Newsletter Tekau e Rimu Whiringa a rangi

Donovan Primary 5 November 2025

Issue 10

From the Principal's Desk



Kia ora and haere mai to this newsletter.

Well we all made it through the storm. I hope you all didn't have too much clean up or continuing power problems. School faired well and lost a little tin off the boiler chimney and have a fence on a lean, otherwise we coped well.

A huge thanks to all the parent helpers for Y5/6 camps, we couldn't have done it without you all. What a great way to meet and get to know our leaners. A special thank you to teachers and back up teachers for their work behind the scenes to get it all put together.

Senior and Middle swimming is under way. Next week we have four days (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) then the season is done. Come down if you get an opportunity and see the progress our swimmers are making.

Our new Board has started and a special thanks for them standing up to give of themselves to the school. We are so looking forward to working with them.

You will be catching the odd media talk about the next changes to schools. We need about 4 hands to catch the amount being thrown our way. These are big changes, nothing like we have ever experienced before. It is going to take quite a time to understand and implement these. We will keep you up with play as we wait for more detailed information. While grappling with change we will continue to provide great curriculum for our learners.

I appreciate the work is huge and I want to acknowledge the staff who I know will work hard to achieve this.

Our Resilient phrase will definitely be forefront.

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Important Dates

2025

NOVEMBER
Mon 10-Thurs 13 Mid/Snr Swimming
Fri 14—Yr 6 entrant day at respective high schools.
Tue 25—BOT meeting

DECEMBER

Fri 5 –Reports will be emailed home.
Wed 10 –Merit assemblies held at Donovan Primary Hall
Thur 11– Yr 6 Day Out and Graduation at Donovan Primary
Fri 12 - Prizegiving at Donovan Primary Hall
Term Four ends –Tue 16 Dec.

Assemblies

Fri 7 Nov –Whole assembly
Fri 14 Nov—Syndicate Assembly
Fri 21 Nov—Whole School
Fri 28 Nov Syndicate Assembly



Congratulations to the children who received the R.E.AL certificates for Week 10 Term 3.

Rm	Name
2	Olivia Murphy
15	Aaron Lee and Noel Wedge
16	Mason Dunick
20	Bennie Savage
21	Nico Lee-Tapu
5	Roka Pfeifer
6	Stella Burns
7	Evie Buys
8	Charles Varma and Kyson Brown
9	Elijah Woods
11	Ahctive Richardson (Absent from photo)
12	Kaia Hill
13	Tatum Schiller
14	Addison Wood
17	Oakleigh Drake
18	Nikau Timu
19	Adelaide Ellison

Please remember the canteen do not make up noodles. If you wish your child to have noodles please make them up and put them into a flask or suitable container that will keep them hot.

Also be careful of the plastic containers that food is coming in as some of the cheap containers melt in the pie-warmers.

Sistema containers seem to be the best with either the vent on top or click clack type fastenings. If the food is suitable, tinfoil works well.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Meihana Te Taki; Harrison McNaught, Khloe Morales and Koa Harris.

We hope they and their families all enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.



ACCOUNTS

We would appreciate all accounts to be paid by the end of November if this is possible please. If it becomes difficult, we would accept a weekly automatic payment of $5 or $10 to help keep on top of it all. This is such an easy option as it soon accumulates and you can add sports etc to the credit balance.

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

Stationery Requirements for 2026

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
- ☐ 4 x Amos glue sticks 35gm
- ☐ 5 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- ☐ 7 x JWB/LWB junior writing 14mm ruled 40lf exercise book
- ☐ 6 x Whiteboard marker bullet black.
- ☐ 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ☐ 1 x Red Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 5 x Black Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ☐ 2 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
- ☐ 4 x My Everyday Book 1 Warwick unruled
- ☐ 2 x My Literacy Book 1 Warwick
- ☐ 4 x Whiteboard markers (Black) - fine
- ☐ 6 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/ (Qizzle)

Year 3 & 4

- ❑ 9 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) –**no felts, no gel pens**
- ❑ 1 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)
- ❑ 4 x HB Pencils and pencil sharpener
- ❑ 1 Highlighter
- ❑ 1 x Black fine tip permanent marker



Year 5 & 6



- ❑ 11 x 1B5
- ❑ 3 x 1E5 -7mm quad
- ❑ 2 x 9B5 Warwick School Pad
- ❑ 2 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)

OUR VISION: **The Donovan way celebrates uniqueness where learning is encouraged through personal growth and engagement to create resilient, empathetic and adaptable lifelong learners.**

Sunhats are compulsory for wearing outside during term four. If you require a replacement, it can be purchased from the office for $20. We take cash or eftpos, no paywave.



We are starting to plan our classes for 2026, so if you know that you will not be returning, could you please let the office know. Also keep us up to date with any changes to email addresses, work numbers and any emergency numbers.

Lost Property

Please keep checking the lost property. It will be on display every Friday outside the hall. Any items left will be donated to charity at the end of each term. If you can't make a Friday then please come and check the lost property box in the hall foyer at any time.



Absences

Please remember to contact the office via School Stream, phone, text or email to advise of any students absence or lateness. The Ministry of Education is still encouraging schools to follow up more vigorously for non attendance. If we have no contact we will mark your child as Truant. Holidays during term time are not accepted and your child will be marked with an unjustified absence.

Remember to keep an eye on School Stream as we have a lot going on this term, and School Stream is how we will keep you informed.

Outstanding Fees: -

Don't forget to pay for your child's sports fees or your senior students camp fee. We don't enjoy chasing up money that is owed, and you committed to paying when signing up for a sporting code.

Mobile Dental Bus

The mobile dental bus is currently at school and will probably be here for most of the year. They will work their way through seeing all the children at Donovan Primary and preschool siblings. If you have any concerns or need to see them earlier you can contact them on 0272849937. If they don't answer, then please leave a message and they will call you back once they have no patients.

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 are to be in place by 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., A reminder—children are NOT to be dropped off before 8.20am. There is no supervision of care until 8.20am.

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://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net
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 –12.30pm, 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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