

## Principals News....

### Meet the teacher

Thanks to all the parents who came to our meet the teacher sessions yesterday. This is a great opportunity to hear from the teacher about how they run their class and get a heads up about things coming up this year. 15 minutes isn't a huge amount of time, so we encourage parents to email teachers with any other questions that pop up about class routines etc.

### Toys at school

Toys are not to be brought to school. This is because they can be a distraction, get broken or get lost. This week I have had to remind students about this. We appreciate parent support with this please. Any toys that come to school will be taken from students and will need to be collected from school by parents.

### Upper Waitaki Swim Sports

The students who will be attending the Upper Waitaki Swim Sports at Waitaki Valley School next Friday March the 1st have been given a notice today to take home. Please get in touch with Kate Frear if you have any queries about this. [katef@duntroon.school.nz](mailto:katef@duntroon.school.nz)

### Board of Trustees

The Board of trustees met last Thursday the 15th of February for our first meeting of the year. At this

meeting we discussed our strategic plan for 2024 and 2025. This will be available for you to read in March. Our focus is on curriculum and achievement. We used the consultation from last year that went home to parents to help construct this strategic plan. Our main broad goal for the next two years states that we will;

**Create a stimulating and engaging academic learning environment, with a strong focus on literacy and mathematics, that empowers students to learn and is ambitious for all students.**

We have broken this down into some annual goals around targeting and accelerating students who are not at their expected level and evaluating our programmes in maths and literacy. We are also going to continue our journey in implementing the refreshed New Zealand curriculum to merge it with the Duntroon School local curriculum. The full strategic plan will be submitted to the Ministry of Education on March the 1st .

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## Principals News continued....

### New government policy - phones

The government has now introduced its policy on students having phones at school. This policy has been labelled 'away for the day'. Our school policy states that students are not permitted to bring cellphones to school unless it is for exceptional circumstances. The new government policy does not affect the school's current policy. Our policy is attached to this newsletter for your information.

### New government policy – Reading Writing and Maths

The government has introduced its policy on reading, writing and maths. This policy states that schools are required to teach 1 hour of each of these subjects per day. At Duntroon School this is already happening. The new government policy does not affect how we run our current timetable here at Duntroon.

**Nga Mihi Nui**

**Mike and Staff**

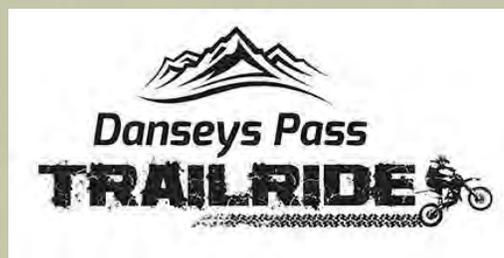
*We value Respect, Honesty, Perseverance and Cooperation and Inclusion*

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**Don't forget to share any Facebook posts that you see on our Dansey's Pass Trail ride page.**

**This helps us to get the word out there.**

**It is a great form of free advertising for us.**





# Duntroon School

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## Duntroon School

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### Cellphones

Duntroon School students are not permitted to have cellphones at school. Cellphones are not a necessary item within our learning environment therefore are not needed at school.

If for any reason a parent/caregiver would like their child to have a cellphone at school, it would have to be an exceptional circumstance and would need to be agreed to by the principal. The student would not be permitted to use the cellphone during school hours of 9.00 am - 3.00 pm.

In such a case the parent/caregiver would need to:

- Contact the principal directly with the reasons for needing a phone at school. A decision would then be made by the principal.

If it is agreed that the student is allowed a cellphone at school parents/caregivers must:

- Understand that any loss or damage to the cellphone is not the responsibility of Duntroon School board of trustees or staff.
- Understand that the cellphone will be locked in the school office during school hours of 9.00 am - 3.00 pm.
- Ensure that responsibility is taken by the student or parent/caregiver to collect the cellphone from storage at 3.00 pm.

### Parents/Caregivers contacting children

If a parent/caregiver needs to contact their child urgently during the day, they should call the office or the office cellphone.

### Student with a cellphone without permission

If a student is observed in possession of a cellphone without permission it will be confiscated, and a parent/caregiver will be contacted to pick up the cellphone from the office.



