



NEWSLETTER

Week 1, Term One, 2025

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

Welcome back whanau!

It was so nice to see all those that could make it along to the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Friday last week. There was such a great atmosphere around the school. We had families reconnecting and connecting with each other, kids playing in the playground and catching up with their friends after the summer break, it was such a nice sight. We hope the time was well spent and it eased any worries students may have had coming back to school after the summer break.

As a staff we are focused on setting strong routines within the classrooms and playgrounds over the first 1 to 2 weeks of the year. Please keep an eye out for your child's classroom newsletters as these will be valuable for you to learn more about any classroom specific routines and activities that are coming up.

Please remember if you have any questions you are most welcome to make a time to see your child's teacher.

Ka mihi nui,

Ryan Fraser



We are having a great first week back after the long holiday break. A big thank you to Spencer and Shirley who have worked hard over the summer break to get our school looking top notch for the return to school.

All our school news in one place

Download The Skool Loop App Today

Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

A couple of reminders for the start of the year.

The Drop and Drive area is to be used for Drop and Drive only - NO PARKING.

The car park is for parking to drop off and pick up your child only - NO DROP AND DRIVE.

Please help to keep the children safe by using both areas for their intended purpose only as it creates frustration for other users when they are used inappropriately.

Please drive carefully when in and around our school.

UNIFORM PRICES

Polo top Size 6 - 16 \$32.50

Polo top Size S, M, L \$37.00

Polar Fleece Size 4 - 14 \$45.00

Polar Fleece Size S, M, L \$54.00

Sunhats \$23.00

Uniform is available to purchase at the office.

Our school event calendar for the year is on our website: ardgowan.school.nz/pages/calendar

under the **News and Events Tab** at the top. It is regularly updated with as many dates as possible but please be aware some dates - especially those further on in the year, may change.

SCHEDULE OF LUNCHES TERM ONE 2025

MONDAY Hot Eaties in the pie warmer. (Kowhai, Manuka, Kauri).

Items to be securely wrapped in tin foil and named with a vivid. No Bowls as they take up too much room. Items can be taken to class on the morning and put in the class tray to be transferred to the pie warmer. Please have items defrosted.

TUESDAY - Sushi. Order at the school office by 9am each Tuesday. **Correct cash needed**, no change will be given. **Starting week 1 of term.**

WEDNESDAY - OWN LUNCH

THURSDAY Subway orders every week. Please have orders into the school office by Wednesday mornings. Order envelopes are available at the school office. Correct cash please. **Starting week 2 of term.**

FRIDAY Hot Eaties in the pie warmer. (Rimu, Pohutukawa).

Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle at all times of the year. Our school promotes healthy eating whenever possible, a piece of fruit each day, and choosing healthy snack options for your child's lunchbox is a great way to ensure they get the best out of their day. It also greatly helps to cut down on the amount of plastic packaging we have to send to the tip each week.

School Notices

Changed your address or phone number? Please let the office know.

Important Term 1 Dates for the Diary

School website calendar: ardgowan.school.nz/pages/calendar

6th Feb - Waitangi Day - School closed.

14th Feb - Swimming 12:30 - 2:30

21st Feb - Swimming 12:30 - 2:30

27th Feb - Swimming - 1:30 - 2:30 competitive swimmers

28th Feb - Swimming 12:30 - 2:30

5th Mar - 7th Mar - Year 5 / 6 camp Gunns Bush

11th Mar - Zone Swimming sports

11th Mar - 14th Mar - Tech Year 7 / 8 OIS

17th Mar - 19th Mar - Life education visit

19th Mar North Otago Swimming Sports

24th Mar - Otago anniversary - school closed.

3rd April - 4th April - Year 8 leadership conference - Camp Iona

7th April - 10th April - Year 7 / 8 camp - Queenstown.

- **Absentees.** Please inform the school via email, phone or Skool Loop if your child is going to be absent or late to school for any reason. Please expect a phone call or email from our school office if you have not contacted us - this is to ensure all children are safe and is a Ministry of Education requirement which all schools must follow.
- Please keep your child home if they are showing signs of sickness and let the office know.

