



Principals News....

Welcome Back!

It is great to be back at school and into routine. A few extra days tagged on-to your summer break have hopefully treated you well. Thanks for the understanding about this. One of those unforeseen things that we come across from time to time with property work. We are grateful that the disruption was minimal, and we were able to keep students off site for a few more days. We have a jam-packed term ahead and are looking forward to getting stuck into our mahi!

Swimming

Swimming lessons started on February 8th . These are compulsory. Students need to be prepared with togs every day. We have Kerry Holland coming through from the Waitaki Aquatic Centre over the next 4 weeks. All students will receive 10 lessons with her. This is funded through our annual fundraiser – The Dansey’s Pass Trail Ride.

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.

These will start at 2pm. More information will come home about this soon. The meet the teacher session is not a parent interview.

Goals setting interviews

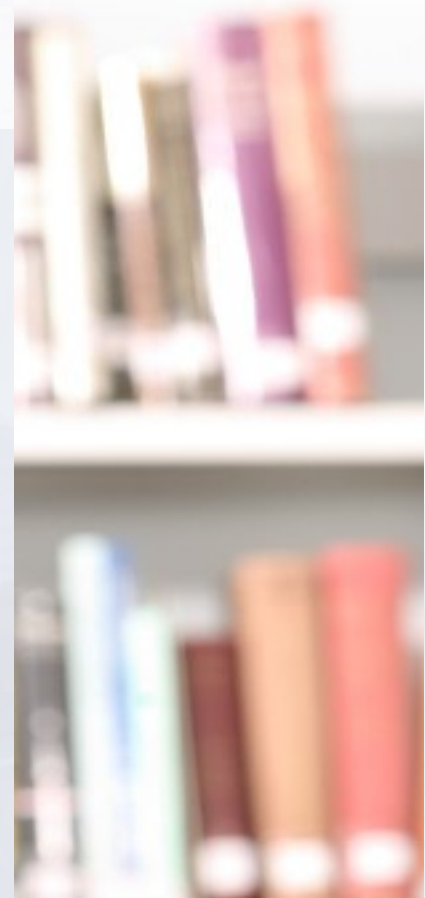
We will be having our goal-setting interviews in the last two weeks of this term. This will be an opportunity to catch up with teachers about your own child and their learning.

Parking

When parking outside the school we have some clear expectations for parents. We need you to reverse into a space along either side of the road or drive over into the courts beside the hall and park there. These are the safest options. Thanks for your co-operation with this.

Pie warmers/Lunches

A reminder that the pie warmer is operating every day. Students can bring along something to be heated for lunch. Please send this in either tin foil or another appropriate container. It is essential to name these food items.



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Buses and after school

Please notify the school office of any changes to bus arrangements and after school organisation.

Touch

Touch starts on Tuesday February the 20th . Kate Borrie is overseeing the organisation of touch for 2024. Notices have gone home with those students who indicated they were interested in playing. Teams will be organised and out to parents next week. If you are able to manage a team on Tuesday afternoons, please email Kate and let her know. kateb@duntroon.school.nz

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.....Trail Ride Meeting.....

**The next trail ride meeting is on
Tuesday 20th February at 7pm in
Room One.**

**All Welcome
It's getting closer now!**

Welcome Miss Borrie



We are very excited to welcome Miss Borrie to Duntroon School this year! Miss Borrie (Kate) is teaching in room one. She comes to us from teaching year 7 and 8 students at Weston School.

Her primary school years were at Papakaio School, and her secondary school years at Waitaki Girls High School before she headed off to teachers college.

Miss Borrie likes to be involved in most sports but Netball is her favourite. She also loves baking and cooking, reading and hanging out with her friends and family. Lucinda Riley is one of her favourite authors.

Miss Borrie has a Labrador named Paddy at home.

She is most looking forward to working in a smaller school, in a great community with awesome kids!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 12th February—North Otago Tennis
- 13th February—North Otago Cricket/ Touch Starts
- 14th February—Yr 7 vision tests
- 16th February—Kurow Flower Show
- 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

