



Important Dates

2024

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
 Fri 31 –Teacher Only Day—School closed for instruction.

June

Mon 3 **Kings Birthday-School closed**
 Wed 5—Zone X Country
 Fri 28 **Matariki-School closed**

July

Wed 3 –Interviews-school closes 12.30pm
 Thur 4– Interviews –school closes 3pm
 Fri 5 **End Term Two -School closed for two weeks**

Mon 22 Term 3 starts

Tue 23 Jnr Swimming Rm 12,13,14
 Wed 24 Jnr Swimming Rm 12,13,14
 Thur 25 Jnr Swimming Rm 12,13,14
 Tue 30 Jnr Swimming Rm 12,13,14
 Wed 31 Jnr Swimming Rm 12,13,14

Aug

Thur 1 Jnr Swimming
 Tue 6 Jnr Swimming Rm 17,18,19,11
 Wed 7 Jnr Swimming Rm 17,18,19,11

Thur 8 Jnr Swimming Rm 17,18,19,11

Tue 13 Jnr Swimming Rm 17,18,19,11

Wed 14 Jnr Swimming Rm 17,18,19,11

Thur 15 Jnr Swimming Rm 17,18,19,11

Sat 17 –Jump Jam

Sept

Fri 27 **End Term 3-School closed two weeks**

Oct

Mon 14 **Term 4 starts**
 Mon 28 **Labour Day-School closed**

Nov

Thur 21—Fri 22 Snr School based Camp

Dec

Fri 13 - **Last day of School.**
 Lowering of flag and finish at 1pm

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 this newsletter. Currently we are involved with the Year 3 to Year 6 swimming. Thanks for having the children ready and on time for the quick start to the day. We acknowledge Invercargill Licensing Trust who fund this for all Invercargill primary aged children.

Coming up for all of us on the 31 May (the Friday of Kings Birthday weekend), Donovan will be closed for a Teacher Only Day. This is for curriculum development. You may be aware of some big changes that have been announced by Government re new directions for all primary schools in NZ. The big curriculum announcement involves a more structured approach to all literacy teaching across NZ.

There is more tightening down on absences. Please be aware we have to log absences electronically and the government expect children to be here 95% of the time and on time. Even though you may tell the teacher your child will be or is absent, please let the office know via School Stream, telephone or email prior to 8.50am. Non contact will mean your child is marked as Truant and this can cause an activation to the Truancy Office if there is either a pattern or a number of unexplained absences.

Lots of change and uncertainty for us but as always we will make it work and deliver the best programmes to our learners. The Government are putting urgency around these changes. The timelines are pretty tight. As we know more we will keep you in the loop.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

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 these children who received R.E.A.L certificates at assembly on Friday 12 April.

R1 Amelia Thompson
R15 Arthur Donnelly
R16 Lachie Fraser
R20 Kaisala Lemamea
R21 Brodie Goddard

R5 David Jenkins
R6 Nevaeh Tagomoa-Kaa
R7 Rosa Cowan
R8 Alisson Sinisterra
R9 Pippa Vaughan

R12 Nate Skerrett
R13 Ryan Murdoch
R14 Olivia Stronach
R17 Kaylee Williams-Te Au

TEACHERS ONLY DAY

School will be closed for instruction on **Friday 31 May**. On **Monday 3 June**, school will also be closed for Kings Birthday Weekend.

LOST PROPERTY

Please keep checking the lost property particularly with swimming. It will be put out on display every Friday in front of the canteen. Parents can come and check it anytime. The lost property box has relocated to inside the hall.



Parent Interviews

We will be holding parent interviews on Wednesday 3 July and Thursday 4 July. In order for the interviews to happen we will be closing at 12.30pm on Wednesday 3 July only. We will inform you through School Stream when the app will be open and how to use it to make the appointments, We will remind you nearer the time re the early closure.

Did you know?

- you can send us an absence through School Stream at anytime day or night. So long as we have it first thing in the morning. So if you are up in the night dealing with a sick child and you think they will have the next day off, you can send the absence form on School Stream. This form is in the folder called forms and look for the Absence Form.
- that if you do not make contact with the school to explain your child's absence and we are unable to get hold of you, your child will be marked as Truant. The MoE are keeping close tabs on children's attendance.
- that we are over half way through the Middle and Senior Swimming programme.
- we are closed for Teacher Only Day on Friday 31 May –of course you did, because you have already read it in this newsletter.

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.