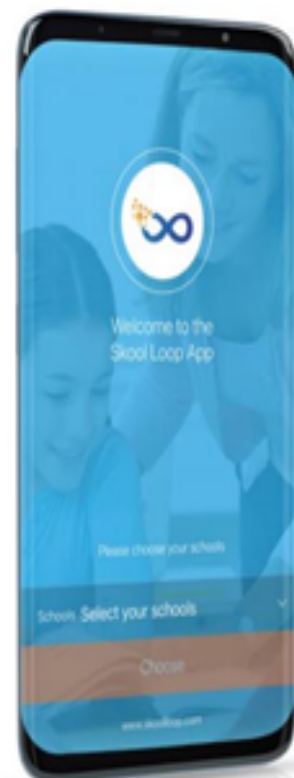
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Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide


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.



Duntroon School Touch Teams 2024

Term 1

Duntroon Dingoes Year 1-2	Duntroon Dragons Year 3-4	Duntroon Dynamos Year 5-6	Duntroon Dinosaurs Year 5-6 
Reid Wilson Arthur Douglas Kyle Vergara Fletcher Hamilton Krystal Todd Jayden Todd Ollie Nana Ashton Buckland Ioan O'Callaghan (9)	Rosa Tremewan Steven Pangan Jack Hamilton Cooper Hamilton Eleanor O'Callaghan Leah Todd Evie Montgomery Alfaaz Singh (8)	Henry Tremewan Annabelle Andrews Murdoch Wilson Boh Hamilton Tate Hamilton Lauren Strachan Tyler Fleming Ryan Nana Mason Montgomery Alaina Tait (10)	
Coach/Manager: Rebecca McNeill	Coach/Manager: Kate Borrie	Coach/Manager: Gemma and Brock Hamilton (<i>away 27th Feb and 5th March</i>). Mike Andrews to fill in on 27th Feb and Kate Borrie on 5th March).	Coach/Manager:
Duntroon Destroyers Year 7-8	Duntroon Dominators Year 7-8		
Olivia Strachan Breana Smith Lilly-Grace Bayne Leah Wilson Fred Stalker Sid Stalker Seth Black Kane Bell (8)	Cohen McLachlan Sadie McLachlan Hamish Isbister Oliver Hamilton Greer Neal Ida Mangmee Ruby Tremewan (7)		
Coach/Manager: Nathan Bayne	Coach/Manager: Kirsty McLachlan		

Thanks for the offer managers. You are awesome!!

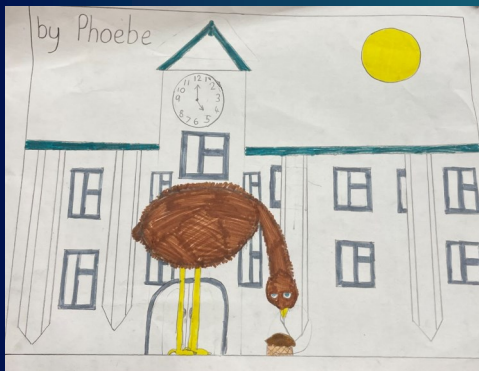
Draw out soon.

Games start Feb 20 2024. The draw will be out on Skool Loop and Facebook weekly.

News from Ruma Rua

Ruma Rua has had a great start to the school year. Students have been settling into routines and expectations and enjoying learning along the way.

This week we have had Steve from North Otago Tennis, Jaiden and Jacob from North Otago Cricket as well as Candy taking us for our swimming lessons.



We have also started our unit of work on the Solar System. We made a tornado in a jar to show how the solar system was formed. Mrs Frear has been reading a class novel called Jason Mason and the Flightless Bird Fiasco. So we have shared some of our activities. Phoebe and Amelia have drawn the moa by a clock tower and Jack and Jaxson created the Wellington Zoo, as Jason Mason lied to his mum about where he was, as he was on a secret agent mission. I'm so looking forward to the year ahead working alongside such a fun bunch of students.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

17th February—Agri Kids

22nd February—Meet the teacher

23rd February—Year 8 Day at Papakaio

MARCH

01st March—Upper Waitaki Swimming Sports

05th-08th March—Tech Week

20th March—North Otago Swimming

23rd March—Danseys Pass Trail Ride

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

Welcome to Duntroon School!!!



SETH BUTCHER

Seth lives with his Dad and his brother Travis.

He has a dog named Poppy and four cats, they are named, Shugs, Beans, Cornflake and Raspberry.

Seth likes Motorcross and hunting.

In his spare time, Seth likes gaming with his friends and hunting rabbits and possums.