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

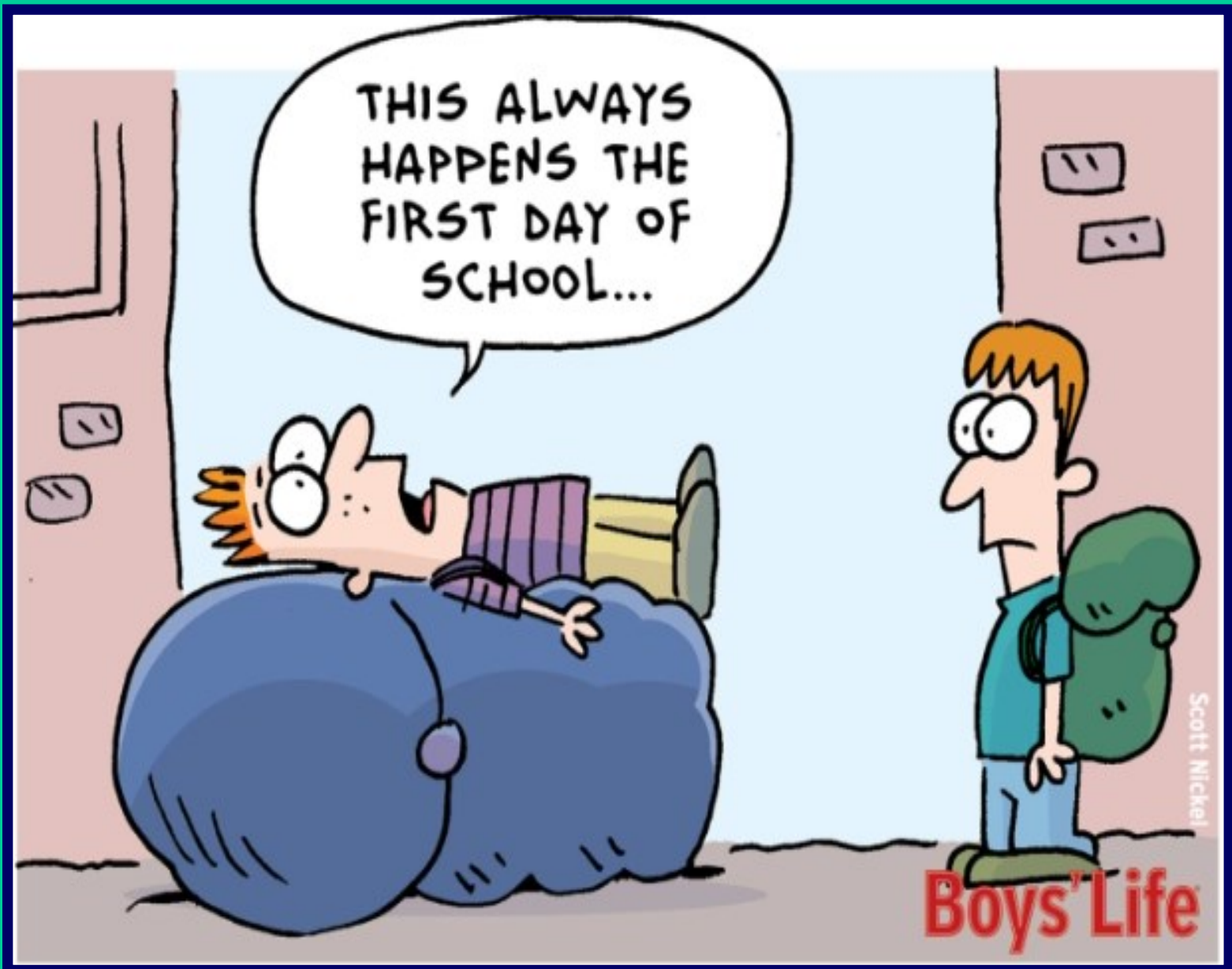
Attached is the volunteer questionnaire for people to fill out. Please let me know ALL the times you are available, and ALL areas where you would be happy to help as I use this to put together a roster that ensures we have enough hands on deck for all the areas mentioned above.

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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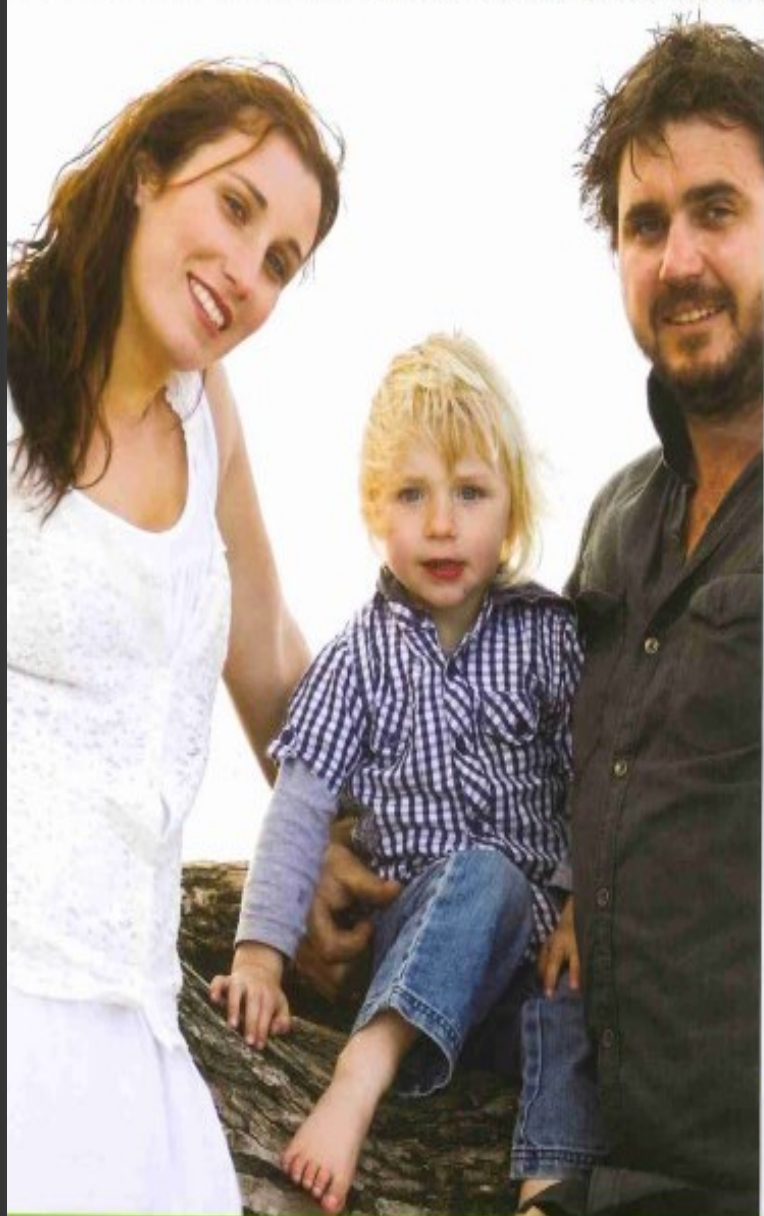
SAVE THE DATE—FIRST AID COURSE