School and Community Feedback Our Board of Trustees really values feedback from our school families and community. If you have any comments or feedback please feel free to email feedback@ardgowan.school.nz all communication is treated confidentially

BUS FAMILIES. If your child is getting off at a different stop in the afternoon to what they would normally, please give Pearsons a call or inform the school office so we can let the bus driver know. For safety reasons he is unable to drop children off at alternative stops unless prior parental permission is given

PLEASE DON'T PARK ON THE BERM! Our neighbours across the road have a lovely area of grass in front of their house, but vehicles parked there cause a considerable safety hazard to the residents and other road users. Tyre marks on their lawn are not appreciated. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Flippaball is starting again at the Waitaki Aquatic Centre, they are hoping to have the first games on Monday 3rd February. If your child is interested in playing please email Mr. Fraser to sign up. principal@ardgowan.school.nz

Girls Smash will run simultaneously as *Summer Smash*, but we welcome girls to participate in either an all-girls team or a mixed team with boys.

- **Start Date:** Wednesday, February 26th
 - **Time:** 3:30 PM - 4.30 PM
 - **Duration:** 5 weeks
 - **Cost:** \$20 per player

Registration Links:

[Summer Smash](#)



**Music Tutors wanted
in 2025 for
Out of Hours Music Classes in**

- **Drums • Guitar • Ukulele**

Please contact
kruddenklau@weston.school.nz



girls SMASH SUMMER SMASH

**Centennial Park
Wednesday 3.30-4.30**

**Kurow
Thursday 3.15-4.15**

**Palmerston
Friday 3.30-4.30**

**26th February
-
28th March**

North Otago Junior Tennis is coming back to a town near you!

Oamaru Grass Courts Chelmer Street
Wednesday afternoons
To register for Hot shots hit the link below
<https://clubspark.kiwi/NorthOtago/Membership/Join>

Follow us on Facebook - North Otago Tennis



More information on North Otago tennis can be found on our website clubspark.kiwi/NorthOtago

[Registration-https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/961bef](https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/961bef)

[Girls Smash Registration-https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/e3dd83](https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/e3dd83)

Get Waitaki Fit for the Future!


Welcome back to a new school year. Waitaki District Council is warming up to get the District fit for the future this year, and consultation on the Long-Term Plan runs from February 4 through to March 3 this year.

We're putting in the hard yards, and want your opinion on the future of water services, selling Council owned property, setting up an Economic

Development agency and protecting some of our coastal assets.

You can find out more by going to letstalk.waitaki.govt.nz. It'll also have information about the online Q&A's, Community Q&A's and other consultation events we're running throughout February.

It's time to have your say, make sure you submit on the Long-Term Plan this month.



Join **ST JOHN YOUTH**

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

Oamaru Division

Monday
 Cadets - 6pm - 7:30pm
 Penguins - 6pm - 7pm

St John Oamaru
 23 Eke Street, Oamaru

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz

Halo Home St John

Scotts Own Sea Scouts 2025

All sections start back the week of 10 of Feb

- Keas** ages 5-8
Time and night TBC
Check out our facebook for details
- Cubs** ages 8-11
6-7:30pm Tuesday
- Scouts** ages 11-14
6:30-8:30pm Monday

For more info find us on Facebook or contact Megan Phillips
 ph: 0274371479

New Members always welcome

First 3 nights are free!



Columba Scout Group

JOIN NOW

AWAMOIA PARK, OAMARU

KEAS [5-8 years] Mondays 5.00-6.00pm
 CUBS [8-11 years] Wednesday 5.30-7.00pm
 SCOUTS [11-14 years] Mondays 6.30-8.30pm
 VENTURERS [14-18 years] Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm

GET IN TOUCH TODAY

Contact Carolyn on 027 267 9777



SCOUTS
Aotearoa

WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY?



Become a Leader at Columba Scout Group!

We are in urgent need of passionate leaders to join our team.

Volunteering with us is incredibly rewarding, and any amount of your time can make a huge difference—whether you can help every week or just once a month, your commitment is highly valued!

Your role isn't just about leading the youth; we also need support with organizing parent help, uploading content online, planning activities, and more.

Ready to make a positive impact? For more information, please contact Carolyn at 027 267 9777.

Join us in creating an enriching environment for our Scouts!

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