

Principals News....

Ski camp

This was a great couple of days away with the year 7 and 8 students. We are able to provide this experience at a subsidised cost thanks to the generosity of the Home and School and The Danseys Pass Trail Ride. Thanks for your support. Thanks to Nathan McLachlan and Grant Neal for coming along to assist Mrs Campbell and I. We look forward to next year.

North Otago Cross Country

Well done to all our runners who represented Duntroon on Monday afternoon in Oamaru. We are very proud of all of you. We had four students who placed in the top three in their age groups.

Oliver Hamilton – 3rd in Year 6 boys, Ruby Tremewan – 2nd in Year 6 girls, Cohen McLachlan – 1st in Year 7 boys and Mila Andrews – 1st in Year 8 girls. I was impressed once again with the attitudes and determination of our students at this event. Ka Rawe!

Ruby Tremewan, Mila Andrews and Cohen McLachlan are off to compete in the Otago Cross Country in Dunedin today. Go hard!

Touch Term 4

I am currently organising touch for term 4. Those students who played in term 1 are already registered to play in term 4. If you no longer want your child to play, you need to contact me directly.

We have several new students who would like to play in term 4. These students have brought home a note this week. Please get this back to me asap.

We need 2 more team managers. This is not a difficult job. You are there to sub players on and off the field. Please let me know if you can help.

Games will no longer be played at Centennial Park. They will now be played at Awamoa Park on the South Hill. More details about touch will come out soon. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Progress Interviews – September 11th and 18th

School will be closing at 2:15pm on both of these Mondays. September 11th and 18th . The buses will run at this time on both days.

If you would like to have an interview with your child’s classroom teacher, please return the appointment form by **Wednesday September 6th** .

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School Photos – September 19th

You will have received a form for requesting sibling photos for September 19th . Only send this back if you want to have family/sibling photos. These will be in the morning before classes are done. We will remind you closer to this date.

Have a great weekend.

Nga Mihi Nui

Mike and Staff

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North Otago Touch

Are holding rep trials for both U12 boys/girls and U14 boys/girls teams -Sunday 3rd September, 1.30pm at Centennial Park.

They are especially needing U12 girls and boys.

If any of your children are interested they can register using the following link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgay3CDZfoggJUWaMWTUMh377swGPeonw9ike8NyEATzaYVw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Or go to the North Otago Junior Touch Facebook page and register there.



A BIT OF HOUSEKEEPING

Absences

These must be communicated through the school office. There are a number of ways you can do this.

Email: office@duntroon.school.co.nz

Phone: (03) 431 2829

Text/Call: 021 216 1249

You can also do an absentee submission through Skool Loop.

Bus notices

If your child is not going to be on the bus in the afternoon, please communicate this through the office, NOT via text or email to your child's teacher, our teachers are very busy and these notices can easily be forgotten about.

Any permanent bus notices can also be emailed to the school office.

Early Pick up

Please remember if you are picking your child up early from school, they will be on the deck, ready for you to pick up. You no longer need to come into the office to sign them out.

Policy Reviews Term 3 2023

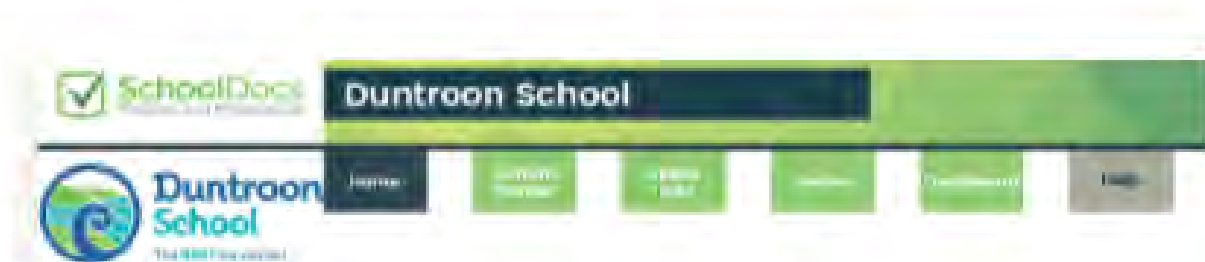
Please copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the reviews and follow the instructions on the School Docs website.

