



NEWSLETTER

Week 7, Term Four, 2024

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

It was wonderful to see so many of our whanau come along to our assembly on Friday. As I said during the assembly, we are lucky to be part of a community that is so supportive in what we do.

As the end of the year is in sight, to ensure we have a great finish to the year it is important we try and maintain our routines and expectations. Included in this is school uniform and behaviour. Please help your children have the best chance to have a wonderful finish to 2024. Making sure they get enough sleep and have an appropriate amount of screen time goes a long way to ensuring this.

Over the next week we hope to see the roof beginning to be put on the structure. It is definitely taking shape now.

Ka mihi nui,

Ryan Fraser

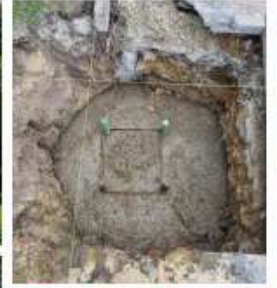
Room 1 had a great time constructing cars from cardboard and milk bottle lids, they did an awesome job of putting them together.



Exciting progress with our COLA Project. Have a look at the photos on page two which show some of the work which has been done.

The plan for this week is to continue assembling the framing in preparation for the roofing iron to arrive.

SITE UPDATE FOR: Ardgowan School SPORTS COURT COVER



#2 Progress Update
22.11.2024

Site Manager: Bart Geypen, 021 196 2801
Site Address: Ardgowan Road, Oamaru 9492

Uniforms

A gentle reminder to all families that correct school uniform is required for all children. A few non school hoodies and sun hats have been sneaking into the school lately, we ask parents to please keep these at home and send children in the correct uniform.

Thanks.

Sports team photos 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.

Ardgowan Home and School - next meeting Tuesday 26th November 7pm at the Star and Garter restaurant.

Agenda items include: Halloween review. Planning for 2025

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

26th November - Home and School meeting 7pm at the Star and Garter restaurant

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.


3 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



JOHN PARSONS

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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

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

A massive Thank You to Gordon Kawau for shearing our three sheep earlier this week. The kids really enjoyed watching and learning about the process.



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PROGRAMME TEAM MEMBER (PART TIME)

As a Programme Team Member, you will be part of an awesome team delivering a variety of exciting and engaging programmes to young people!

This is a permanent part-time role for 20 hours per week, Monday - Friday. Flexibility in working hours is essential, as start and finish times will vary.

We also have multiple casual shifts available - if you are keen to work casual hours, please get in touch.

Apply Now! Send us your CV:
careers@youthtown.org.nz



Support investing in essential school staff – sign the open letter to Government

Alongside teachers and principals, we are essential staff who play a critical role in the success of your local school.

We are your child's teacher aide or learning assistant, the friendly faces you meet at the school reception. We are kaiārahi i te reo, therapists, school librarians, science technicians and much much more.

In our work we weave many threads together to support children in the classroom, provide expertise in te reo, manage school offices and administration, and more. Often our work goes unnoticed and undervalued.

We need your support to help change this.

We are building power to win essential improvements to our collective agreement - fair pay, job security and the professional learning and development we need - the essentials!

Please scan this QR code to sign an open letter to show your support for better Government investment in a quality public education system, and in us as essential staff.



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