



Duntroon School

The **BEST** we can be! • Ko te **PAI** e taea e tatou!
Term 4, Week 4, Friday 30th October 2025

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Tēnā koutou whanau

An interesting week this week off the back of Labour weekend, into snow, a couple of sunny days and then Teacher Only Day tomorrow.
Good luck to the students who will be competing in the North Otago Athletics on Monday 3rd November.

"A discovery in the rocks" by Mary Duff

As you would have seen on our school facebook page we had the good fortune of Mary Duff presenting her newly published book to the school "A discovery in the rocks". This was a collaborative effort between Mary, Burns Pollock and some Duntroon School children. Mary shared with the students that her idea to write the book was originally for her nephew Logan and grew to this wonderful publication. Many of the students who were part of the illustration process last year received a signed copy of their own to take home.

You are most welcome to purchase a copy for your family via Mary and pick your book up from the office. Her details are ... account name: Mary Duff, 38-9004-0357569-13 \$24.

Senior Camp

Thank you to the parents who supported our teachers for what was a very successful week in Arrowtown and Queenstown. We appreciate you giving a week of your time to Duntroon School, we cannot have these EOTC events without your support. I know there are currently some great narratives being written from the Camp experiences and learnings and I look forward to sharing some of these with you next week.

Snow Day

It was fairly magical arriving at Duntroon School on Tuesday morning with the blanket of snow covering the school grounds. The students built some epic snowmen and enjoyed the fun that snow brings. I started my day building a snowman with our new pupils from the Philippines Arniel and Argie (first touch of snow in their life!) It was fun.

Teacher Only Day

The school will be busy tomorrow with the teachers and teacher aides working with Rebbecca Sweeney (Literacy Connections) focusing on Literacy.

Please remember no buses will be running and school will be closed for the children.

Thank you

Lloyd came to the school's assistance again by dealing with some trees and fixing the holes in the exterior fence. Lloyd is proving to be such a generous person with his time and his expertise and is much appreciated.

Sarah & Staff

TERM REMINDERS:

OCTOBER

Oct 31st—Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

December

5th Dec—Water Day Glenavy Yr 8s

11th Dec—Reports home

16th Dec—School break up

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

For your calendars:

First day of school 2026—Monday 2nd February



YEAR 6-8 CAMP 2025



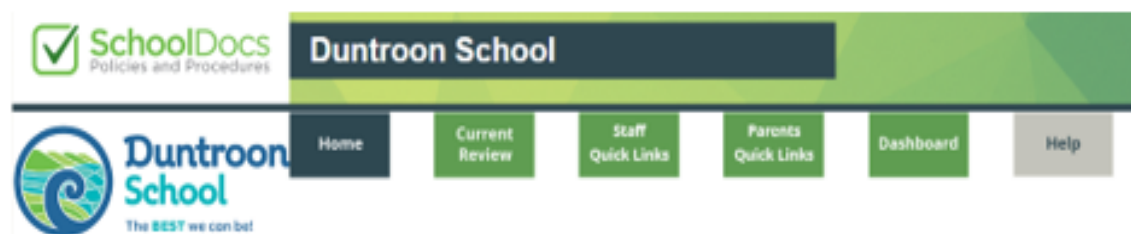
Policy Reviews Term 4 2025

Please complete the following link to your browser to access the reviews and follow the instructions on the School Docs website.

<https://duntroon.schooldocs.co.nz/>

your username is – Duntroon

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Our Policy review statements for this term are on:

- **Searches, Surrender and Retention of Property**
- **Stand-Down, Suspension and Exclusion**
- **Staff Wellbeing and Safety**

Currently under review

[About the review process](#)

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 if they have a review button.

[Start your review](#)

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

Please complete by Friday December 12th

Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

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



WWW.SPORTOTAGO.CO.NZ



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

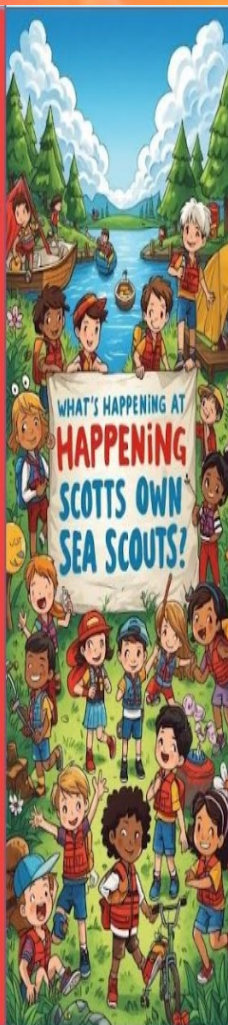
Scouts ages 11-14 at 630 - 830pm Monday

Venturers ages 14-17 at 630 - 830pm Monday



Waterfront Road, Ōamaru

or, find us on [Facebook](#)



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!



For more info contact...

Jamie Deans—027486845

Richard Wills— 0224312881

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

NORTH OTAGO MOTOR GROUP & DAVID REID HOMES 2025 WESTON SCHOOL FIREWORKS

**FRIDAY 7TH
NOVEMBER**

Weston Domain - 6:30pm

BOUNCY
CASTLES

GLADIATOR

ARCHERY

CASH ONLY

No EFTPOS

**Food & Drink
Stalls Available**

PLUS: LASER TAG | HOOPS
NODDY TRAIN | PIPPITY POP
BRAIDS BY STACEY | GLOW STICKS
AND MORE!

TICKETS

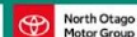
- Adults & High School (Yr 9+) **\$10**
- Primary School Children **\$5**
- Preschoolers **FREE**

FREE Parking in grounds

NO Personal Fireworks
NO Alcohol • R.O.A.R.
Bags & Vehicles may be searched

Tickets available at the
Weston School office and
at the gate on the night
from 6:30pm.

**UNDER 14 must be
supervised by an adult**



@WestonSchoolFireworks

NORTH OTAGO PONY CLUB

A safe and supportive community where
young people enjoy equestrian activities
and grow their knowledge.

Where it begins!

- Learn how to care for and ride horses safely and effectively
- Monthly rallies with instruction in riding and horse management
- Aimed at children and young people under 25 years of age
- All stages and abilities are catered for
- Earn certificates in an internationally recognised syllabus
- Make friends and participate in fun activities and events
- Opportunities to compete and be part of teams
- Excellent value with low fees and experienced coaches
- Access to grounds and facilities

Give it a go!

**First three rallies
are free for
prospective
members**

Whether you're want to ride for fun
or aim for the top, Pony Club is New
Zealand's gateway to a lifelong
journey with horses.

For more information contact us through Facebook
or
coachnpsc@gmail.com

www.nzpca.org



WAIMATE RODEO CLUB YOUTH BULL RIDING SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

WAIMATE RODEO GROUNDS
5TH CANTERBURY

Ages 5-18 (years 0-13)

Bucking machines, technique coaching

Jnr Steers, Novice Steers, 2nd Division Bulls

Great low key day to come along and have a go!

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

COACHING FROM 10AM

JACKPOT AFTER LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE!

Entry form to follow on our FB page

