



Important Dates

2024

Thur 11—Fun Run

Fri 12—Last Day term –School closed for two weeks.

Thur 25 Anzac Day

Mon 29 Term Two starts

Tue 30—Swimming Mid/Snr

May

Wed 1 Swimming Mid/Snr

Thur 2 Swimming Mid/Snr

Tue 7 Swimming Mid/Snr

Wed 8 Swimming Mid/Snr

Thur 9 Swimming Mid/Snr

Tue 14 Swimming Mid/Snr

Wed 15 Swimming Mid/Snr

Thur 16 Swimming Mid/Snr

Tue 21 Swimming Mid/Snr

Tue 28—School X Country

June

Mon 3 Kings Birthday-School closed

Wed 5—Zone X Country

Fri 28 Matariki-School closed

July

Fri 5 End Term Two -School closed for two weeks

Mon 22 Term 3 starts

Tue 23 Jnr Swimming

Wed 24 Jnr Swimming

Thur 25 Jnr Swimming

Tue 30 Jnr Swimming

Wed 31 Jnr Swimming

Aug

Thur 1 Jnr Swimming

Tue 6 Jnr Swimming

Wed 7 Jnr Swimming

Thur 8 Jnr Swimming

Tue 13 Jnr Swimming

Wed 14 Jnr Swimming

Thur 15 Jnr Swimming

Sept

Fri 27 End Term 3-School closed two weeks

Oct

Mon 14 Term 4 starts

Mon 28 Labour Day-School closed

Nov

Dec

End of year TBA

Absences

School Stream App—go to Forms then Absentee Form and complete absence and submit or text your absences on 0273 727070—child's first and last name, class and also reason for absence. You can also go to the url on your computer - <https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net>

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora and Greetings

Welcome to the last newsletter for the term. It is hard to believe that Term 1 is nearly finished.

At the beginning of Term 2 our Middle and Senior Syndicate start swimming on Tuesday 30 April. Please remember to have a bag to put clothes in, togs, towel and goggles if needed. The buses will leave at 8.50am sharp for our Year 5 and 6's, so don't be late for school, the buses won't wait. If you can help, please fill in the form on School Stream.

The last day of Term 1 is Friday 12 April finishing at 3pm. Term 2 starts at 8.50am on Monday 29 April.

On the last day of term encourage children to take sunhats home and store them for the winter. They can be washed in the washing machine.

We are so looking forward to the Fun Run next week on Thursday 11 April at school. It has turned into such a successful fundraiser and will be great fun for children. Thank you for your care and support with fundraising for the school.

Attendance at school has appeared in the media again. Looks like there will be even tighter measures coming in. We need to have children at school and on time, then all will be well.

Thanks for your support with 'No Cellphones at School' This is working well.

Upcoming events to look forward to next term will be School X Country on 28 May and Zone X Country 5 June. We had some amazing results at Southland Athletics so expect we will have some great runners here as well.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal



Congratulations to our R.E.A.L certificate winners for Week 5.

R1 Kendall Forde
 R15 Towa Pfeifer
 R16 Cypress Boyd
 R20 Ryekin Bower
 R21 Georgia Buchan

R5 Olivia Black
 R6 Nico Lee-Tapu
 R7 Scarlet Hamlin
 R8 Harlem Fisher
 R9 Ryder Kim

R12 Madison Short
 R13 Marco England
 R14 Emily Linton
 R17 Amaleigha-Rose Bower
 R18 Neiko Crooks
 R19 Madi Duffy

NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to our new families to the Donovan Community.

The children below started with us since our last newsletter. We hope that they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

Shakaia Lynch, Steven Santibanez and Leonard De Llana



Congratulations to our R.E.A.L certificate winners for Week 7.

R1 Mason Dunick
 R15 Yumo Shi
 R16 Kaesha-Bella Ramsay
 R20 Raymond Huang
 R21 Zareah Pou

R5 Harper Birchfield
 R6 King Blaise Ndayambaje
 R7 Benaiah Robertson
 R8 Kieran Ogilvy
 R9 Emily Tomlins

R12 Blaire McPherson
 R13 George Sutherland
 R14 Ellie Gutsell
 R17 Ames Pradhan
 R18 Tatum Schiller
 R19 Nihaal Bhandal



We are learning to use descriptive language to add impact and detail to our writing.

Sick by Adam Bates Room 6

When I was sick, big chunks came blasting out of my mouth and it went all around my room. Some yellow ooze came out of my nose dribbling down my face. It felt like an axe was smashed straight into my head. Some minutes or hours later, I blacked out and I threw up again. Ooze kept dribbling out of my nose. It felt like the axe was still in my head.



Sick by Lucas Tretheway Room 6

When I woke up this morning, sticky goeey slimey snot was pouring out of my nose and into my mouth. It felt like I was going to cry! I could feel the disgusting orange chunky bit from breakfast. I felt like I was going to blow! It was so painful. It felt like somebody had whacked me with a sledge hammer. I was coughing and spluttering and my throat was aching.



Eyes by Nico Lee-Tapu Room 6

My eyes shot open like a bullet in the air. My mouth dropped open super fast like a mailbox lid. I was shocked to see that thing right before my eyes. I gasped super loud like a rocket taking off.

Eyes by Ryker Noble Room 6

My mouth shot open as quick as a flash. I was shocked from what I saw. I gasped so hard I thought I had sucked in a tank of oxygen. I did not have a clue what I saw. It went past as quick as a blink.

