

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This week, Sinead visited to capture our tamariki and school. The photos will be available for purchase directly from her in the coming weeks—stay tuned for more details!

If your child missed out this time, don't worry—Sinead will be back for another photo day. Let us know if you'd like to be included next time!

EMERGENCY PLANNING

This week, our tamariki took part in the national ShakeOut earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi (evacuation). They practised how to stay safe during an earthquake by doing, Drop, Cover, and Hold. It was a valuable opportunity to build confidence and preparedness for an emergency situation.

In an earthquake Drop, Cover and Hold

Drop down on your hand and knees
Cover your head and neck
Hold on to your shelter

Do not run outside during earthquake shaking or you risk getting hit by falling bricks and glass. Practising Drop, Cover and Hold means you can quickly take the right action in an earthquake.

If an earthquake is Long or Strong, Get Gone

Drop, Cover and Hold if there is earthquake shaking. As soon as the shaking stops, move immediately to the nearest high ground or as far inland as you can out of tsunami evacuation zones. Even if you can't get out of your evacuation zone, go as far or as high as you can. Every metre makes a difference.

Practicing your tsunami hīkoi (evacuation) means you know where to go if there is a Long or Strong earthquake.



Shake Out.
Don't Freak Out.

www.ShakeOut.org

Shake Out



COMING UP THIS WEEK!

Monday 20 October

- Music lunch club with Robyn

Tuesday 21 October

- Senior Athletics
- Drumming with Jamie 12 - 3 pm
- Music lunch club with Jamie
- Swamp lunch club with Nathan
- Blueskin Cafe Lunch order deadline - midday

Wednesday 22 October

- Tech at DNI for years 7 & 8
- Blueskin Cafe Lunch delivery

Thursday 23 October

- **School closed for strike**

Friday 24 October

- Guitar and ukulele with Che, 9-9.30am.
- Passion Projects 11am-3pm



NOTICE OF STRIKE DAY

The Waitati School teachers will be joining the strike on Thursday 23rd October. This means that school will be closed all day.

IMPORTANT DATES WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Thu 23 Oct - Teacher's Strike Day
Mon 27 Oct - Labour Day (public holiday)
Tue 28 Oct - Teacher Only Day

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Your acting principal for Term 4 is Bex Williams. Please keep in touch in the usual ways.
principal@waitati.school.nz
03 482 2888

What should our school look for in a Principal?

We're currently advertising for the role of principal for Waitati School. Looking forward, what are your thoughts on the qualities you'd like to see in our next leader?

Please send your ideas by Friday 17 Oct to alan@waitati.school.nz



SENIOR ATHLETICS

Date: Tuesday, 21st October

Time: Leave school at 9:05 am (On the bus)

Location: East Otago High School Field Grounds
Who: All tamariki aged 8 years and over (as of 1st October) will be participating in this action-packed day of running, jumping, cheering, and showing care and respect for one another and our helpers.

What Your Child Needs to Bring:

- A sun hat
- Their Waitati t-shirt
- Running shoes
- Sunscreen (already applied before arriving)
- A named water bottle
- Morning tea and lunch
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Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle at lunchtime. If your child would like a sausage, please send them with a \$3 gold coin donation.

Note: This will be the only food available for purchase on the day.

Safety Reminder

For safety, children must check with an adult before:

- Going to the toilet
- Buying a sausage
- Moving away from their group

Parent Helpers Needed - Thanks so much for your support!

Please let Charlotte know if you can help on the day.

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY & PARTY AT SCHOOL! FRIDAY 31 OCT

Bring baking and cash for the bake sale.
Dancing and games from 2-3pm.



SAVE THE DATE! NEXT MARKET FUNDRAISER SUNDAY 02 NOV

9am - 1pm

Let us know if you can help with fundraising this term.

NOTICES

BLUESKIN NURSERIES' LUNCH MENU TERM 4

Place your order at the cafe by midday on Tuesdays for delivery at school on Thursdays.
Extra order forms are available in the office or at the cafe.



SUN SAFE

All children need to bring a sun hat every day in term 4 and 1.
Please apply sunscreen before school and remind your tamariki to reapply at lunchtime. We have sunscreen available in the school office.

WEEK 3 23rd October	COST
Ham and Cheese Pizza (gf on request)	\$5.90
Tomato and cheese pizza	\$5.70
Banana Choc chip muffins	\$4.00

& Dunedin Writers Readers Festival

Kaituna Kids

A celebration of books for the young and young at heart

Saturday 18th October 2025, 10am - 2pm
Free - all welcome

Dunedinwritersfestival.co.nz for the full programme!

Te Whata o Kaituna
- South Dunedin Community Library
14 King Edward St, South Dunedin

Dress as a storybook character to win spot prizes!

Books featured: Guide to Rocks, Goodnight, H.C. Roberts Harp and the Lyre, The Raven's Eye Remedy.

Logos: Mātātuhi Foundation, Dunedin Public Libraries, Geoscience Society of New Zealand, Ask Dr Rock.



Nippers / Junior Surf allows children to learn about water and beach safety in structured way under the supervision of qualified and knowledgeable local Lifeguards.

Take part in individual and group activities, make friends, enjoy the beach and learn essential life skills. Learn how to float, be safe around our oceans, learn to bodyboard, to ride nipper (knee) boards, learn first aid skills and so much more while active on one of the most beautiful beaches in Otago.

Speak to us about our Nippers program for tamariki under 7 and Junior Surf for those up to 14 yrs with some more swimming experience, ability and confidence.

Those aged seven and above also have the option to take part in interclub carnivals and compete against other clubs in the Otago / Southland region.

Rangatahi from aged 12 can also join the Rookie Lifeguard Program that aims to build more complex skills leading to lifeguarding qualifications and beyond.

Warrington Junior Surf / Nippers run every Sunday (from November 2nd) from 10:15am.

**Come talk to us at the club house on our Open Day
Sunday 19th October between 12-2.**

Find out how easy it is to get involved and what you'll need to take part.

Can't make it on the 19th? No worries... email: warringtonslscnz@gmail.com

Search for us on Facebook or grab one of the coaches from 10am on a Sunday morning.

Remember to Swim Between the Flags!