Newsletter Whā tekau ma whā Haratua

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From the Principal's Desk



Nau mai, Haere Mai to this newsletter.

Welcome back to Term 2.
Just below is some important information about the changes we are navigating with new guidelines for reporting to parents. To fully implement this we have delayed mid year reports until approximately week 4 term 3 but interviews will still be held at our normal time 24/25 June. How to book your mid year interview will come out soon.

The New Zealand Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a refresh of the national curriculum to ensure it is relevant, fit for purpose and prepares young people for their future. Here are key things parents need to know about these changes:

This will be ongoing for many years-it will continue to evolve and teacher development will also take time as part of the change process. Teachers are working hard incorporating these changes, and as always the needs and interests of your child are at the heart of what they do and classrooms.

The Curriculum is being updated in stages, with new content for English (years 0-6) and Mathematics and Statistics Years (0-8) currently available, Schools have until the beginning of 2027 to fully implement the refreshed national curriculum. The updated curriculum is intended to be more consistent.

For mathematics, the content expected to be taught at each year level has been revised and designed to be internationally comparable. Due to these higher benchmarks in the revised mathematics curriculum, it's possible that your child's initial progress and achievement levels might appear lower as the expectations for what they need to know at each age have increased.

You will continue to receive twice yearly reports on your child's progress in relation to these new learning objectives. Mid and end year reporting is interim until there is more understanding of the curriculum and assessment tools as the government is still looing to release new information and resources to schools.

School Cross County for our middle and senior syndicate is next Tuesday. All information is on School Stream. We are still looking for parent helpers if you can help please. Let the office know ASAP.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Important Dates

2025

Fri 23— Disco
Middles—5.30 - 6.30pm
Seniors—7.00 - 8.15pm
Mon 26 --Fri 30 Life Education Bus
June
Mon 2 —Kings Birthday School closed
Tue 3-Wed 4 Life Education Bus
Fri 6— Disco
Juniors—5.30 - 6.30pm
Fri 20 June—Matariki—School closed
Tues 24-Wed 25
Parent/Teacher Interviews
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
May

Fri 16—Whole School 1.30pm

Fri 23 -Syndicate Mid/Sen 1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.



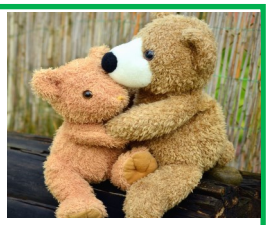
Congratulations to the above children for receiving a R.E.A.L Certificate on Friday 10 May. R.E.A.L stands for Resilient, Empathetic, Adaptable, Lifelong Learners and these children have shown these values and thus awarded a certificate to be proud of.

R1 Ryan Sutherland
R15 Zion Nicholas
R16 Marley Allison
R20 Emilie McManaway
R21 Ace Antonio
R5 Tangaroa Waddell
R6 Jonathan Robertson
R7 Bailee Buchan
R8 Hannah Forbes
R9 Theo Garrett
R12 William Horsburgh
R13 Syrus Selwyn
R14 Aura Tuhi
R17 Hugo Egerton
R18 Keziah Corpuz
R19 Abby Kim

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.

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.
Caspar Mair, Te Manu Pennicott,
Everly Van Lieshout, Taylem Birchfield,
Fern Dunbar, Layla Young, Jackson Talaifono-Schimanski,
Braxton Young, Nina Casey.

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

Donovan Disco

Friday 23rd May

Middle 5.30-6.30pm & Senior 7pm-8.15pm

Theme: Favorite Sports person or Movie Character

$2 Entry or $5 Entry and Disco pack

Disco pack includes 1 chips, 2 chocolates, 2 glow sticks and water

Canteen items for sale -
Subject to availability
Chocolate and Ice Blocks 50c
Chips and Water $1
Glow sticks and glow items
available 50c to $3



Please drop off and pick up your children from INSIDE the school foyer.
No children will be allowed to go without an adult collecting them.

Junior Disco will be held on Friday 6 June. More information to follow.



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

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.

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.