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

your username is - [duntroon](#)

your password is - 9494

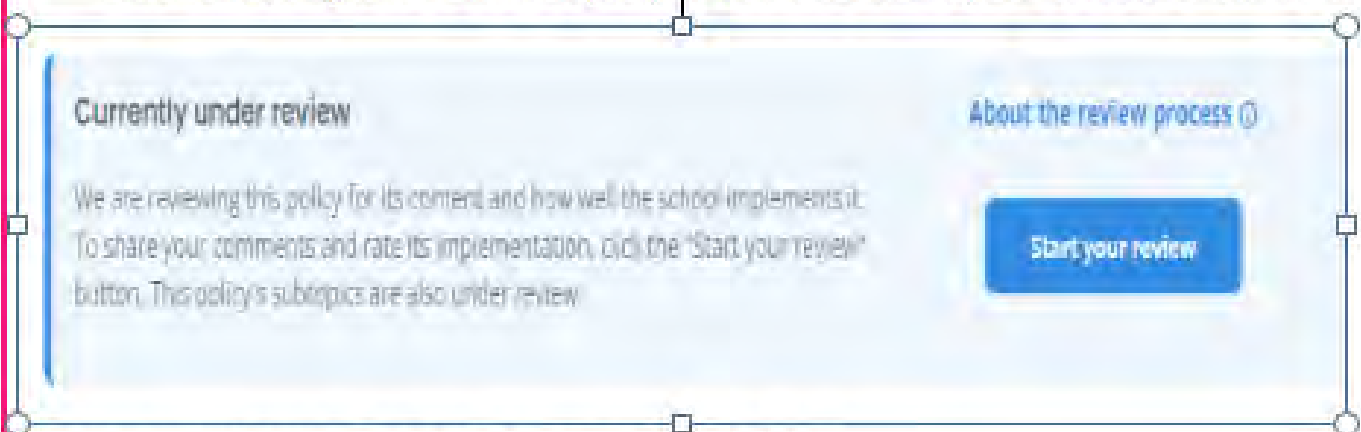
Click on the Current Review Tab – [Shown here](#)



These are the scheduled review topics this term:

Learning Support , Inclusive Education and Māori Educational Success

After choosing the review topic you can click start your review: [Shown here](#)



Please complete by Friday September 15th 2023

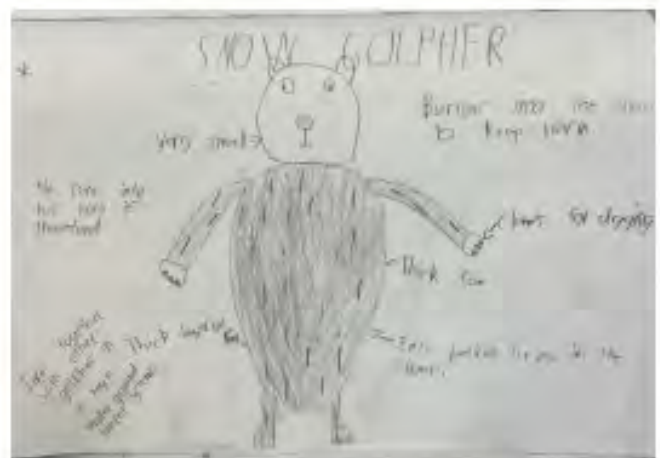
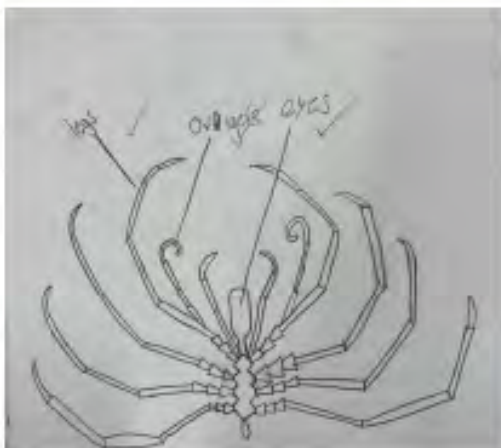
Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.

