Newsletter Whā E rua tekau ma waru Haratua 2026

Donovan Primary 28 May 2026 Issue 4

From the Principal's Desk

Kia Ora.
Haere Mai to this newsletter.

As promised here is some information about how to interpret the new report requirements.

So the next part of our learning is that each child is only judged against their current year level.
So every year they have a new set of expectations to meet.
For struggling learners this could look like they are not making any progress. For some children they could be working a whole year below their current year level but being judged on their year level not where they are working.

Therefore children could have developing/consolidating or emerging on both reports this year. Which looks like they are making no progress when they actually are!
The narrative of how they are doing is a more realistic guide for some children plus the Parent Interview to talk about how your child is engaging with the work.

A one size fits all system just doesn't meet the needs of our many and varied learners.

By the time you get this newsletter Junior Swimming will have started. Check the calendar for the 10 sessions of Junior Swimming.

Our school Cross Country (Y3-6) was held least week in weather perfect conditions. Many children surprised themselves and achieved great results.

We had no one that gave up, well done on your resilience and drive. A big shout out to our parent helpers and our P.A.L.S children.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Important Dates

May
Tues 26-28 -Jnr swimming

June
Mon 1 –King's Birthday– closed
Tues-Fri 2 – 4 -Jnr swimming
Tues-Fri 9-12 -Jnr swimming
Fri 12 - Southland X Country
Tues 1- BOT meeting
Fri 19-Disco

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

May
29-Snr/Middle 1.30pm
Junior 2.15pm
June
5-Whole school 1.30pm
12-Snr/Middle 1.30pm
Junior 2.15pm
19-Whole school 1.30pm
26-Snr/Middle 1.30pm
Junior 2.15pm

Middle/Senior Syndicate Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all of the children who ran in our Cross Country at Donovan Park last week. All children did very well and should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to all of our PALs who helped with marshalling, directing children and encouraging and supporting the children as they ran past them. A special thank you to Hannah Forbes who was noticed by many staff members and parents for being especially kind and supportive.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to help out. We really appreciate your support and couldn't do it without you!

Results of the Zone Cross Country following this page……..



















Below are the top 3 placings from each race in our School Cross Country.

8 Year Old Boys
1st - Ryder Blair
2nd - Luke Goddard
3rd - Nihaal Bhandal

8 Year Old Girls
1st - Harper Black
2nd - Isla McLean
3rd - Adelaide Checketts

9 Year Old Boys
1st - Liam Checketts
2nd - Theo Garrett
3rd - George Sutherland

9 Year Old Girls
1st - Emmy Tomlins
2nd - Alana Clark
3rd - Hannah Forbes

10 Year Old Boys
1st - Theo Nally
2nd - Lucas Tretheway
3rd - Onkardeep Singh

10 Year Old Girls
1st - Elsie Buchanan
2nd - Helena Barros
3rd - Sophie Butt

11 Year Old Boys
1st - Arlo Gilkison
2nd - Hunter Ashworth
3rd - Leo Bekhuis

11 Year Old Girls
1st - Monika Adamson
2nd - Brooklynn Armour
3rd - Bailee Buchan

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



Congratulations to the children who received the R.E.AL certificates for Term 2, Week 3, 8 May 2026

Room	Student
2	VJ Vito
5	Amaya Loto
7	Ryder Hoffman
8	Evie Bye
9	Jaxson Branks-Harland
10	Dacklyn Campbell-Fearn
12	Mckenzie Morton
13	Sophie Dawson
14	Olive Robertson
15	Yana Patel
16	Chloe England
17	Aubrey Buckley
18	Koa Harris
19	Nico Dias
20	Angel Haupapa-McIntosh
21	Tate Douds / Dwayne Begya



Congratulations to the children who received the R.E.AL certificates for Term 2, Week 5, 22 May 2026

Room	Student
2	Rosa Cowan
5	Lyla Wilton / Emmy Tomlins
7	Charlie Vaughn
8	Hunter Lloyd
9	Oaklyn Sharpin
10	Jackson Talaifono-Schimanski
12	Willa Sinclair
13	Noah Dias
14	Asiasinga Posada
15	Jake Holder
16	Kaivalya Gogate
17	Harvey Flannery
18	Leeisha Mogan Babu
19	Ammarah Rafiqah
20	Alexis Ballard
21	Freya

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. 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

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.

