



NEWSLETTER

Week 5, Term Four, 2024

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

What a beautiful week we are having for the seniors' bike week. It has been a real success already with a few of our kids learning to ride bikes for their first time today!

After a huge amount of work and effort from a lot of people over many years, next week we will see the beginning of a shared space where we can come together as a whole school. Temporary fencing will be erected around the basketball courts so that work can begin on our Collaborative Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Over the following 4 to 5 weeks the COLA will begin to take shape. This is an exciting time and we look forward to seeing it take shape before our eyes.

Finally a huge congratulations to all those athletes that represented the school at the North Otago Athletics Champs on Monday afternoon. The spirit and effort of our wonderful Ardgowan kids was fantastic.

Ka mihi nui,
Ryan Fraser



Our Year 5 and 6 children had a wonderful few days at camp last week. Thank you so much to the wonderful parents who went to the camp and made the experience so memorable for the children.



Our Year 7 & 8 students will be selling their creations at the Kakanui Market this coming Saturday. They have Beeswax Wraps and vegetable plants for sale. We would love to see you there to support the year 7 & 8 business venture.

9am until 12pm Saturday 16th November.

A huge congratulations to the following students who competed successfully in the North Otago Athletics. These children have also qualified to attend the Otago Athletics Championships.

Reeva Kawau - 1st 9 year old girls 60m sprint., 1st Long Jump, 3rd Discus.

Louie Smith - 1st 9 year old boys 60m sprint, 2nd Long Jump, 1st Discus.

Mason Smith - 1st 8 Year old boys Long Jump, 2nd 60m Sprint.

Javantay Fawkes - 1st 10 year old boys Long Jump.

Our Ardgowan team also won the 8/9 Year old relay (All Ardgowan children), And we also had children in the 10/11 year old relay team, which came second in their race.

These are outstanding results for our children - well done team!!

Individual and class photo orders for school photos need to be sent into the school office by **3pm on Friday 15th** as orders will be posted off that afternoon to the photographers.

Sports team photos were taken yesterday. If you would like to order please call into the school office to have a look at the proof sheets. Cost is \$5 per photo (A4 laminated).

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.

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 4 Dates for the Diary

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

11th November - North Otago Athletics

12th November - HPV Vaccinations

14th November - Year 8 Science Day - High Schools

15th November - School photo orders need to be in by 3pm.

19th November - Otago Athletics Champs

19th, 21st, 26th and 28th November - Whole school Swimming

3rd - 6th December - Tech - OIS - Year 7 / 8

3rd December - BOT Meeting 5:30pm

11th December - Year 1 & 2 Activity day at School

12th December - Year 1 & 2 visit Totara Estate

13th December - Year 8 water Day - Glenavy

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

- **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.

Raising Resilient Capable Children
If you would like free tickets to this event please pick them up from the school office.

JOHN PARSONS

www.facebook.com/johnparsonss2e



RAISING RESILIENT CAPABLE CHILDREN

Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk.


Waitaki Ara Kāhui Ako invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

This workshop aims to



- Identify the specific challenges children face when using ICT.
- Includes guidance on behaviour management processes for parents in the practical situations they will face.
- Empower parents to safeguard their children.
- Parents leave with the tools to support their children in how to use ICT safely and ethically at home and at school.

TOPICS COVERED

- Online sexual exploitation.
- Cyber bullying.
- Future proofing for employment.
- Managing screen time.
- The importance of sleep.
- Online pornography.
- Risk factors and protective factors are identified.



Waitaki Girls' Auditorium

 Thursday 28th November  6.30 PM - 8.00 PM

FREE Tickets available from your schools office

Tickets are to enable organisers to plan for numbers - there is no cost.