His favourite colour is red and fries are his favourite food.

He likes Wings of Fire books and likes watching Deadpool.

WELCOME TO DUNTROON SCHOOL SETH!

New to Duntroon School



Travis Butcher

Travis lives with his Dad and his brother Seth.

He has a dog named Poppy who is a huntaway and four cats. His cat is named Beans, who is a Scottish Fold.

Travis likes to play a range of sports, including hockey, soccer and basketball, but he likes hockey the most.

In his spare time, Travis likes watching You Tube and gaming. The food he most likes to eat is chicken and he likes the colours blue and purple.

Like his brother, Travis also likes reading Wings of Fire books.

WELCOME TRAVIS, WE HOPE YOU LIKE DUNTROON

NEXT MONTH its TRAIL RIDE

So keep the weekend of 23rd March FREE!

Keep up to date and get the word out!
Like and share the Danseys pass trail ride facebook page

If you haven't been involved in the trail ride before here is some information to help give you an idea of what is involved, and hopefully give you some ideas of how you could help

The Danseys pass trail ride has traditionally been the biggest trail ride in the south island for a number of years, we have over 1000 riders coming every year! And we want to keep it this way.

There are 5 tracks catering for different rider levels and providing diverse terrain. Terrain ranges from open tussock country, steep rocky bush covered river gorge track, forestry, old mining areas and easier farm land for the junior rider



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TRACK MAKING

One of the main roles leading up to the event is track making, this involves riding areas on 2 wheelers and deciding where tracks will go, determining any maintenance that will be required to get bikes around on the day. This year track riding is on a Thursday evening each week. The week of the trail ride tracks will also be marked with fluorescent paint/tape and signs. if you would like to be involved for this trail ride or just find out about it for next year talk to Phil Wilson (0274240311)

TRACK MAINTENANCE

In order to get over 1000 bikes around the tracks, tracks need to be cleared of gorse, broom, broken branches , trees and some areas sprayed. You will start to see the notices regarding track working bees. (on the "[duntroon school families facebook group](#)") dates and times these will be held is TBC. Just turn up with some gardening equipment such as loppers/hedge trimmer/chainsaw/saw, and bring the kids too. Lowri O'Callaghan is looking after this, so any questions please just send her a message or give her a call (0211176214)

TRACK PRE RIDE

On Thursday and Friday before the event, all the tracks will be ridden by track marshalls and as many other people as possible. Each track needs about 20-30 bikes over it to check that the marking is adequate, and also to create wheel marks to help further with track marking. It also identifies any problem areas. If you are able to do this please talk to phil Wilson (0274240311)

TRACK MARSHALING

On the day of the event we need 50-80 marshalls. These people ride 2 wheelers over the tracks throughout the day wearing pink vests. They are able to rectify any problems on the track, key marshals have radios to sort help if needed, and can report back to base paddock if tracks need to be closed or issues remedied. If you are able to do this on saturday (MUST also be able to do the pre ride days) please contact Phil Wilson (0274240311)

BASE PADDOCK

Base camp set up on Friday involves turning up to paddock on Bushey creek road on Friday 22nd for 1-2 hours (time to be advised) to help set up tents, and signage for the next day

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Base camp cleanup on Sunday: Turn up to base paddock on Bushey creek road on Sunday 9am. We collect rubbish, pack down tents, load all equipment onto trailers and store away. The more people who turn up, the faster and easier this job is.

CAR PARKING

Riders start arriving from 7.30am on Saturday, so from about 7am-9.30am we need about 6-8 people to direct vehicles to their car park. This needs plenty of people early on as the cars need directed to the far side of the paddock, as the car park fills up we don't need many people to finish off car parking

REGISTRATIONS

From 7.30am until about 10am all riders will need to come through the registration tent to pay and collect their rider sticker. This job involves ticking off pre registered riders, and registering and collecting payments from "on the day registrations" we need at least 10 people on the desks

SPARK CHECKING

All bikes have to enter the spark checking chutes before they can enter tracks. This job requires people to see if the bike has a spark arrestor (stop the chance of starting a fire in dry conditions) and also just ensuring basic safety gear is worn as per safety gear policy. Once checked riders have a sticker for their bike to identify the bike is suitable to ride. If required bikes are directed back to registrations where they can purchase a spark arrestor. We are not responsible for bike safety as per our disclaimer. Some bike or mechanical knowledge is helpful in this role but not necessary, approx 4-6 people needed here.

