Newsletter Toru Rua Paenga-whawha

Donovan Primary 2 April 2025 Issue 3

From the Principal's Desk

Nau mai, Haere Mai to this newsletter.
The mornings are getting slightly cooler as we creep towards the end of daylight saving this Sunday (6 April).

Next Week is the last week of term one (we close at 3pm on Friday 11 April) and Easter and Anzac day falls in the middle and second week of the school holidays. We wish all of you who can get a break at Easter to enjoy it and have quality family time with your whole whānau.

Donovan has been busy preparing for our Education Review Office visit next week. We are having Tania Mcdonald and Carole Clarke from ERO with us for two busy days. We are looking forward to their feedback and to show them our school. They will enjoy meeting our learners.

The Board of Trustees have been conducting an appointment process to replace Mrs Helen Fallow. We have appointed Mrs Heather Boniface, to the role and we look forward to welcoming her at the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Boniface comes with a wealth of management experience as well as Principalship experience. Until then, Helen will remain in her role which is great for us. She was retiring at the end of term 1 but has deferred this till the end of Term 2. As a school we will farewell Helen then.

Thank you to those that have been working harder to get learners to school on time. This makes such a difference to how our learners start their day and their work for the day. It is just like a good breakfast, it sets them up for success.

Some housekeeping—don't forget to let the office know of absences, lateness or early pickups. This can all be done through School Stream.
Also please remember to pay for your child's sports when you enrol them. The office does not enjoy chasing up debt that we have had to pay on your behalf. Setting up an automatic payment is an easy and painless option. $5 per week per child is sufficient to cover most yearly costs so long as the payments are regular.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Important Dates

2025
APRIL
Term One ends 11 April 2025

Term Two starts 28 April
May
Mon 26 --Fri 30 Life Education Bus
June
Mon 2 —Kings Birthday School closed
Tue 3-Wed 4 Life Education Bus
Fri 20 June—Matariki—School closed
Term Two ends 27 June

Term Three starts 14 July
Mon14-Wed 16—Jnr swimming
Mon 21-Wed 23 –Jnr swimming
Mon 28-Wed 30 –Jnr swimming
Term Three ends 19 September

Term Four starts 6 October
Mon 27 Oct –Labour Day School closed.
Tue 28-Wed 29 Mid/Snr Swimming
Mon 3-Wed 5 Mid/Snr Swimming
Mon 10-Wed 12 Mid/Snr Swimming
Nov? Senior Camp –Oamaui
Term Four ends—TBA

Public Holidays during term breaks.
Fri 18 Apr—Easter Friday
Mon 21 Apr—Easter Monday
Tue 22 Apr –Easter Tuesday
Fri 25 Apr—Anzac Day
Mon 2 June –Kings Birthday
Fri 20 June –Matariki
Mon 27 Oct –Labour Day
End of Term—To be advised

Assemblies
April
Fri 4- Syndicate Mid/Sen 1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.
Fri 11—Whole School 1.30pm



Congratulations to the above children for receiving a R.E.A.L Certificate on Friday 28 February.
R.E.A.L stands for Resilient, Empathetic, Adaptable, Lifelong Learners and these children have shown these values and thus awarded a certificate to be proud of.

Rm 2 Alex Bound
R15 Maggie Nally
R16 Sam Cook
R20 Tangaroa Waddell
R21 Kassie Burgess
R5 Mya Lord
R6 Lucas Tretheway
R7 Quinn Fraser
R8 Cooper Mahon-Lamb
R9 Evan Rhodes
R12 Madi Duffy
R13 Hugo Egerton
R14 Kaylee Williams-Te Au
R17 Harper Millan
R18 Mason Brown

Well done Donovan whanau.



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R2 Towa Pfiefer
R15 Benjamin Walker
R16 Bintang Walker
R20 Harper Birchfield
R21 Imogen Dunbar
R5 Rayyaan Brink
R6 Madison Short
R7 Hannah Forbes
R8 Mackenzie McNaught
R9 Ellie Gutsell
R12 Rylan Murphy
R13 Chloe Leader
R14 Sienna-Lily Parry
R17 Chloe Dunick
R18 Roland Stewart
R19 Liam Savell

NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to Mogi Lindberg and his family to the Donovan whanau. We hope that they enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.



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 thought we better write an email to let everyone know the Southern Stars came 3rd place in technical at New Zealand National Championships . We are super proud that they gave their all and did their first ever Nationals as they are a new team for some of the girls. It is Miss Monika Adamsons 2nd season. We are all super proud as Southland teams bought it to the Nationals. It was great to see everyone in Southland giving it their all and thank you for all the support .

Southland Athletics Results

Congratulations to all the Donovan students who qualified from Zone Athletics to compete in the Southland Primary School Track and Field Champs held on Saturday 22 March 2025.

Marco Savory 10yr Boys: 2nd 1500m; 2nd 800m;

Hunter Ashworth 9yr Boys: 3rd 800m

Rosa Cowan 9yr Girls: 3rd 100m; 3rd 200m;

Ellazae Vaeau 8yr Girls: 2nd Long Jump

Theo Nally 8yr Boys: 3rd Long Jump

Annabelle Claridge 8yr Girls: 2nd 60m Dash; 3rd 100m

Relays:
10yr Boys 4x100: 3rd Theo Nally, Tangaroa Waddell

9yr Girls 4x100: 2nd Olivia McLean, Reeve Noble, Rosa Cowan

10yr Boys 4x100: 1st Savory Marco, Jhon Rosso
Outstanding effort.

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.

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', 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

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.

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 and cough lozengers)

- 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 doseage 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 –12.30pm, 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

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