## 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**

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

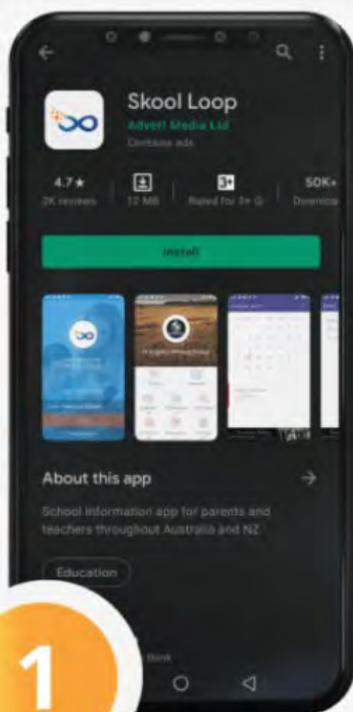
Please complete by Friday April 5th 2024

*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 -

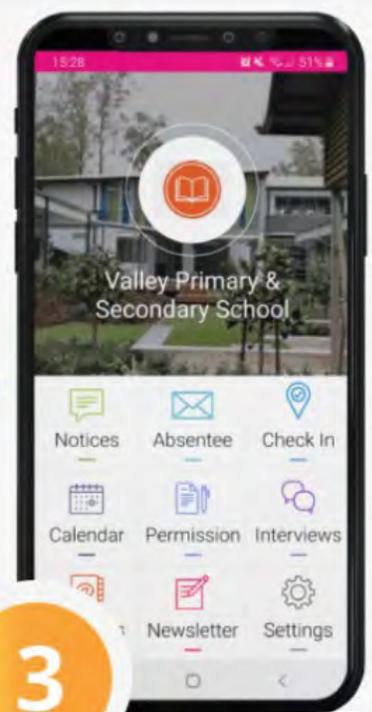
- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' 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.



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# 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 <a href="#">27th Feb</a> 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		

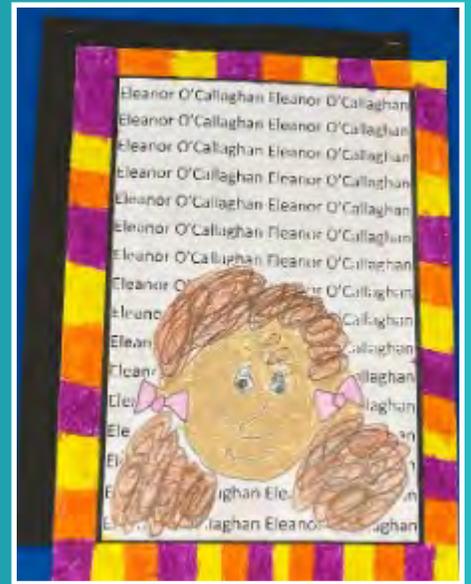
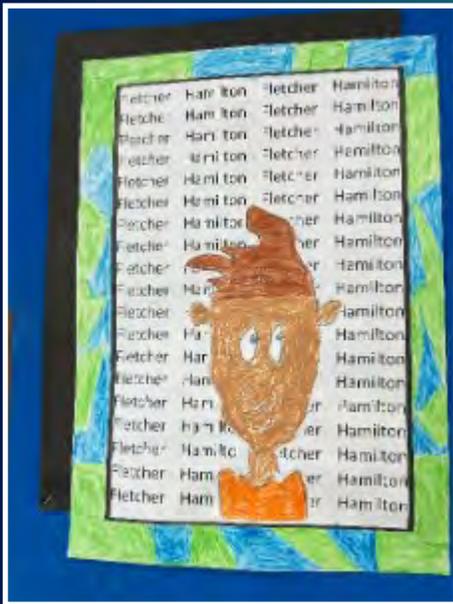
Thanks for the offer managers. You are awesome!!

Draw out soon.

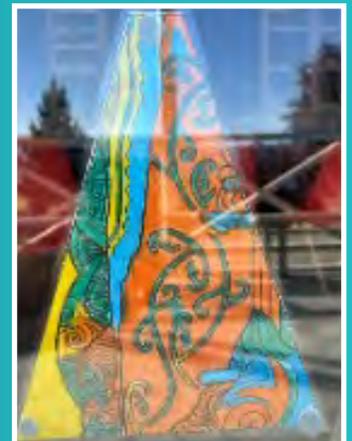
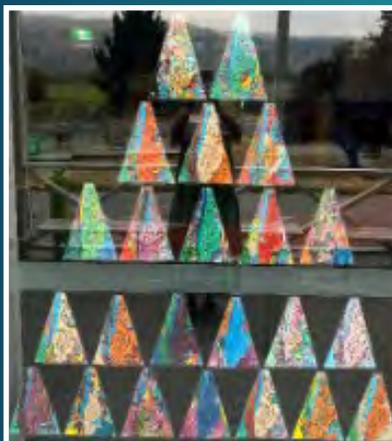
Games start Feb 20 2024. The draw will be out on Skool Loop and Facebook weekly.

# Ruma Toru News

It has been a very busy start to the term and the students in Room 3 have settled into routines extremely well. We were super proud to finally get our fantastic cartoon portraits complete this week and on display! The children carefully traced around a selected cartoon character's head, eyes, nose, and mouth trying to select features of themselves to make it look like them. The students then practiced a few designs for their border before selecting their final one.