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Well done to the children who ran in the Kiwi Zone Cross Country yesterday. Everyone tried their best and there were some awesome results!

The **top six children from the 10 and 11 year old races have qualified for the Southland Primary Schools Cross Country** which is on Friday 12 June. Information will be given out sometime in the next few days

Kiwi Zone Results

9 Year Old Girls
2nd - Alana Clark
5th - Emmy Tomlins
6th - Hannah Forbes

9 Year Old Boys
2nd - Liam Checketts
4th - Theo Garrett

10 Year Old Girls
3rd - Elsie Buchanan

10 Year Old Boys
2nd - Arlo Gilkison
3rd - Hunter Ashworth

11 Year Old Girls
3rd - Brooklyn Armour
4th - Monika Adamson
5th - Bailee Buchan

11 Year Old Boys
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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.

Nixon Sutton, Carson Kelly, Lucy Holmes, Kyah Parry, Tegan Russell, Astra Pradham, Maddison Sheat

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—

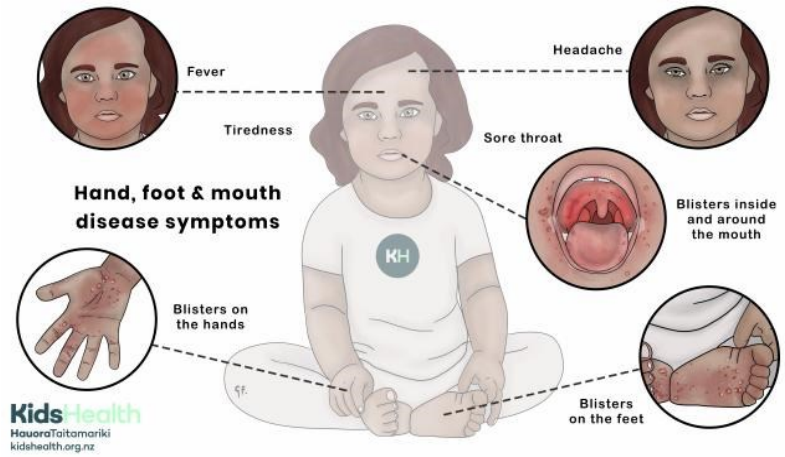
- Sports fees are to be paid to school as soon as possible.
- Cellphones to be handed into the office
- All medicines are to be handed into the office for safe keeping and an Administer Medical Form completed
- Office to be notified of lateness or early pickup as students must be checked in or out through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

Hand Foot and Mouth

There has been a few cases at school recently, please be aware and familiarise yourself with the symptoms around this illness.

Key points about Hand Foot and Mouth

- Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common viral illness in tamariki (children)
- Tamariki may get red or fluid-filled blisters on their hands, feet or other parts of their body
- Tamariki may also get painful red blisters in and around their mouth,. Other symptoms can include loss of appetite, sore throat, headache and tiredness
- Tamariki with hand, foot and mouth disease usually get better in about 3 to 7 days. Sometimes the rash lasts a bit longer
- **Keep your child at home until they are well again and all the blisters have dried, most tamariki recover without needing much treatment**
- Hand Foot and Mouth is easily caught and spread from person to person by coughing sneezing, contact through mucus, saliva, blisters and faeces from infected persons. Seek



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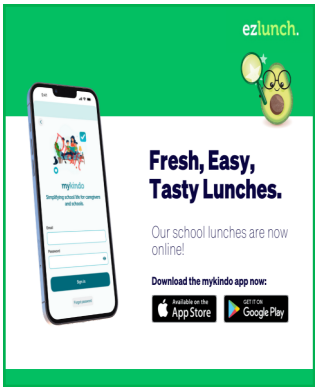
Flying Wasabi is back — now on ezlunch!

Returning from Week 4 of Term 2 - Wednesday 13 May

For some families, this may be the first time ordering Flying Wasabi through Kindo/ Ezlunch since the Lunchonline changeover. Ordering is easy:

Log in to Kindo/Ezlunch: - Use the same email address you used for Lunchonline.

myKindo – Login



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