



# NEWSLETTER

Week 5, Term One, 2025

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## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

I would like to begin this newsletter with extending a huge congratulations to our senior leaders for 2025. As a staff we are excited about what each of the leaders can bring to their positions and how they can enhance our school for their peers.

Once again we have a number of Touch and Futsal teams signed up to play in the local competitions. Sport is such a great way for our tamariki to learn about teamwork, resilience, respect and a host of other values. Thank you to those who put their hand up to help out with the managing and coaching of the teams, our children would not be able to participate without you. A massive thanks to Mrs Hattingh for coordinating the teams also.

I wish you all a great week ahead.

Ka mihi nui,

Ryan Fraser



## ARDGOWAN FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES Term 1, 2025

**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO JOIN US  
FOR OUR TERM 1 ASSEMBLIES.**

### WEEK 4:

Friday 28th February

**9.05am**

Rooms 2, 4 & 6 sharing.

**2025 STUDENT LEADER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**



### WEEK 6:

Friday 14th March

**9.05am**

Rooms 1, 3 & 5 sharing.



### WEEK 8:

Friday 28th March

**2:25 pm**

Rooms 2, 4 & 6 sharing.

### WEEK 10:

Friday 11th April

**2.25pm**

Rooms 1, 3 & 5 sharing.



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](http://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](http://ardgowan.school.nz/pages/calendar)

**4th March - Home and School Meeting 7pm in the School staffroom - everyone welcome!**

**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](mailto: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.

**Reminder of the Home and School Meeting on Tuesday 4th March 7pm in the school staffroom.**

**We warmly welcome new faces and families to join our awesome Home and School, or just come along to see what we are all about.**

Oamaru Archers are starting their second season at the **N. O. A&P Showgrounds ( Ettrick St )** this Thursday 27th. **4-6pm.**

We would love everyone to come along and learn Archery and enjoy a friendly and safe experience. All gear is supplied , Bows , Arrows etc and you are welcome to bring your own equipment if you wish. Instruction will be available.

Please like **Oamaru Archers** on FB . We alternate between Sunday and Thursday for our meets and this is always posted on our site

So please join us for a fun afternoon out .

Kindest Regards

John McCabe

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PS. A small \$5.00 fee would be appreciated for grounds hire and equipment expenses.

**TALENT QUEST**

**HARBOUR STREET JAZZ & BLUES & BLUES OLT OAMARU N.Z.**

**CATEGORIES**

**MUSICAL**  
*Have your chance to win a recording session at Sublime Studios*

**OTHER TALENT**  
*Wow the crowd with your talents*

**FUN**  
*Best Jazz Hands Interpretation*  
*Best Air Instrument Impression*

OVER \$1500 OF PRIZES

**OPEN FOR ALL AGES**

*Register Now*

**22 MARCH 2025**

MAIN STAGE HARBOUR STREET WWW.HARBOURSTREETFESTIVAL.COM

**CRICKET NORTH OTAGO**

**125th Celebration RAFFLE**

**'Nathan Smith Kookaburra Supporters Pack'**

**WIN!**

Signed Nathan Smith Playing Top  
North Otago Cricket Hoodie Deck Chair  
One Off North Otago Cricket 125th Anniversary Cap

**\$5 per ticket**

Email our District Manager to purchase a Raffle ticket/s  
[gm@northotagocricket.co.nz](mailto:gm@northotagocricket.co.nz)

Bank details:  
03 0937 0015500 00  
reference: *surnameRaffle*



## Get Ready for Netball Workshop

The netball season is fast approaching. Let us help you get ready with our completely free workshop.

**Year 1 to 4**  
3rd March 4 -5:30pm

**Year 5 to 8**  
10th March 4 -5:30pm

**Highschoolers**  
17th March 4 - 6:00pm

Register to secure your spot.

Register now to secure your spot.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/342714>


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.



## PAPAKAIO 8 HOUR MTB CHALLENGE

**15TH MARCH 2025**  
WILLOW PARK, SH 83, OAMARU  
[WWW.PAPAKAIO8HOUR.NZ](http://WWW.PAPAKAIO8HOUR.NZ)





## 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 Exe Street, Oamaru

[youth@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjohn.org.nz) | 0800 ST JOHN | [youth.stjohn.org.nz](http://youth.stjohn.org.nz)

 **Heto Hono  
St John**



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? **1**

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

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

**ASK YOUR PARENTS TO REGISTER ONLINE  
FROM JAN 1ST 2025  
[www.papakaio8hour.nz](http://www.papakaio8hour.nz)**



## Danseys Pass TRAILRIDE

22 March 2025

- Family friendly
- 6 Tracks for all abilities
- 165km+ of epic tracks
- Be 1 of the 20,000+ riders to take on the legendary Danseys

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