**There is a first aid course being held on
Monday 4th of March at 7pm.**

Venue to be confirmed.

Contact Richard Wills 0224312881

The Incredible Years parenting programme



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- learn strategies to manage problem behaviours
- have a better understanding of your child

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Next programme:

All parents and carers welcome.



For further information:

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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
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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



OUT OF HOURS MUSIC AND ART CLASSES 2024



ALL NORTH OTAGO CHILDREN
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SIGN UP TODAY!

Information and enrolment please e-mail:
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PLEASE NOTE: LATE ENROLMENTS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED IF CLASSES ARE ALREADY FULL.

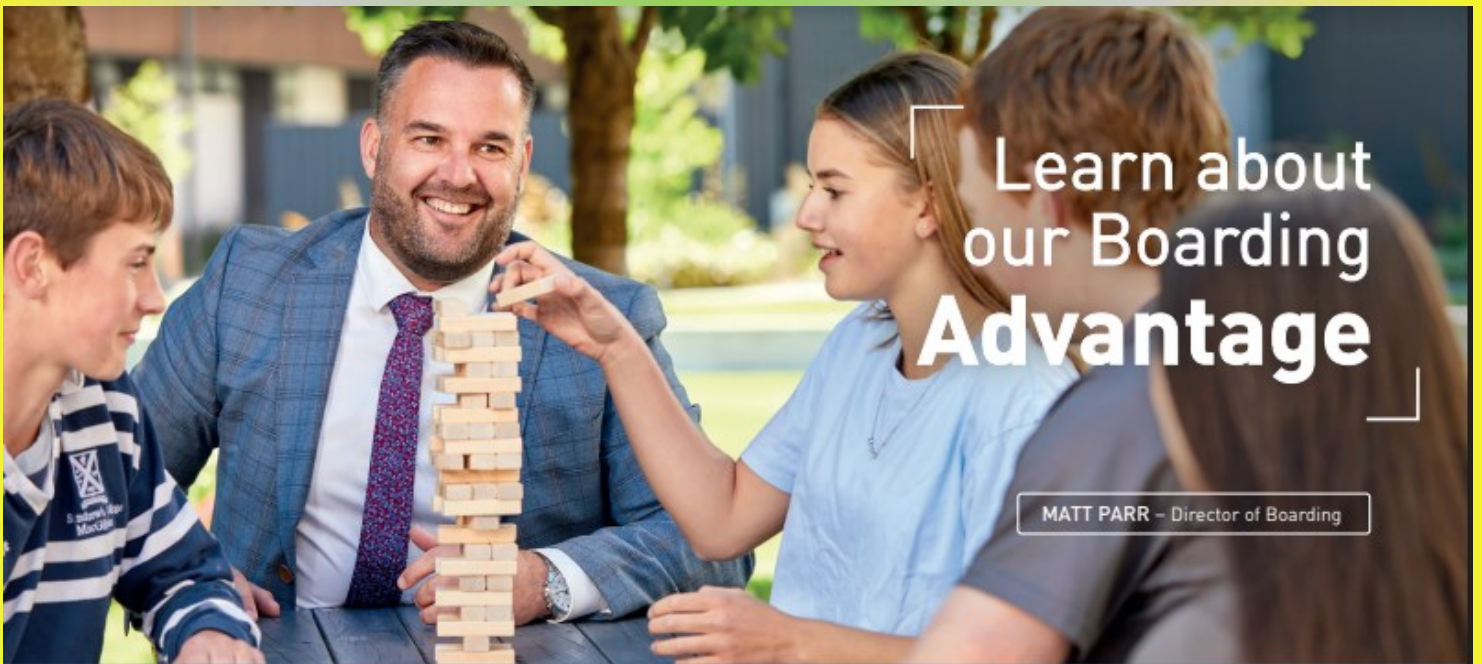
ENROLMENTS TO BE MADE BY WEDNESDAY THE 21ST OF FEB.

CLASSES WILL COMMENCE THE WEEK OF THE 26TH OF FEB.

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Oamaru Chinese Association

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**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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