



Duntroon School

The **BEST** we can be! • Ko te **PAI** e taea e tatou!
Term 4, Week 4, Friday 24th October 2025

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Tēnā koutou whanau

I hope you all managed to stay safe in the recent windy weather. Luckily we didn't get hit as hard as Southland and Canterbury. If any one is skilled with a chainsaw we have had a couple of large branches blown down in the wind that need clearing off a neighbours fence. The overhanging gum tree branch at the entrance to the school on the right by the pub will also need to be removed for bus safety. If you are able to help please get in contact with me.

Campers

We look forward to see the returning campers from their week long Camp in Queenstown. They have had great fun with some revised activities due to the weather. I know they will have had (hopefully for Miss Borrie and Mrs Frear) a quiet bus ride home after an action packed week. Next week we will share a page of photos about their Yr 6—8 Camp. A huge 'Thank you' to our Camp parents who gave up a week to support the teachers and students to have a very memorable week together.

Year 5 students

This small group of students who have had Mrs Hutton and Mrs Hamilton teaching them have been excellent school leaders this week and today the teachers who had a few in each class were very complimentary of their support in House meetings and their conduct. A great bunch of future leaders in our school.

Mary Duff

On Tuesday Mary Duff will be at school to share her new book 'A discovery in the rocks' with the students of Duntroon. She has launched her book at the Vanished World and is part of the 150th celebrations this weekend. Her book has involved a number of students from the school contributing artwork when she visited the school in the initial stages when writing her book.

It is really exciting to have Duntroon School student's linked to the publishing of a book.

Remember to enjoy the extra day together as a family for **Labour weekend** and a reminder that Duntroon School is **closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 31st October**.

Sarah and Staff

TERM REMINDERS:

OCTOBER

Oct 27th—Labour Day (School Closed)
Oct 30th—BOT Meeting
Oct 31st—Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

NOVEMBER

3rd Nov—North Otago Athletics
7th Nov—Aspiring Futures Year 8's
11th Nov—Otago Athletics
20th Nov—Rural Schools Yr 8 Science Day
24/25th Nov—Year4/5 Camp—Dunedin
28th Nov—Year 8 Transition Day

December

5th Dec—Water Day Glenavy Yr 8s
11th Dec—Reports home
16th Dec—School break up

For your calendars:

First day of school 2026—Monday 2nd February



NORTH OTAGO TENNIS

2025 Hot Shots Junior Tennis

Registrations now open

Term Four Season are open for all New
and current tennis players

No experience required!

Head over to

<https://clubspark.kiwi/NorthOtago>

all enquiries to

northotagotennis@gmail.com



OAMARU ROWING CLUB

INTRO TO ROWING YEAR 8+

Term 4 2025 - Term 1 2026



Hey Year 8s!

We've got a super cool Learn-to-Row program just for you, perfect for anyone heading to high school in 2026.

It's going to be awesome!

You'll learn all about rowing, on the water and on land. We'll explore the parts of a rowing boat, try out different rowing styles, and get fit with fun gym and Erg rowing machine sessions to boost our skills.

We'll visit cool spots like Oamaru Harbour and Waihao Box, and in Term 1, we'll even go watch some real racing at Lake

Ruataniwha in Twizel.

Our rowing coach and older rowers will be there to help us learn and have a blast. You'll also get to see how the high school rowers train, which is super inspiring!

Cost: \$100 - This covers travel for the fun trips we'll take.

When: Every Monday and Wednesday, 3:30pm-4:30pm (during term), at the Oamaru Rowing Club. Starts Monday 13th October

Plus, some awesome weekend trips!

Can't wait to row with you all!

For more details contact:

Coach Tracey Marshall 027 240 4476



GET READY TO TRAVERSE
THIS TERM WITH BOATING,
CAMPING, BIKING,
EMERGENCY SKILLS,
BADGEWORK...