BBQ

We provide food for riders on the day. We run a BBQ making burgers on the day, and also provide other food items for purchase. At the BBQ your role could be cooking eggs/onions/bacon/patties. It could be preparing buns/salad and supplies, it could involve taking orders and money, or it could involve cleaning and clearing up in the background. During the busy lunch period we have more people around to keep the bbq going as quickly as possible.usually anywhere around 10-15 people helping out here

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ROAD CROSSINGS

The tracks cross roads in a number of points, there are usually 6-8 crossings manned by 2 people in 2 hour shifts from 8.30-5pm. (so approx 15 people at any one time) Road Crossing people are to stop bikes if there is any car traffic. Crossings are also a communication point, and have radios to communicate with base paddock, often people with injuries will get to a crossing, and can then organise collection via St John or can be directed via shortcuts back to base if the injury is not too serious, it is also where any issues out on track can be communicated back to base and a plan implemented to remedy. Most of the roads will have little to no car traffic, so it is easy enough to bring children with you. I like to ensure that the busier roads are manned by adults who have older children. If you have any questions regarding this please get in touch with me (Kirsty McLachlan 0274274344)

KIDS CAN HELP TOO

Kids can sell raffle tickets throughout the day with prizes donated from local businesses, They can sell spark arrestors at the registration tent. They can hand out rider briefings and rider registration forms as cars arrive. and older kids can be the second adult on the quieter road crossings. In other years an adult with a group of older kids has set up a milkshake bar at the BBQ (milk and syrup can be supplied) as a year 7/8 camp fundraiser. So if someone wants to take responsibility for this, get in touch with me (Kirsty 0274274344)

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

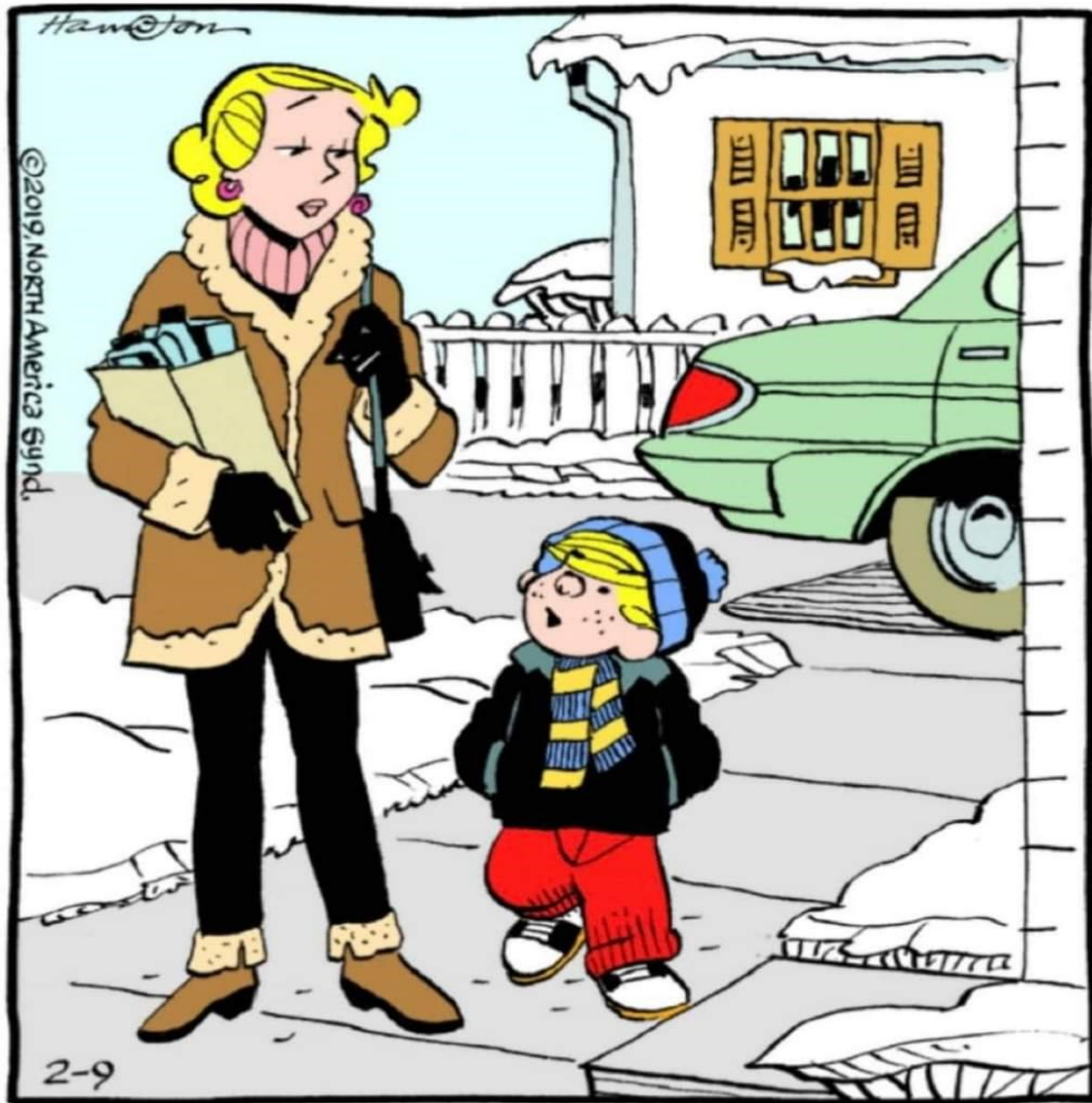
Attached is the volunteer questionnaire for people to fill out. Please let me know ALL the times you are available, and ALL areas where you would be happy to help as I use this to put together a roster that ensures we have enough hands on deck for all the areas mentioned above.

