



NEWSLETTER

Week 1, Term Two, 2025

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Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te Whanau,

We have loved welcoming everyone back to school this week after the holiday break. A special welcome back to Mr Chua who is teaching in Room 3 after a term on leave travelling the world with his family. A huge thank you to Mrs Drew for her time and commitment to the students during her teaching in Term 1.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our Head Student, Zoey and Deputy Head Student, Emma for attending the ANZAC service and laying a wreath on behalf of Ardgowan School. The girls carried themselves with pride and showed a great deal of respect for what the day represents, acknowledging the sacrifices that were made by those who served. I was proud to walk alongside and support them.

We start our winter sports over the coming weeks and want to thank, in advance, everyone who has put their hand up to be a coach or manager, parents getting their children to these practices and games and Sarah Hattingh for all of the work getting teams together and sorting everything behind the scenes. This is no small feat.

We look forward to a fun filled, busy term ahead. Please remember to keep an eye out for classroom newsletters each week, these contain key dates and information for each class.

Nga mihi nui

Dana Goodall (Deputy Principal)

We Will Remember Them!



Ardgowan Home and School have their AGM on Tuesday 6th May at 7pm in the school staffroom. They are looking for office bearers for the positions of President and Treasurer. If you are interested please head along to the meeting or contact Tina Gosney for information.

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

Tues 6th May - Brainwave Trust Community session 5:30pm

Tues 6th May - Home and School AGM 7pm. Committee meeting to follow.

Fri 9th May - Year 8 activity day - Papakaio

Mon 12th May - NYLD - Year 8s in Dunedin

Tues 13th May - BOT Meeting 5:30pm

Mon 19th May - Junior Speeches - TBC

Tues 20th May - Year 7 / 8 speeches

Wed 21st May - WBHS Open Day. Year 1 / 2 speeches 9am

Fri 23rd May - Year 5 / 6 speeches 9am, Year 3 / 4 speeches 1:30pm

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

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.



Thriving Tamariki

Why the early years really matter





Let's explore what children really need to grow to their healthy potential. Informed by science, this workshop will get you reflecting on the important role adults play in the lives of children.


You will leave with a clear understanding of what can make a difference for tamariki in the early years and beyond.

You will:

- Talk about why the early years of life are so important for our tamariki.
- Hear about how the bodies and brains of our tamariki grow and develop.
- Look at how experiences can affect wellbeing.
- Hear the science about why supportive adults really matter.

 brainwave.org.nz

 [brainwavetrust](https://www.facebook.com/brainwavetrust)

 [brainwavetrustactsearod](https://www.instagram.com/brainwavetrustactsearod)

When: 5.30pm, Tuesday 6 May 2025 **Cost:** Free

Where: Ardgowan School - Room 1

RSVP: RSVP to Kiri in the school office by Friday 2 May

"I used to think that you need toys to learn but now know basic everyday items can be a learning experience."
— workshop participant



Baby Teeth Matter!

Look after baby teeth every day as they help with...

- 🦷 learning to talk
- 🦷 eating, biting and chewing food
- 🦷 keeping space for adult teeth so they come up in the right place
- 🦷 confidence to play and learn



Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora **Community Oral Health Service**

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3rd & 4th May 2025
Gore Town & Country Club
2 Bury Street
Gore, NZ

Saturday

- traders
- displays
- have a go
- childrens craft corner
- food carts
- devonshire teas
- raffles
- fibre animals
- social spin & chat space

Sunday

- morning workshops
- afternoon workshops

See our website
for further details:

Celebrating all things fibre.

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On Saturday the 3rd

10 am - 3 pm

our popular kids' crafting corner
is back

(and at no cost to your parents)

Have a go at
weaving, cross stitch,
pompoms, knitting,
crochet, felting

Workshops
make a butterfly
weave a wallhanging
needle felt a gnome

Fibre Animals
to meet and pet

(There will be crafting stuff
to keep the adults busy, too.)



ARE YOU A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A NEURODIVERGENT CHILD?

Able Minds Oamaru Peer Support Group is a safe place where parents and caregivers of neurodivergent children can share experience and gain support from one another.

Parents and caregivers of children /adolescents of any age are most welcome.



Every Friday fortnight 10am - 12pm 27 Coquet Street
February 7th & 21st
March 7th & 21st
April 4th
May 2nd, 16th & 30th
For further information contact:
Marne Phillips -
marne@able.org.nz Holly Baylis -
holly@able.org.nz or phone 021 353 325



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Why Wait?
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NEW!
**Weight
Watchers**

I am employed by WeightWatchers, and may receive a commission if you sign-up through my

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.

Our Year 7 and 8 children had an absolute blast over in Queenstown for camp in the last week of term one. Check out the awesome photos below, and on our facebook page.



Thank you to all our wonderful parents who have given time to help out in Term one. Sports teams, camps, trips and events, we couldn't do any of these without your support.





WORKSHOPS



FREE

Workshops have limited spaces so book yours today!

HOW TO CREATE GREAT COMPOST

Two free workshops
Saturday 3 May 3 or Sunday 4 May 2025
Waitaki Community Gardens
1pm - 3pm

To find out more, or book your space email wastefreewaitaki@waitaki.govt.nz or phone 03 433 0300



Scotts Own Sea Scouts
2025 times and nights

Keas
ages 5-8
4:30-5:30pm
Monday

Cubs
ages 8-11
6-7:30
Tuesday

Scouts
ages 11-14
6:30-8:30pm
Monday

For more info
find us on
Facebook or
contact Megan
Phillips
ph: 0274371479

First
month
free!

New Members
always welcome

St Kevin's College Open Day

Thursday 8th May 1PM & 6PM

Presentation in the Library, followed by a tour of the College.



———St Kevin's College A College of Special Character

HOUSE OF BRICKS

Creative Bricks

@ the 2025 Steampunk Festival!

Saturday 31 May 10 - 3

@ the Collective Cafe, Harbour Street
with LEGO® Master Jase!
FREE Entry

Join in: Play areas for all ages!
View: Inspiring Steampunk themed Displays
built with LEGO® bricks!

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Scholastic Book Club orders are coming home today. Closing date for orders is 9th May.

YOUTH week
WHAI WAHTANGA
TAKE OUR PLACE

THE Y CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND & PARTNERS PRESENT

SHOWCASE ON SOPHIA

FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2025 5:30-7:30PM | FREE ENTRY

YOUTH PERFORMERS WANTED

BANDS | SINGERS | KAPAHAKA | DANCERS
MUSICIANS | POETS | GROUPS | INDIVIDUALS

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