



NEWSLETTER

Week 7, Term One, 2025

(03)433 1366 email: office@ardgowan.school.nz

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

We have seen some great skill development during our school swimming lessons. We look forward to continuing these in Term 4.

We had a large number of students compete in our Zone Swimming Sports and would like to congratulate all of the students who took part. This can be a very daunting thing to do, however, we had some great results which see 15 of our students attending the North Otago Swimming Sports this Wednesday. We would like to wish them all the very best.

Our Year 5/6 akonga had a hugely successful camp at Gunns Bush in Week 5. We were impressed by the determination and resilience shown by the children when they took part in activities that stretched them. We also had some amazing feedback about their amazing manners and the way they conducted themselves around camp. A huge thank you Mrs Creedy and the parents who supported this, without you this would not have been possible!

Nga mihi nui,

Dana Goodall

Deputy Principal

A few of the awesome photos from the Year 5 and 6 camp.



A couple of reminders for families around drop off and pick up times.
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.

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.

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

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.



TALENT QUEST

HARBOUR STREET JAZZ & BLUES
DAMARU N.Z.
OLT

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

OLD BOYS NETBALL

CAR WASH AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2.50

CAR WASH \$5

29/3 10AM-2PM
REPCO CARPARK

EXCELSIOR JUNIOR RUGBY

FREE SUBS
FREE MOUTH GUARD
REGISTER ON THE NEW RUGBY XPLORER APP
CONTACT VANESSA FOR ANY INQUIRIES
Excelsiorjuniorrugby@gmail.com

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

More info at www.danseyspasstrailride.org

Proudly powered by our Track Sponsors:

OAMARU
Athletic
MARIST R.F.C.

Expressions of Interest
North Otago Rugby are looking at Ripa Rugby for 7 & 8 year old Girls

This would be a Girls only grade as an alternative to tackle rugby
Dependent on numbers across all clubs

Contact Mike 02041861980 If interested in playing in this grade at our club

Contact Mike for any Enquiries
athleticmaristjab@gmail.com - 02041861980



PLAYERS WANTED
GET IN TOUCH WITH US ON OUR SOCIALS OR CONTACT ADAM ON 02173350469 OR DINEDINPFC@GMAIL.COM

DUNEDIN POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL CLUB

Bazaart

OAMARU
Athletic
MARIST R.F.C.

Registrations open now to
Play Rugby in 2025!

Free Subs for New Players and Under 7s
\$10 For existing Tackle Grade Players (\$20 Family)
Free Socks, Shorts and Mouthguard for New kids Under 7



Contact Mike for any Enquiries
athleticmaristjab@gmail.com - 02041861980

CREATE YOUR RUGBY XPLOER PROFILE NOW!
(<https://myaccount.rugbyxplore.com.au>)

Create and register your Rugby Xplorer Profile for the 2025 season
For more info, speak to your Rugby Club admin.

RUGBY XPLOER

Step 1: Parent Creates Account
Step 2: Register Tab, Link an Account (child)
Step 3: Register Tab and Register player to 'Athletic - North Otago'



2025 DATES

23RD FEB	9TH MARCH	23RD MARCH	6TH APRIL	13TH APRIL
	27TH APRIL	4TH MAY	18TH MAY	



YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO COME

ALL TRAINING SESSIONS ARE ON A SUNDAY AT TRIERI COLLEGE GYM
FROM 10:30AM-12:30PM



Bazaart



Scan here to register



Categories
Year 7/8
Year 9/10
Year 11-13
Family
Open

WESTON SCHOOL ROGAINE

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Map handout: 9am
Rogaine starts: 10am
Rogaine finishes: 1pm

Postponement date: April 6

A fundraising event for Weston School.



\$10/student
\$15/adult
plus booking fee



Online registrations close
March 30

Teams of 3-4

What's a rogaine?

A family friendly team event similar to orienteering. You design your own course to suit your ambitions and abilities. Collect as many checkpoints as you can within the timeframe while traveling on foot with a map.

Location:

A farm near Windsor, North Otago.

Will be signposted from Victoria Hill Road, off of Windsor Road.

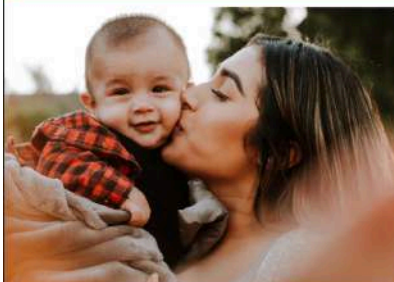
20 minutes from Weston School

rogaine@weston.school.nz



Thriving Tamariki

Why the early years really matter



Let's explore what children really need to grow to their healthy potential. Informed by science, this workshop will get you reflecting on the important role adults play in the lives of children.

You will leave with a clear understanding of what can make a difference for tamariki in the early years and beyond.

You will:

- Talk about why the early years of life are so important for our tamariki.
- Hear about how the bodies and brains of our tamariki grow and develop.
- Look at how experiences can affect wellbeing.
- Hear the science about why supportive adults really matter.

brainwave.org.nz

When: 5.30pm, Tuesday 6 May 2024

Cost: Free

[brainwaveotago](https://www.facebook.com/brainwaveotago)

Where: Ardgoon School - Room 1

[brainwaveotago](https://www.instagram.com/brainwaveotago)

RSVP: RSVP to Kiri in the school office by Friday 2 May

"I used to think that you need toys to learn but now know basic everyday items can be a learning experience."
— workshop participant