Newsletter Waru e Tekau ma Waru Mahuru

Donovan Primary 18 September 2025 Issue 8

From the Principal's Desk

Kia ora and haere mai to this newsletter.

Here we are again, rapidly approaching the end of Term 3.

We are preparing for the big activities in Term 4. Years 5/6 learners head off to camp in the first 3 weeks of Term. In the holidays get the gear sorted. Who knows what the weather will bring. Thanks in advance to the parents coming with us. It is always so much fun and a huge memory moment for our learners. As soon as camp season is over we are straight into swimming for Years 3/6. In the holidays sort out the togs/goggles and swimming bags then you will organised and set to go.

While you are in your diaries, especially our parents of Year 6 learners going to high school. Hold the 11 December for our graduation ceremony. It will start at 6.30pm in our school hall. Each graduates family will be given 4 tickets, so we can all safely fit in. We have 72 great children to celebrate. Prize giving will be the 12 December in the afternoon and will also be in the school hall. We will be limiting the numbers for this event. Keep an eye out on school stream for when the details arrive.

If you are not planning on returning next year or have a 5 year old yet to enrol, please let us know as soon as possible, This really helps with our planning for next year.

Well done to our gym teams and school choir who have been for the gym festival and sing out festival. They all did us proud and I thank all the staff who helped prepare them for these experiences.

Enjoy the change of pace in the break, and fingers crossed for loads of outside in the sun

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Important Dates

2025

SEPTEMBER
Term Three ends 19 September

Term Four starts 6 October

OCTOBER
Wed 8 Oct - Rm16 Camp
Mon 13 Oct —Rm15 Camp
Wed 15 Oct Rm20 Camp
Sun 19 Oct –Rm2 Camp
Tue 21 Oct –Rm21 Camp
Fri 24 –Teacher Only day – school closed.
Mon 27 Oct –Labour Day School closed.
Tue 28-Thur 30 Mid/Snr Swimming

NOVEMBER
Tue 4-Thurs 6 Mid/Snr Swimming
Mon 10-Thurs 13 Mid/Snr Swimming
Tue 25—BOT meeting

DECEMBER
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.

Public Holidays during term breaks.
Mon 27 Oct –Labour Day

Assemblies

Fri 19 Sept–Whole assembly



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

Sophie Leader Rm 2,
Patrick Sales Rm 15,
Jonathan Robertson Rm 16,
Harper Birchfield Rm 20,
Hunter Townson Rm 21

Hartley Malcoln Rm 5,
Ruby Wilson Rm 6,
Indie Wilson Rm 7,
Kahlani Giles Rm 8,
Ellie Gutsell Rm 9

James Edgerton Rm 11,
Grayson Keen Rm 12,
Indie Bell Rm 13,
Blair Dakers Rm 14,
Caspar Mair Rm 17,
Sophie Dawson Rm 18,
Mackay Egerton Rm 19

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 Te Awa Hamlin, Kaia Hamlin, John Griffin, Nikau Hamlin and Shevon Hapugoda.

We hope they and their families all 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



Gym Festival was a great success on Sunday 14. We had 51 students competing and they looked fabulous and performed so well.

Since our last newsletter we also had Polyfest Festival where we had children performing in Kapa haka and Pasifika. The picture that follow are just a sample of the students who performed.







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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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