We have also completed our pepeha's, learning about who we are, where we come from and why it's significance to us. We have had a fantastic start to 2024 and look forward to getting stuck into our new topic 'The Solar System' next week!



# AGRIKIDS 2024



Huge Congratulations to nine of our students who competed at the Agrikids competition in Kurow last Saturday.

34 teams were entered and of the 3 Duntroon teams entered, 2 of them made it into the top 7. They then had a race off,

Once all the points from the rounds, were added up, the results were announced and one of our teams won!!! These clever girls now get to compete in the National finals in Hamilton in July.

Our winning team, the "Milking Manics" were Greer Neal, Olivia Strachan and Leah Wilson.

Also pictured "Farming Fanatics" - Fred Stalker, Ruby Tremewan, Breana Smith and "Pasture Pacers" - Lindsay Sanidad, Hazel Wills, Mason Montgomery.

KaRawe, we are so proud of you all!





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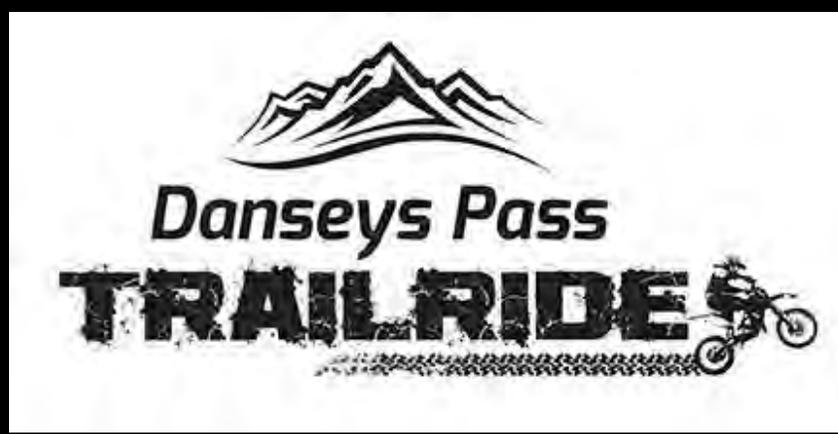
# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

## **MARCH**

- 01st March—Upper Waitaki Swimming Sports
- 4th March—Trail ride first aid course
- 05th-08th March—Tech Week
- 8th March—Trail Ride merchandise orders due
- 13th March—North Otago Netball
- 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



The Trail Ride Committee are pleased to announce that Trail Ride merchandise will shortly be available for purchase.

These can be ordered for pick up on the day of the Trail ride from the Trail ride website <https://www.danseypasstrailride.org/>, or there will be some for sale on the day of the trail ride.

Keep an eye on the website for more information and when they go live for order .



# New to Duntroon School,



## **Logan Duff**

**At home Logan has Dad, Mum and his brother Monty.**

**Logan has a dog named Molly.**

**His favourite colours are red and yellow.**

**Logan loves to eat Goodie-Goodie Gumdrops ice cream.**

**Like most farm kids his age, Logan has a great love for tractors, trucks and all things farming and his a great 2IC to Dad.**

