Newsletter: Te tekau (10)
te tekau ma whitu Whiringa ā rangi 2026
17 November 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora and welcome to this edition of our newsletter. Believe it or not it is our second last newsletter for the year.

Our last newsletter will have all the details needed for end of year assemblies, Year 6 Graduation and last day arrangements. Please see "Calendar of Events" further down this newsletter.

To help with having things running smoothly, if you have changed your email address can you **please** advise the office? We will need to know now because in only a few weeks, End of Year Reports willl be emailed home in the days before school finishes. Your child's class for 2027 will be emailed in late January.

Please email **changes only** to office@donovanprimary.ac.nz

Also, if your child/ren are not returning in 2027. please notify the office ASAP. This will greatly help with getting organised for transfer information and being ready for next year.

If you are a family with Year 5/6 learners, good luck getting them ready for the Inschool Camp

Lots of work has gone into making this fun, safe and memorable. They will be in bed early on Friday night!

Nearly time to find the Christmas trees and get them up, hasn't time gone fast?

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood
Principal

ASSEMBLIES

20th November	Whole School
27th November	Snr/Mid 1.30pm
	Jnr 2.15pm
4th December	Whole School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Inschool Y5/6 Camp	Thursday/Friday 19/20th November
Putangitangi Competition	Tuesday 24th November
Merit Assembly at Donovan	Wednesday 9th December
	Junior – 11am, Mid /Sen 1.30pm
Reports go home	Wednesday 9th December
Yr6 Day Out	Thursday 10th December
Yr6 Graduation Ceremony at Donovan	Thursday 10th December 6.30pm
Y6 Prizegiving Ceremony at Donovan	Friday 11th December, whole school 1pm
Last day for 2026	Monday 14th December - flag down at 1.30pm
First day for 2027	Wednesday 3rd February
Office opening day 2027	Wednesday 2th January

NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to our new families who have joined the Donovan Community.

We welcome Yuvaan Sharma to Donovan and hope Yuvaan and his family enjoy their association with our school.



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R.E.A.L. AWARDS



Congratulations to recipients of R.E.A.L certificates
Term 4, Week 4, 6 November 2026



Sophie Butt - Room 2
Amaya Loto - Room 5
Ava Peterson - Room 7
Addison Wood - Room 8
liam Burns - Room 9
Meihana Te Raki - Room 10
Kaison Reed - Room 11
Mason Brown - Room 12
Nina Casey - Room 13
Greer Curran - Room 14
Jake Holder - Room 15
Evan Rhodes - Room 16
Ollie Burns - Room 17
Odin Hawkes - Room 18
Michael Alexander - Room 19
Liam Checketts - Room 20



SCHOOL HOURS AND OUT OF SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

DROPPING OFF
Children should not be dropped off before 8.20am as there is no supervision.

EARLY COLLECTION
If your child has an appointment during school hours and needs to be picked up early from the office, please submit a request through School Stream or call the office to make arrangements.

EARLY PICKUPS
Kindly refrain from taking your children directly from the classroom without first notifying the office.

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Kia ora from the Donovan Primary PTA,

Another school year is coming to an end, and what a busy year it has been! The PTA has enjoyed being able to support the school and its students throughout 2026.

A big part of what we do is finding ways to give back to the school and provide opportunities, resources and little extras for the children to enjoy.

This year, we've been pleased to contribute towards a number of things, including new basketball hoops and seating, $100 for each classroom to put towards winter games and activities, calendar art, and sports bags for our school teams. We've also been able to purchase new books for the school library.

There have been plenty of fun moments along the way too! The children have enjoyed a hot chocolate and cookie day, an ice cream day and a school disco, as well as getting involved in our annual Christmas raffle.

None of this would be possible without the support of our school families, staff and wider Donovan community. Whether you've helped out, donated, purchased raffle tickets or supported one of our events, we really appreciate it. Every little bit helps us make a difference for the children.

We'd also like to thank the Donovan staff for their continued support and for working alongside the PTA throughout the year. It really is a team effort, and we appreciate everyone who helps make these things happen.

As we head towards the end of the school year, we hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas, enjoys some well-deserved time with family and friends, and has a safe and happy summer break.

Thank you for another great year!

Donovan Primary PTA.

CANTEEN NOTICES



Friday Canteen
Every Monday when the form is open for ordering we will post that it's " live".
Wednesday night will be a reminder post to order by 12pm on Thursday.

Please remember if paying by cash via the classroom basket to include your child's name AND room number on a note ATTACHED to the money. This saves a lot of time for our canteen volunteers!

CANTEEN CLOSURE - FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER
LAST DAY OF CANTEEN FOR THE YEAR - 4 DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR FLYING WASABI SUSHI - 2 DECEMBER

Canteen Heatups

Just a reminder that it costs 20c per heatup/$4 per term or $10 per year to heat your child's lunch.

Send money to the office/attached to your childs heatup or pay for it with the Friday Menu through School Stream. If you use this service regularly consider paying termly or for the year.

