



NEWSLETTER

Week 10, Term Four, 2024

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

This time of the year can be an exciting and sad time. Students and families are moving on, summer holidays are upon us and new beginnings are on the horizon with a new year coming.

I would like to pass on my huge gratitude to those families who are moving on from our school, some of whom have contributed so much. We have past board members, Home & School members, sports coaches, managers, camp mums and everything in between who are moving on. Thank you so much for all you have done for the school over the years you have been involved. We wish you, your children and your whanau all the very best. You will always be part of the Ardgowan whanau.

Finally I wish you all the very best Christmas. I hope it is filled with the things and people that you love.

Ka mihi nui,

Ryan Fraser

As this is our last newsletter for 2024 we would like to wish all our Ardgowan families and Ardgowan Community a safe and Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a relaxing refreshing break. See you all back in 2025. To the students leaving Ardgowan, we wish you all the best for the next steps in your education.



**What is Christmas? It is
tenderness for the past,
courage for the present,
hope for the future.**

- Agnes M. Pahro



Doesn't it look fantastic? Just in time for our End of Year celebration, we can't wait to use it for the first time! CREO has done an amazing job in a short time!

Thank you so much to the following businesses who support our school through the Fern Fuel for Schools programme. Please support these businesses if you are able.

Sammac Pastoral Ltd - Devils Bridge Road
Foxhaven Farms Limited
Temwfer Limited
Sammac Pastoral Ltd
Arthursley Partners Ltd
Seaview 1899 Limited
Kennedy Carriers Limited
Fox Fert Limited



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 THREE 2024

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. **17th December final orders for the 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. 11th December Final orders for the term, for delivery 12th December.**

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.

“One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don't clean it up too quickly.” — Andy Rooney

School Notices

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

Important Term 4 Dates for the Diary

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

16th December - Transition day - all classes.

18th December - Last day of term 4. End of year prizegiving starts at 11am.

3rd February 2025 - First day of the school year 2025

- **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.

Our children have all been busy last week making Christmas Crafts. The seniors made these amazing gingerbread houses.





Dunedin is Going WILD for LEGO®

Dunedin is going LEGO®-crazy! The long-awaited exhibition *RELICS: A New World Rises*, created by Australian LEGO® Masters winners Jackson Harvey and Alex Towler, has finally opened at Tūhura Otago Museum, and Dunedin is embracing all things LEGO®.

LEGO® made an appearance at the Dunedin Santa Parade, the Dunedin sign has turned into bricks, and a giant LEGO® Minifigure is peering over the front of the Museum, all in celebration RELICSI

This past weekend, the exhibition launched with a massive opening celebration which included free crafts, films, games, and more, many to continue this weekend.

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

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

Active Kids Waitaki Holiday Programme January 2025

Waitaki Community
Recreation Centre

Monday -Fri
27-31 January; 9.30am – 12.30pm

Primary & Intermediate-
aged children



WAITAKI COMMUNITY
**RECREATION
CENTRE**

\$10 per child per day or \$45 per child for the 5 mornings
Regos open now. Places are limited to 40 children per day.
To register, go to
www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc
For more info contact the Rec Centre 4346932 / 021 08150688

Registrations open now www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc










Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Different activities each day!

Fundraising for Billy's life-changing therapy

WESTON GALA DAY

Saturday, 11 January 2025
10am-4pm follow the signs in Weston

Fun for the whole family. Gold coin donation on entry.
Games, competitions, and awesome prizes to be won!



Bouncy Castle Live Entertainment Carnival Rides Mobile Lazer Tag

Craig Smith Craft Stalls & Food Chocolate Wheel Noddy Train

www.fundraising4billy.co.nz Buildingbillysbrain@gmail.com
021 575 761

FREE!

NYE 2025

New Year's Eve
PARTY AT THE GARDENS

TUES 31 DEC 2024 FROM 6PM ONWARDS
OAMARU PUBLIC GARDENS
WITH LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD VENDORS LICENSED BAR AREA

SEE IN 2025 at the OAMARU PUBLIC GARDENS
Join us on the lawn at the Band Rotunda - bring your friends and whānau, a blanket or the deck chairs, pack a picnic or enjoy some kai from the food stalls - and relax with live entertainment



JONATHAN USHER
MAGICIAN MC

BEE MAY AND THE SAINTS
FROM 8PM

KIDS COUNTDOWN
AROUND 9.15PM

DJ MOJO FILTER
TILL MIDNIGHT

LIVE MUSIC

proudly brought to you by Waitaki Otago Community Trust WAIKAI FREE ONE AGENCY THE REPUTATION SPECIALISTS

WESTON GALA DAY

- Games and challenges for all ages (including adults), hole-in-one & nail driving contests
- North Otago Toy Library will provide toys for kids to explore
- Enjoy live entertainment throughout the day, 2 bands playing
- Chance to win spot prizes - get your \$2 programmes at the gate!
- Face painting
- Free Oamaru stone carving for the kids
- Food & Craft Stalls galore
- Colouring in competition winners announced
- Ritchies buses coming up from Dunedin - only \$10 return each

STRICTLY NO DOGS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON PREMISE