

Mission Statement

Be the best that you can be
Whaia te iti kahurangi

We encourage our children to reach their full potential, academically, socially and personally, in a community environment which promotes a sense of their place in society.

Our Values

Respect
Integrity
Personal Excellence
Confidence
Love of Learning
Community Involvement

Ardgowan Is All About...

Achievement
Role models
Digital Citizens
Growth
Our place
Whanau
Attitudes
Navigating



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New Entrant Information

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Beginning school is an important milestone and we want to make happy memories for your child and for you. At Ardgowan School we have a successful programme of support to ensure that the transition to school is a pleasant experience. Participation in preschool classroom visits, before the big day are part of this. Your child will be supported to form friendships and build confidence at school. We want them to feel that this is 'their place'. We offer a well-structured learning programme which involves lots of play and builds upon what they have already learnt at kindy or at home. Their first year will be lots of fun and provide a happy, safe environment to explore, build on skills and be the special person that they are as they learn what school is all about.

Rural School

As a rural school we are lucky to be part of the WRSN (Waitaki Rural Schools Network) group of schools.

This means that our children have opportunities to experience a range of activities with the other rural schools, build their friendships across schools, develop their confidence, social skills, academic ability and individuality that being part of a rural school provides.

School Hours:

School gates open at 8.30am

Lessons begin at 9.00am

End of the day is 2.55PM

Introducing Our New Entrant Team



PRINCIPAL
Julie French



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Dana Goodall



ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL
Sarah Hattingsh



NEW ENTRANT TEACHER
Aidan Mulligan



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
Glenda O'Neill



About Ardgowan School

Ardgowan School is a welcoming country school with mountain views. We have extensive grounds with a large field, playground area and tennis courts for the children to enjoy. We are lucky enough to have the historic original school building as part of our school. This has recently been refurbished and is now used as a classroom.

We offer a variety of clubs for the children. Your child may wish to take part in some of our many sports activities including soccer and mini ball. We also have a popular choir and Kapa Haka.

Our popular and successful transition programme for our pre school children, involves a number of visits before they start. This helps to make that first big day a happy and memorable one for everyone. We have high standards of behaviour, attitudes, values, involvement and academic achievement. Our students are given every opportunity to be the best that they can be in social, sporting, cultural and academic areas.

Our school has a welcoming atmosphere and a strong community feel. We believe that good, open communication with our community is an important aspect of our

partnership and we endeavour to inform and listen to the needs and concerns of our families.

We offer all the benefits of a country school (multi level classes, small class sizes meaning more teacher time per student, differentiated learning to cater for specific needs, friendly supportive community, space...) whilst still having the convenience of being only 5 minutes from the centre of town.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.