Non-payment may result in this service becoming unavailable for you so please remember this. The PTA do a fantastic job in ensuring this service runs smoothly, please support them!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3,000 years old and still safe to eat!
- By sheer volume, Lego produces over 300 million tiny rubber and plastic tyres every year for its vehicle sets—far more than Goodyear or Bridgestone.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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Creating R.E.A.L Learners

Stationery Requirements for 2027

New Entrants

New Entrant packs are available from the office for $60.00
This includes **a Donovan sunhat.**

Year 1: (Only replace items if completely used otherwise last year's books can be used)

- ☐ 1 x large journal bag Velcro
- ☐ 6 x Amos glue sticks 35gm
- ☐ 6 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- ☐ 8 x JWB/LWB junior writing 14mm ruled 40lf exercise book
- ☐ 8 x Whiteboard marker bullet black.
- ☐ 2 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ☐ 1 x Red Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 10 x Black Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 1 x Permanent Marker – black (fine tip)

Year 2



- ☐ 4 x large Amos Glue Sticks
- ☐ 1 x Warwick My Maths Book 1 Quad 10mm
- ☐ 1 x My Maths Book 1 unruled
- ☐ 5 x My Everyday Book 1 Warwick unruled
- ☐ 2 x My Literacy Book 1 Warwick
- ☐ 4 x Whiteboard markers (Black) - fine
- ☐ 7 x JWB/LWB 14mm Ruled
- ☐ 1 x Colouring pencils (12)
- ☐ 1 x Large book bag (if required)
- ☐ 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ☐ 2 x Red Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 5 x Black Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 2 x Permanent Markers – black (fine tip)

Please name all stationery. Items can be purchased online and delivered to your door. Order at www.myschool.co.nz (Office Max) or https://schoolpacks.co.nz/ (Quizzle)

Year 3 & 4

- ☐ 10 x 1B5
- ☐ 3 x 1E5 with Margins or Warwick quad 7mm
- ☐ 1 x 9B5 Warwick School Pad
- ☐ 2 x Red Pens, Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 7 x Black Pens, Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 1 x Whiteboard Marker (fine, Black)
- ☐ 4 x Large Amos Gluesticks
- ☐ 1 x Colouring Pencils (12)
- ☐ 2 x Rubbers
- ☐ 1 x 30cm Ruler (non flexi)
- ☐ 1 x Large Book Bag (if required)
- ☐ 1 x Pencil case
- ☐ 2 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- ☐ 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ☐ 8 x HB Pencils and pencil sharpener
- ☐ 2 x Highlighters (different colours)
- ☐ 1 x Black fine tip permanent marker
- ☐ 1 x Packet felts



Year 5 & 6



- ☐ 11 x 1B5
- ☐ 3 x 1E5 -7mm quad
- ☐ 2 x 9B5 Warwick School Pad
- ☐ 1 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- ☐ 5 x HB Pencils
- ☐ 1 x 4b Art Pencil
- ☐ 2 x Sharpie Black fine tip permanent marker
- ☐ 1 x Pencil Sharpener
- ☐ Non flexi Ruler 30cm
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Colouring Pencils (24)
- ☐ 3 x Red pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 10 x Black pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 3 x Large Glue Sticks
- ☐ 1 x Black Whiteboard Marker
- ☐ 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ☐ 1 x Cleverkiwi all purpose book interleaved

GENERAL NOTICES



UNIFORMS / RESOURCES

As it is the end of the year could we please have all sports uniforms and equipment returned to the school office ASAP? Also any readers or other school resources need to be returned.

LOST PROPERTY

Please keep checking the lost property. It will be on display every Friday outside the hall. Any items left will e donated to charity at the end of Term 4. Alternatively check the Lost Property Box in the hall foyer.

SUNHATS

Sunhats are compulsory for wearing outside during Term 4 & Term 1. If you require a replacement these can be purchased from the office for $20. We take cash or eftpos - no paywave available.
If your child has lost theirs, be sure to check the Lost Property Box first!

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Please ensure that your child's accounts are paid up for the year. Any outstanding fees will be followed up nearing the conclusion of the school year.

CHANGE OF DETAILS?

Are there any changes in address, cellphone, caregivers etc?
Please fill out and submit the "Change of Details Form" under forms in School Stream. It is extremely important that we are advised of new details in cases of emergencies with your children.

ACCOUNTS

Your child's account will be sent home soon. Donovan Primary do not charge any school fees. Junior and Middle students will have Reading Logs ($3.00) on their accounts. Unpaid sports fees will be added. **We would appreciate payment before the end of Term 4.**
Prompt payment of school accounts ensures we can continue to provide extra curricular opportunities to all children in the future.

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***

We have communicated many times about the major priority of the Government around attendance and being at school on time. This year NZ schools are implementing new procedures, these have been in place since Term 1 2026. The Government target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.
Good Attendance (Good chance of success)—is less than 5 days absence in a school term.
Worrying Attendance (Less chance of success) is up to 10 days absence in a school term.
Concerning Attendance (Hard to make progress) is up to 15 days absence in a school term.
Serious Concern (Very hard to make progress) is 15 days or more of absence in a school term. We will communicate with you if your child is at any of the above stages and we will endeavour to work with you to achieve good attendance. Lateness is electronically recorded and monitored. Of all absence problems, this is by far our biggest concern. Having learners at school, in class by 8.50am is what we need to achieve.

DIRECTORY

Office Phone	03 2159664
Office Email	office@donovanprimary.ac.nz
Office cell for texting absences only	0273 727070 (Text only)
School Bank account	Donovan Primary B O T 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**

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