It is OK to just head down for your rostered job, but it is also great to come down for the day and be available to fill in where needed, especially from 8am-10am when all the riders are arriving!

See you there!

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"IF YOU DON'T TELL DAD ABOUT THE TEACHER'S NOTE... I WON'T MENTION THE SPEEDING TICKET."

FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE

**Monday 4th of March, 7pm,
at Duntroon School.**

Great for anyone working at the Trail ride.

Contact Richard Wills 0224312881



2nd & 3rd March 2024

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Kurow JAB Rugby

2024
Season



Registration: Last years players have been sent an email for re-registration. All new players please use the link below by the 1st March 2024

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/209702>

Once registered can you please pay your child's JAB subs to:
Kurow Rugby Club
a/c # 06-0927-0008649-000
Ref: JAB SUBS and your child's name/family name

2024 Subs: \$20 per child



Any questions please contact
Cassie Johnston 021661960
simon.cassie@xtra.co.nz



NORTH OTAGO HOCKEY

PRE SEASON, SKILL 'N CHILL

**We are opening the turf up to players for a
pre season skill 'n chill. Take the
opportunity for some time on the turf prior
to the start of the 2024 season.
Mouth Guards are compulsory.
Please bring your own gear.**

WEDNESDAY'S

21ST FEB - 27TH MARCH 4.45PM - 5.45PM

NO NEED TO SIGN UP, JUST COME ALONG



JUNIOR TENNIS

2023-24

Hot Shots is a fun and inclusive tennis programme for kids aged 3-12, using lower pressure balls, shorter racquets and smaller courts. Kids progress through their tennis journey at the right pace for their age and stage of development, and learn through play. Each Hotshots group runs for 45 minutes.

We also run a Hot Shots programme in Kurow, on Mondays from 3.30pm-5.30pm, and in Waimate, from 3.30pm-5.30pm, using the same format as Ōamaru. This is a great opportunity for young players in the Waitaki Valley and South Canterbury to give tennis a go!

Junior Development is run alongside our Hot Shots groups. Players are put in teams of two and play a game of singles and doubles each week. This is for more advanced players.

PER TERM
\$60

WHERE North Otago Tennis
39A Chelmer St, Ōamaru

WHEN **Hotshots** 3.30pm - 5.45pm
Junior Development 4pm-5.30pm

CONTACT northotagotennis@gmail.com
www.sporty.co.nz/northotagotennis



OUT OF HOURS MUSIC AND ART CLASSES 2024



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kruddenklau@weston.school.nz

PLEASE NOTE: LATE ENROLMENTS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED IF CLASSES ARE ALREADY FULL.

ENROLMENTS TO BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY THE 21ST OF FEB.

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waitakifootball@gmail.com

Registrations close Friday Feb 23rd

Any queries, please phone Lee 0210709857

Oamaru Chinese Association

warmly invites the Chinese Community and friends



**CHINESE NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE DRAGON
POTLUCK
DINNER**



WHEN: Saturday, 17th February 2024

TIME: 6.00pm

VENUE: Fenwick School Hall
25 Arun Street, Oamaru
Hall Entrance is on Hull Street



SHARED MEAL - *Please bring a plate of food to share*

- Bring your own plates, utensils etc
- Chinese Tea, Fruit Juice provided
- Fun and games to entertain
- Come and meet new and old friends



MORE INFO CONTACT:

Janice Burnett 027 441 7480 or
Angie Chua 021 1778 189



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