



NEWSLETTER

Week 3, Term One, 2025

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

Firstly, I would like to thank all those who took time last week to complete the short survey on cohort entry. The response has been overwhelmingly in favour of cohort entry when a new entrant begins school. We will now present the data to the board of trustees to see if this is an initiative that they see has benefit for our kura. We will keep you posted as to the outcome of this initiative.

At the end of the day the car park can be a very busy place. It is vital that you walk with your children to the vehicle you are traveling in. Walking on the path, in front of parked cars is the safest place to get to your vehicle. If this could please be adhere to so we can avoid any unnecessary disasters.

We are looking forward to our second swimming session this Friday. Just a friendly reminder to ensure your child's uniform is named clearly please.

Have a wonderful week.

Ka mihi nui,

Ryan Fraser



It is lovely to see the children taking advantage of the beautiful sunny days we are having. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle full of water when they come to school as it is easy for them to dehydrate in this weather.



For those keen on mountain biking the Papakaio 8 hour event is coming up soon on 15th March. Information is below on how to register.



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

18th Feb - BOT meeting 5:30pm in the school staffroom

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](#)



The poster features a pink background with a sun icon and the text 'girls SMASH SUMMER SMASH'. It lists the following events:
Centennial Park Wednesday 3.30-4.30
Kurow Thursday 3.15-4.15
Palmerston Friday 3.30-4.30
The dates '26th February - 28th March' are also displayed. Two QR codes are provided for registration. The Otago Cricket logo is in the top right corner.

[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.

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

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.



OAMARU SWIM CLUB INVITES YOU TO
FAST & FURIOUS
FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
WARM UP 5.30 PM
RACES 6PM TO 7PM

Open to anyone 8yrs+ who can swim 25m+. Come experience swim racing in a fun supportive environment.

ENTER USING THE GOGGLE DOC
 LINK ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM
 AT THE POOL AND DROP BACK TO RECEPTION/EMAIL TO
OAMARUSWIM@GMAIL.COM
 ENTRIES CLOSE 19/02/2025

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

Scouts ages 11-14
 6:30-8:30pm
 Monday

Cubs ages 8-11
 6-7:30pm
 Tuesday

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

AWAMOA 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

Ardgowan School
 Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:

If you would like to advertise on the Ardgowan School Skool Loop App please email Content@skoolloop.com



To download our app: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose School once installed.

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!



How to score big
and rep your
primary school

IT'S TIME TO RIDE, SCORE, AND MAKE YOUR SCHOOL THE ULTIMATE BIKING CHAMPION!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN STACK THOSE POINTS AND CLAIM VICTORY:

Sign Up = Score Up: Just by registering, you score **1 point** for your school. Easiest points ever, right?

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Lap Masters: Every lap your school smashes out earns **1 point**. So, keep those wheels spinning!

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Bonus Squad: For every 10 riders signed up, your school bags **5 bonus points**. Round up your crew and lock in those points!

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ASK YOUR PARENTS TO REGISTER ONLINE FROM JAN 1ST 2025
www.papakalo8hour.nz



1st & 2nd March 2025

46 Raupo Creek Road, Five Forks | 9am-3pm

Offering a spectacular motorbike trail ride with more than 45km of rarely accessed tracks through rolling hill farmland & mountain tussock.

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or call Kylie - 027 484 7646

Pee Wee Track - FREE
Adults - 1 day \$60, 2 days \$110
Child - 1 day \$25, 2 days \$40

FOR MORE INFO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE - WWW.FIVEFORKSTRAILRIDE.CO.NZ

Awamoia Football Club AGM 2025

Tuesday 25th February 7pm
upstairs at the Blue Cross Vets

We are on the look out for some fresh faces to join our junior football committee so please feel free to come along.



Any enquires to

awamoasoccer@hotmail.com



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2025 OUT OF HOURS MUSIC AND ART CLASSES



ALL NORTH OTAGO CHILDREN
(AGED 8 -12 YEARS)
ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOL.
HOSTED BY WESTON SCHOOL.



MUSIC CLASSES
UKULELE/GUITAR/DRUMS
CHANTER/BAGPIPES
AND ART CLASSES

SIGN UP TODAY!

For more information and enrolment
copy link to your browser:

<https://forms.gle/pgRsGo7X63knFezM9>

or scan the QR code!



PLEASE NOTE: LATE ENROLMENTS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED IF CLASSES ARE
ALREADY FULL.

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

CLASSES WILL COMMENCE THE WEEK OF THE 3RD OF MAR.

EXCELLENT TUTORS, SMALL CLASS SIZES.

MUSIC CLASSES JUST A \$20 DONATION ANNUALLY!

ART CLASSES APPROX. \$60 PER HALF YEAR, FOR MATERIALS.

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2025 School Update Oamaru Area

Kia ora koutou! Wishing everyone a smooth start to Term One and the school year!
The Community Oral Health Service provides free dental care until age 18 and our team is
here to support your school community - below are some key updates for the year ahead.

Local Community Clinic:



- Oamaru
43 Exe Street;
Ph: 434 6170



Keep an eye out for the two
handy oral health tips we'll
send out each term, for your
school to share via
newsletters or social media

Mobile Dental Unit:



- Waitaki Valley (Kurow)
1 Settlement Road; Ph: 027 479 1733
*From 3 November - 12 December



*Dates subject to change
For appointments outside
these dates please call
0800 672 543

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service

Scan this code
for more great
tooth tips