**In the winter Logan plays rugby and in his spare time he likes to go out bouncing on the trampoline.**

**Logan most admires his Mum and Dad.**

**Happy School Days Logan.**

# Welcome.....



## **Georgie Wilson**

**At home Georgie has Mum, Dad and her brother Ollie.**

**She has a few chickens for pets.**

**Georgie's favourite colours are rainbow colours and she loves going to watch her brother play cricket.**

**It may not surprise you that Georgie's favourite food is ice cream, but the flavor she likes most is vanilla.**

**She likes to watch Mermaid's on the TV, and in her spare time, she likes to play with her brother Ollie.**

**Welcome to Duntroon School Georgie.**

## **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**

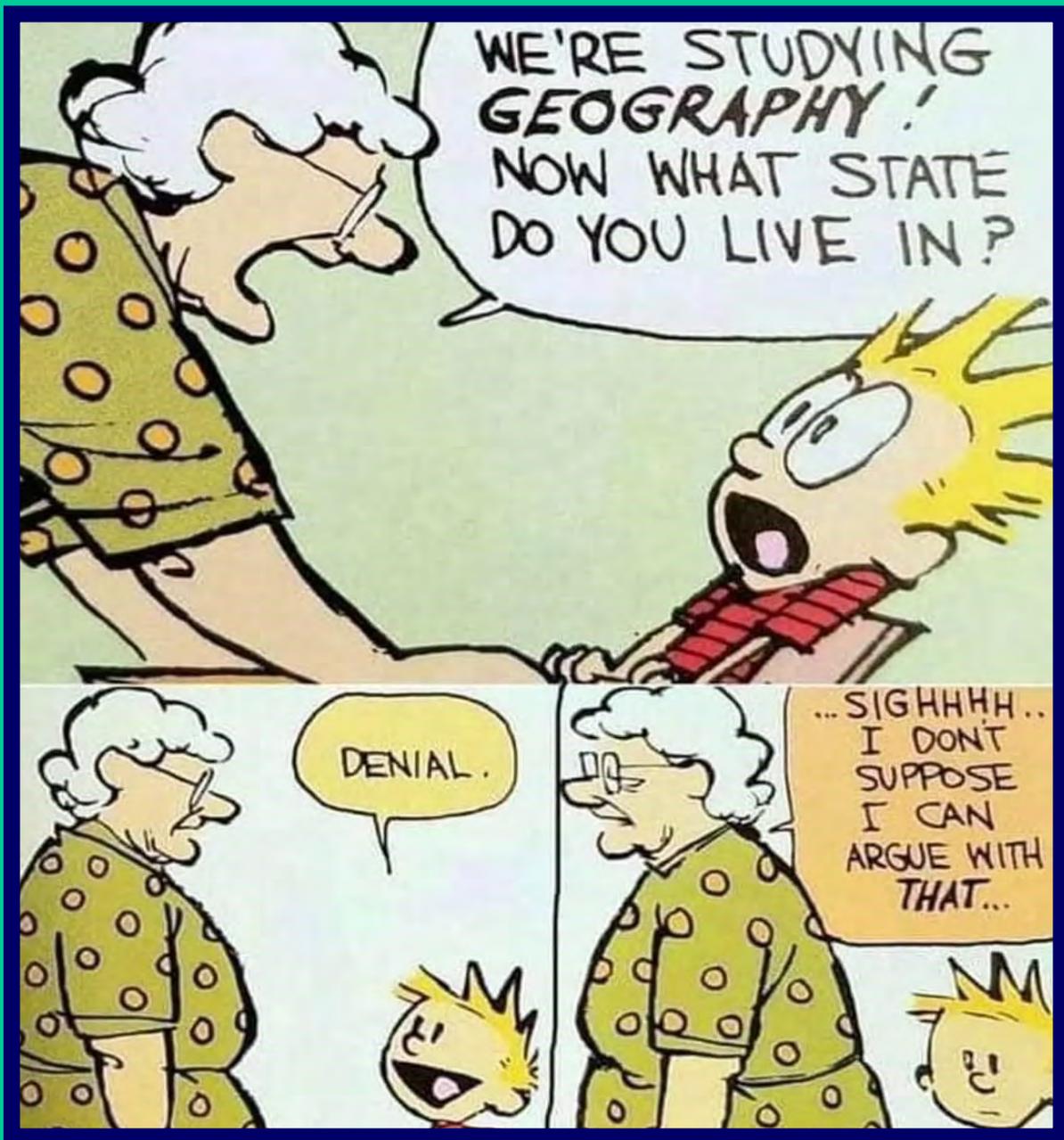
Attached is the volunteer questionnaire for people to fill out. Please let me know ALL the times you are available, and ALL areas where you would be happy to help as I use this to put together a roster that ensures we have enough hands on deck for all the areas mentioned above.

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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## **FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE**

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

**Great for anyone working at the Trail ride.**

**Contact Richard Wills 0224312881**



## **Don House Hostel and Waitakī Boys High**

**Don House Open Day**

**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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  
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027 285 3885

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**Nga Mihi Nui,**





# 2nd & 3rd March 2024

46 Raupo Creek Road, Five Forks | 9am-3pm

Offering a spectacular motorbike trail ride with more than 45km of rarely accessed tracks through rolling hill farmland & mountain tussock.

**PEE WEE | JUNIOR/FAMILY | INTERMEDIATE | ADVANCED**



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or call Jane - 027 3841 424

Pee Wee Track - FREE  
Adults - 1 day \$60, 2 days \$110  
Child - 1 day \$25, 2 days \$40

**FOR MORE INFO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK  
AND HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE - [WWW.FIVEFORKSTRAILRIDE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.FIVEFORKSTRAILRIDE.CO.NZ)**

# 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](mailto:simon.cassie@xtra.co.nz)

# **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**

North Otago Cricket Modified Programmes -

# GIRLS SMASH!

- GIRLS ONLY
- Years 3-6
- Softball cricket games

- Monday Centennial Park
- Wednesday - Kurow Rugby Grounds
- Friday - Palmerston School



# SUMMER SMASH!

- Open to everyone
- Years 3-6
- Softball cricket games

- Monday Centennial Park
- Wednesday - Kurow Rugby Grounds
- Friday - Palmerston School



For all the info & to register scan the QR codes or contact [cdo@northotagocricket.co.nz](mailto:cdo@northotagocricket.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](mailto:northotagotennis@gmail.com)  
[www.sporty.co.nz/northotagotennis](http://www.sporty.co.nz/northotagotennis)