Meeting times:

Keas ages 5 - 7 at 430 - 530pm Wednesday

Cubs ages 7 - 11 at 600-730pm Tuesday

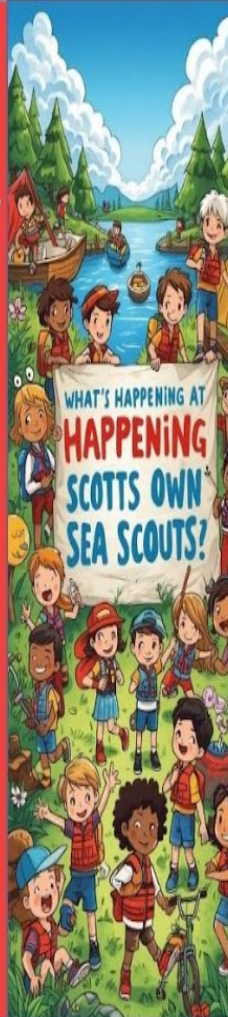
Scouts ages 11-14 at 630 - 830pm Monday

Venturers ages 14-17 at 630 - 830pm Monday



Waterfront Road, Ōamaru

or, find us on [Facebook](#)



Fun fitness class!

What do they say?

"No need to feel embarrassed, everyone can do it!" "Every session is different, so if you don't like this one, you'll love the next one! 😊" "Caters to your strengths & weaknesses so it never feels like you can't do it!"

Join our **10 week Circuit Challenge** - school terms
Mon/Wed/Fri 9-10am

Creche available / casuals welcome / affordable



DUNTROON PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS 10-12 PM | BEHIND DUNTROON SCHOOL

COME AND JOIN US!

AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR RURAL
PARENTS TO HANG OUT WHILE
THEIR CHILDREN PLAY.

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONE'S
MORNING TEA, THE JUG IS ALWAYS
BOILED FOR THE ADULTS.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP- DUNTROON PLAYGROUP FOR MORE INFO



Gold coin entry
Bring a share plate for
supper
Parent supervision

Halloween DISCO

Duntroon
Playgroup

FRIDAY
31ST OCTOBER

Kindly
sponsored by
Buckland
Automotive



DUNTROON HALL

JUNIOR (KINDY -YR 4): 4.30 TO 6

SENIOR (YR 5 -YR 8): 6 TO 7.30

* all welcome at either time slot, music and games will vary depending on age group.

Spooky dress / games / prizes



Night 'n Day



WAITAKI

RAINBOW RUN²⁰²⁵

SAT, NOV 8 • 11AM START • ŌAMARU RACECOURSE
TICKETS \$10 PER PERSON OR \$30 FAMILY



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TERM 4

SCHOOL YEARS 1-8



EXTENDED TERM 4!!
13TH OCT - 1ST DEC

Contact your School NOW!!!

MORE INFO:

waitakifootball@gmail.com

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY ONE CALL-OUT AT A TIME.

DUNTROON VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE ARE RECRUITING NOW!



If you want to help out
in your community and
be part of a friendly
bunch of volunteers
look no further than the
Duntroon Volunteer
Fire Brigade!

Duntroon Volunteer
Fire Brigade needs
you!



JOIN OUR TEAM OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE
STEPPING UP FOR THE DUNTROON COMMUNITY



For more info contact...

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Lou Tait—0272946084



Have a go at Athletics with

LAUNCH ATHLETICS



An exciting and inclusive event for rangatahi aged 12–18 to give athletics a go in a fun, team-based setting!

No experience needed — all abilities are welcome. You don't need to be involved in Athletics to join the fun at Launch!



Sunday, 23 November 2025

9:30 AM

TO

12:30 PM

Post-Event

**Shared BBQ for
everyone involved**

&

**Q&A with Senior Otago
athletes**

Caledonian Ground
Dunedin

Register its FREE
Registrations close 21st
Nov 11:59pm



**Scan the QR code to
register and find out more
about Launch.**

Any questions please contact Holly Robinson: development@athleticsotago.co.nz