The Oamaru Multisport Club presents:

Fun Walk-Run / Duathlon Series – November 2024

Fun walk/run: 2.5km (1 lap), 5km (2 laps), 10km (4 laps)



Duathlon:

Off the Couch: 2km Walk-Run / 4km (1 lap) Bike / 0.5km Walk-Run

Weekend Warriors: 2km Run / 12km (3 laps) Bike / 2.5km Run
(all distances are approximate)

Dates: Wednesdays – 13, 20, 27 November 2024

Time: 6.00pm (Registration 5.30pm; Briefing 5.45pm)

Venue: Oamaru Harbour Playground, Friendly Bay.

Entry Fee: Adults: \$10 per event or \$20 for series; Students: \$5 per event or \$10 for series

Enter: www.sporty.co.nz/oamarumultisportclub or on the day

Contact: Adair Craik 021-309-439 / Diane Talanoa 021-08150688



ENTRY FORM – Events: FUN WALK/RUN or DUATHLON

Wednesday Nov 13th 2024 @ 6pm

Wednesday Nov 20th 2024 @ 6pm

Wednesday Nov 27th 2024 @ 6pm

Venue: Friendly Bay, Oamaru Harbour *Note that the start, transitions, and finish are all at the harbour
Registration is at Oamaru Harbour at 5.30pm. You may enter **online**, OR post this form to Diane Talanoa (4 Stoke St, Oamaru) OR enter on the day (no late fee).
Race briefings will be held at the harbour 5.45 pm. Start time 6pm. **Prize Giving** will be held after the final event on Wednesday 27th November 2024.

Enter online: www.sporty.co.nz/oamarumultisportclub

For further information please contact: Adair Craik 021-309-439 or Diane Talanoa 021 08150688
oamarumultisportclub@gmail.com

ENTER ONLINE or here with ENTRY FORM - Entry Fee: Adults \$10 per event or \$20 for the series; Students \$5 per event or \$10 for the series. TEAMS: per person fee also applies to each team member.

Please tick Fun Walk/Run 1 lap (2.5km), or 2 laps (5 km), or 4 laps (10km)
 Duathlon – Off the Couch (2K/4K/0.5K)
 Duathlon – Weekend Warriors (2K/12K/2.5K)

Date/s: Nov 13th Nov 20th Nov 27th

TEAM ENTRY (duathlon only):

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (fun run and duathlon):

Team Name:

Name:

Contact Person:

Address:

Address:

Phone:

Phone:

Email:

Email:

Category: Open Vet (40+) Primary school

Name:

Secondary school

Cyclist:

Students only: Age:

Runner/s:

School:

Email:

RULES OF ENTRY

All competitors enter solely at their OWN RISK. The ORGANISERS WILL NOT BE LIABLE for any loss or damage to competitor's equipment. The DUATHLON event may consist of individuals or teams.

Competitors who WITHDRAW from any event must NOTIFY THE RACE DIRECTOR as soon as possible.

Race Marshals reserve the right to withdraw a competitor if they believe the competitor's health is at risk.

Equipment must meet safety standards and be in good working order. Running shoes must be worn on the run.

All roads are open to the public. The road traffic rules apply to all competitors throughout the event.

WAIVER:

I, my next of kin, or any other representative, hereby release and discharge the event organisers, their agents, directors, volunteers, employees, sponsors and any other party associated with the event of any liability, financial or otherwise, which may arise, whether by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury, or death which may be sustained by me, or any other party associated with me, for my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.

Signed: Signed: Signed:

Annual Pet Day Competition, 17th November starting at 11am. There will be a fancy dress competition starting at 12pm and a lamb drinking competition. More details to follow.



Oamaru Swim Club invite you a fun night of festive swim racing! There's an event for all levels, from beginners right through to experienced swimmers.

Warm up from 5.30 pm with racing starting at 6.00 pm.

Entry forms are available at the pool reception desk or use google:

[FESTIVE Fast n Furious 22 Nov 2024](#)

Please enter by Wednesday 20th November 2024. Email entries can be sent to oamaruswim@gmail.com