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Important Dates

June
Fri 19-Disco/Fluoro Day
Tues 30—Wed 1
Parent/Teacher Interviews

July
Fri 3 July-Last day term
Mon 20 July-Term 3 begins
Tues 21 –Board Meeting

Aug
Tues 18 –BOT Meeting

Sept
Tue 22—School Photos
Tues 22 –Board Meeting
Fri 25-Last Day Term

Oct
Mon 12 Oct-Term 4 begins
Tues 20 –BOT Meeting
Mon 26 Labour Day-closed

Nov
Tues 17 -BOT Meeting

Dec
Tues 8 -BOT Meeting
Last day to be advised.

Assemblies

June

19-Whole school 1.30pm
26-Snr/Middle 1.30pm
Junior 2.15pm

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora.

Haere Mai to this newsletter.

Welcome to our last information section on Descriptors and reporting to parents.

So……. The next big learning is that your learner is being assessed on what they have been taught so far.

As we come up to nearly half-way through the year, we could only have ever covered nearly half of the curriculum. The end of year descriptors will be more informative about where your learners sit against the new curriculum.

Please read the narrative sections to see how your learner is developing and where they are heading to next.

The final big message is that the goal posts have moved, and it will take time to move our learners closer to them.

Enjoy your reports, celebrate the learner and what they have done to date. While you celebrate the learner, we will celebrate the writers of the report and the 'new' work they have put in.

Peter Hopwood

Principal



Congratulation to the children who received R.E.A.L certificates for Term 2, Week 7—5/06/2026

Room	Student
2	King Blaise Ndayambaje
5	Emmy Tomlins
7	Jet Troon-Bricknell
8	Isabella Loto
9	Kavaeus Auckram
10	Oakleigh Hyde
12	Archie Davies
13	Rylan Murphy
14	Meer Patel
15	Lucas Tretheway
16	Nico Hillis
17	Sam Henderson
18	Chloe Morales
19	Braxton Fraser
20	Theo Garrett (absent – was in Life Ed Bus when certificate presented).
21	Te Manu Pennicott

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.

Skyla Butterfield Isaiah Corpuz Eli Lawry

Aadhi Anoop Aishu Anoop



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

WANTED!

We need donations of children's clothing for the Medical Room. In particular boys and girls trousers of all sizes.

So if you are cleaning out your children's clothes they no longer fit or require we would love to take them off your hands would appreciate any donations for our children— kindly please drop into the office.

If your child arrives home in clothes other than their own due to getting dirty or soiled, can you please ensure that they are returned to the office washed for other children should the need arises.
Many clothes are not coming back to school.

Thanking you in advance!



Accounts

Your child's account wil*l 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. Also any unpaid sports fees will be added as well. We would appreciate payment before the end of term two.

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 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.

Community Notices

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



Friday 19 June is…….

"Fluro Friday"!

Come to school dressed in your brightest colours and don't forget your gold coin for the Coin Trail to support Hato Hone St John!

School Disco Reminder—Friday 19 June

This is on the same day as "Fluro Friday".

More details will be posted on School Stream closer to the time…..

REMINDERS—

- Sports fees are to be paid to school as soon as possible.
- Cellphones to be handed into the office
- All medicines are to be handed into the office for safe keeping and an Administer Medical Form completed
- Office to be notified of lateness or early pickup as students must be checked in or out through the office.
- Keep the office up to date with any changes to personal information already held.

There have been a few reported cases of head lice in the school. Please see below for more information



Head lice

What are head lice?

Head lice are small, flat insects that live and lay eggs on the human scalp. They are sometimes called nits, kutis, kutu bugs, utu or riha. They live on the hair and feed by sucking blood from the scalp. They are pale grey (before feeding) and reddish brown (after feeding). They can look like grains of sand or dandruff. Head lice do not carry or pass on disease.

Who can get head lice?

Anyone can get head lice. They are a common problem and cause concern and frustration for parents and children. Catching head lice has nothing to do with poor hygiene.

How do people get head lice?

People get head lice from head to head contact with someone who already has head lice. This can easily happen when children play or sleep together and their heads touch. Head lice can only crawl from hair to hair. They can't fly or jump from head to head. Head lice only survive on humans. They die quickly when they are not on the head, usually within 24 hours.

How do I check for and treat head lice?

Head lice can live all over the head but particularly like warm places behind the ears, around the bottom of the hair line, and on top of the head. Treatment of head lice is usually by physical methods (wet combing) or chemical/herbal treatments. You don't need to buy expensive products to get rid of head lice. You can buy a fine-tooth head lice comb from your pharmacy. See instructions on the following page. If you choose to use a chemical or herbal treatment, speak to your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for advice about what treatment to use and how to use it. Never use fly spray, kerosene or treatments intended for animals – these may harm children and adults.

If you find live head lice or eggs on your child's scalp, use the wet comb method to get rid of as many nits as soon as you can. Remember to check everyone in the house for nits as well. Use the wet comb method every day on everyone who has nits. You can stop once you find no lice or eggs for 3 days in a row. Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

Check for lice and eggs whenever you are brushing your child's hair or any time they are scratching their head.

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Head lice - checking and treating with wet comb & conditioner

Wet combing with conditioner and a fine tooth nit comb (without using chemicals) is an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly.

It can take up to an hour to remove all live lice and eggs. It depends how thick and long the hair is.

- Make your child comfortable and let them read their favourite book or watch their favourite programme or movie.
- Comb or brush out knots with an ordinary comb. Put lots of conditioner through wet or dry hair.
- Start at the scalp and go all the way down to the hair ends.
- Comb conditioner through hair, using an ordinary comb.
- Change to a fine-tooth head lice comb and comb sections of your child's hair.
- Comb from the roots to the ends of the hair.
- After each comb, wipe the conditioner on to a paper towel or tissue.
- Check the tissue or paper towel for lice and eggs. They're small so look closely!
- Comb every part of the head, section by section. Comb each section at least 4 or 5 times before moving on to the next section.
- Rinse out conditioner.
- If you find lice or eggs, repeat these steps every day until you find no lice for 3 days in a row.
- Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

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

Please refer to the recent School Stream notice regarding **Pharmacy Minor Ailment Scheme.**

There is a lot of good reading in the below link regarding the recent Government funding treatment for some minor conditions through community pharmacies.

https://healthify.nz/medicines-a-z/p/pharmacy-minor-ailment-scheme

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.

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 –12.20pm, 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

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