Team Tahi news

Well it will be no surprise that the highlight this term for the year 7 and 8s was ski trip last week. We were absolutely blessed with the weather which makes such a difference. Every child had a lesson and then plenty of time to ski on Thursday and it was great to see how much every student gained in confidence throughout the day. A big thank you needs to go to Nathan and Grant who came with us. Their help was invaluable. On the Friday we went ice skating and snow tubing which was a lot of fun too, although some found the ice skating quite challenging.



In other news, Team Tahi have been busy studying Antarctica for our topic this term. This is part of our science curriculum and we have been learning about what scientists are doing in Antarctica, and what animals live in this extreme environment. As part of this, we have learned how to do biological drawings which are very different from normal drawings in that there is no sketching and all parts have to be labeled. To help better understand the adaptations that animals have to survive in Antarctica, we also designed a new animal that would be able to withstand the conditions. Here are a couple of examples from Connor and Oliver.





Basketball Awards

Congratulations to our awesome basketball players, who all had another awesome season.

Pictured here are the players who received awards for the season.

Top Photo

Lauren Strachan

(Skills and Teamwork)

Willow Armiger

(Most Improved)

Alaina Tait

(Most Valuable player)

Bottom Photo

Olivia Strachan

(Skills and Team Work)

Seth Black

(Most Valuable Player)

Kane Bell

(Most Improved)

Thank you to Miss McNeill and Mr Turner for coaching these teams and to Mrs Wills and Mrs Strachan who took the school van into Oamaru every Tuesday so these kids could play.



Duntroon Dragons team



Duntroon Dunkers team



Congratulations!!

To Ruby Tremewan, Mila Andrews, Oliver Hamilton and Cohen McLachlan. These awesome students placed in the top three at the North Otago Cross Country finals which were held on Monday in Oamaru.

Ruby, Mila and Cohen are now off to Dunedin today to compete in the Otago cross country finals.

Good Luck!

These three young lads have been selected to play for North Otago rugby, 13 & 12 year olds to play South Canterbury on the weekend.

From left Connor Tait, Lochie Horn and Max Deans.

Well done boys and good luck for your games.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

11th September—Progress Interviews
15th September—Yr 8 Career Day
18th September—Progress Interviews
19th September—School Photos
22nd September—Duntroon School Show case
22nd September—Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

9th October— Term 4 Starts
16th-20 October— Year 6-8 Camp
23rd October—Labour Day
27th October—Upper Waitaki Athletics
31st October-3rd November—Tech Week

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, you can notify school by doing the following:

A phone call to the school office (03)4312829

A text to the school mobile phone (021)2161249

An absentee submission on our Skool Loop app

An email to the office on office@duntroon.school.nz

The great Waitaki

BRICK BUILD-OFF

**WANTS
YOU!!**

**APPLY NOW TO
COMPETE**

PICK UP a team application form from
the display by the front door of the
Ōamaru Library, or

DOWNLOAD a team application form at:
www.waitaki.govt.nz/libraries - what's on

Application forms also available at branch libraries at:
Hampden - Palmerston - Kurow - Otematata - Ōmārama

Applications close: 5.00pm Friday September 8, 2023

Competition: Saturday September 23, 2023



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Power Up Community Fund applications are open

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How to apply

For more information and to apply:

- visit meridian.co.nz/pu-waitaki
- email community.fund@meridianenergy.co.nz
- call 03 357 9732