



NEWSLETTER

Week 5, Term Two, 2025

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

I would like to pass on a huge congratulations to all the children who presented their speeches last week. Some performed to the audience and got a place, some performed to the audience and didn't and some performed to their class. Everyone pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and showed growth and resilience when doing so. Ka rawe students, you were all fantastic!

Mrs Creedy has been working wonders with our choir in preparation for the Music Festival on June 10th at 7pm. The group has got two more whole choir practices before the night,. The group are sounding fantastic, so if your child is going along make sure you secure your tickets fast, you will not want to miss out.

Remember, it is King's Birthday weekend this weekend. I wish you all a lovely time during the extra day off.

Ka mihi nui,

Ryan Fraser

Principal



Congratulations to Frankie Larkins on her first gymnastics competition for the season at St Bernadettes in Dunedin. She placed 1st on bars, 1st on beam, 1st on floor, 2nd on vault and 1st overall. She's excited for the season with lots more comps and the build up to South Islands in September. Go Frankie!!



We would like to celebrate our students' achievements outside of school. There are so many sports and activities outside of the school day which the children achieve highly in, we would like to hear about them and celebrate them in our newsletters.

If your child has something to share, please send in a couple of photos and a brief blurb about their achievement for us to include.

A huge thank you to Road Metals for their generous donation of sand for our long jump pit and sand pit. The children are loving it!

ROAD METALS

School Notices

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 TWO 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.



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

Important Term 2 Dates for the Diary

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

Mon 2nd June - King's Birthday - School closed

Wed 4th June - WRSN Speech Finals WGHS 5pm

Tues - Fri, 10th - 13th June - Tech at OIS Year 7 & 8.

Tues 10th June - North Otago Music Festival

Thurs 19th June - Technology Challenge - Juniors Ardgowan - Seniors Totara

Thurs 19th June - Matariki Wharewhare BINGO night, Ardgowan Hall 4:30pm - 6pm. Information attached.

Fri 20th June - Matariki

Mon 23rd June - Firewise program - Junior school

Tues 24th June - BOT Meeting 5:30pm

- **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.

SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

BX Foods are excited to partner with our school. For every bobby calf processed through BX Foods, Oamaru, they will donate \$0.50 to our school. To sign up please contact livestock@bxfoods.co.nz and they will send you out a pack to sign up and nominate our school.



We would like to thank the following families and businesses for supporting us through Fuel for Schools

Sammac Pastoral Ltd - Devils Bridge Road

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Seaview 1899 Limited

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WAITAKI EVENT CENTRE TRUST

Kid's DISCO NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

LOAN AND MERC

HARBOUR STREET, OAMARU

FUNDRAISING FOR THE NETWORK WAITAKI EVENT CENTRE

ONE NIGHT - TWO DISCOS

YEARS 1-4

5:00-6:30PM

All children must be
accompanied by an adult

YEARS 5-8

7:00-8:30PM

No Passouts
Safe and secure event with supervision

\$5 ENTRY AT THE DOOR

INCLUDES A GLOW STICK

Food for sale on the night

Popcorn, Drinks, Lollies and Hot chips - all \$2 each
ADDITIONAL GLOW STICKS FOR SALE

7PM-9PM
THURSDAY 5TH JUNE

THE INKBOX,
ŌAMARU OPERA HOUSE

THE TREATY UNPACKED

Titiro whakamuri kia anga whakamua.
Look to the past, to move forward.

A public talk for everyone to access knowledge around the basics of the Treaty of Waitangi and to increase understanding that will then inspire confidence to navigate the current debate in an informed way.

- **7 - 8:30 pm:** *Historical context* – what was happening prior to the treaty, the two texts of the treaty – key understandings and implications. *Treaty principles* – when and why they emerged, the establishment of the Waitangi Tribunal. What are the principles and the current bill before parliament?
- **8:30 – 9 pm:** An *open forum* for those who wish to stay and ask questions and explore further discussion.



TREATY EDUCATION
Waitaki
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

Reward Ideas for Happy Teeth

Try these great
non-food reward
ideas for a healthy
happy smile!

School-Based Rewards

- Extra art, reading or library time
- Sitting with friends or in a special seat
- A special certificate from the teacher or principal
- Being the 'Student of the Day' or 'Classroom Helper'
- Acknowledgment during assembly or in a newsletter

Extra Time & Privileges

- Extra playtime or special 'free choice' time
- A special outing or extra time for a favourite activity
- A movie night, family game night or a sleepover with friends
- Choosing a bedtime story or helping to plan an activity or outing

One-on-One Time

- Reading a book or playing a game together
- Working on an activity, baking or crafting together

Small Items & Tokens

- Stickers, temporary tattoos, fun stationery or art supplies
- Books, magazines, comics and bookmarks
- Trinkets, wristbands, magnets, frisbees, trading cards
- Activity sheets or pocket cards or games sets
- Coupons, vouchers, gift certificates or play money

Active Rewards

- A new ball, jump rope, or hula hoop
- Trip to a park, beach or playground
- Time to play a favourite sport or outdoor activity
- A bike ride, walk or swim with family or friends

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Community Oral
Health Service



Talkteeth Southern

Have a Story to tell?

Franklin Writers Group want to hear it!

Are you ready to share your creativity? We're looking for the best short story (500 words or less) on the theme of:

Crossroads

Whether it's a life-changing decision, a moment of change, or a literal intersection, the choice is yours!

Who Can Enter?

This competition is open to all residents of New Zealand. So, if you're a passionate storyteller, now's your chance!

Closing Date

13th July 2025

Prizes Up for Grabs

- 1st Place: \$500
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$100

Special Prize:

Best story by a writer under 30 years of age

Entry Fee: \$15

Don't miss out on your chance to win!

Entry form:

<https://franklinwritersgroup.weebly.com/>

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