Eyes by Jonathan Robertson Room 6

It was shocking! Someone was balancing three sharp knives. They were so sharp. Sharp like a T-Rex's claws. It was terrifying!



Reminder that there will be **no** canteen on Thursday 11 April due to our Fun Run. Everyone is welcome to come along and support your whanau. The coffee car will be available from 11am. See you all there

Congratulations to the Donovan students who competed at the Southland Athletics on Sunday 24 March. We had some outstanding results with some records broken. Well done everyone.

KIWI ZONE Relay Results

8 Year Boys 2nd – Nico Lee-Tipu

8 Year Girls 2nd - Alexie Blair Rosa Cowan

9 Year Boys 3rd – Jhon Rosso

9 Year Girls 1st – Lotte Cowan, Kendall Forde, Mia Kerr

10 Year Girls 1st – Lacey Ridder, Maia Shanks, Tearliah Vaeau

7 Year Girls – Annabelle Claridge 1st 60m

7 Year Boys – Tangaroa Waddell 3rd 60m

9 Year Girls – Mia Kerr 1st 800m, 1st Long Jump, 2nd 100m and 3rd High Jump

9 Year Girls – Lotte Cowan 3rd 200m

9 Year Boys – Jhon Rosso 3rd 100m and 3rd 200m

10 Year Girls – Maia Shanks 1st High Jump, 3rd Long Jump and 3rd 100m

10 Year Girls – Charlotte Main 1st Discus

Canteen Heatups.

Just a reminder that it costs 20c per heatup per student to have your child's lunch nice and hot for lunchtime.

The PTA have tried to make it as easy as possible by charging 20c per heatup or \$4 per term or \$10 per year per child.

You can send the money along to either the office or the canteen anytime or pay for it with the Friday Menu through School Stream.

The heatup service may become unavailable to families who make no effort to pay for this service. The canteen would like arrears to be settled as soon as possible please. A note will come home as a reminder. The easiest way is to pay for a year subs of \$10 per child for the entire year and you don't have to hunt out 20c every time you wish to have a nice warm lunch for your child/ren.



Community Notices.

Please read the Community Notices that is sent with this newsletter. It has lots of information for the upcoming holidays and other events that may be of interest to the students as well as the parents/caregivers.

LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to keep checking the lost property. It will be on display in front of the canteen every Friday. With the change in the weather, there will be a lot of discarded clothing left behind. Any clothing left at the end of the term will be donated to a charity.

Important Notes.

Every newsletter we have the same messages which explains important things for you as parents/caregivers. So let's highlight them for you and see if it's easier to read, remember and follow.

- 1. Come in to the office with medication so you can complete the form.**
- 2. Cross Drury Lane at the Road Crossing.**
- 3. Let the office know if collecting children during school hours.**
- 4. Don't leave your car while parked in P2 parking area (in front of school on Drury Lane).**
- 5. Contact the office by 8.50am for absences or lateness (School Stream, txt, phone, email.)**

Medication

Just a reminder that if you are requiring your child to have any medication administered during school hours, there are a few things we need. (This includes inhalers)

- All medication must be handed into the office for safe keeping
- If it is a prescription medication, we do require it to be in a container showing the name and dosage on the script label.
- A medical consent form needs to be signed by the caregiver.

We do have a fridge in the medical room if medication needs to be kept cool. If your child has to take medication home each day, perhaps talk with the chemist and they may split the medicine into two containers, one for school and one for home. If medication does need to be taken home after school each day, it is the responsibility of the child to remember to come and collect it.

Helpful Tips for Minimizing Notifications on School Stream.

We understand that everyone is busy and reading the endless notifications we send out on School Stream can be time consuming. So if it would help, you can thin down the notifications you receive to ones that are relevant. Please read the link below.

Please keep the 'Whole School', 'Newsletters', 'Canteen', 'PTA', 'Community Notices', 'Covid' and relevant syndicate levels as essentials. (Sports folders and any others you select can be hidden). Do not panic, you can retrieve the folder again if your child decides to play sport, or change syndicate or has camp etc. I will post everything to the 'Whole School' folder if relevant for the whole school, but reminders etc will go to the respective folder. If you have not kept that folder, you will not see any notifications posted to it. Sports draws will go straight to the respective sports folder.

If you have not set up your account and try to start this process, School Stream will ask you to set this up first. Just follow the steps and once completed you will be able to hide folders. Have a look at the link and see if this would help.

<https://support.schoolstream.com.au/en/articles/2115370-manage-notifications-and-hide-folders>

School Directory

Office phone	03 2159664
Office email	office@donovanprimary.ac.nz
Office cell for texting absences only	0273 727070 (Text only)
School Stream Web version	https://donovanprimarieschool.myschoolstream.net
School Bank account	03 1742 0052461 00
PTA Bank account	03 1742 0052744 00
Donovan Primary Website	www.donovanprimary.ac.nz
Principal's email	principal@donovanprimary.ac.nz
School Hours	8.50am –12.20pm, 1.00pm-3.00pm
Entry/Departure times	No entry before 8.20am, collected by 3.15pm
Policies and Procedures	https://donovanprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/ Username: donovanprimary Password: drurylane

Community Notices: Keep an eye on the separate Community Notices for upcoming community events.