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Hello! This is the first newspaper for 2025 written by the School Council!

My name is Yumo and I am one of the School Councillors this year along with Chloe, Lila, Imogen, Benjamin, Jack, Alexie, Avery, Lucy, Hunter and the School Leaders this year... Maggie and Towa!!! I'm quite sad that this is my (and the other School Councillors) last year at Donovan. Being a year six this year, actually feels quite weird. I just can't begin to ponder about how this is my last year. Just the thought of it is quite sad as I'll be off to High School next year. But I'm glad that I made it into the School Council this year so I can take part in keeping our school nice.

The School Councillors were selected early in the term. Everyone who wanted to join the School Council had to do a speech. They did the speech in front of the whole Senior Syndicate and there were many sights during the speeches. Avery tried to shoot people with a water gun (it failed), Patrick brought his trombone and played it (he meant to play a song but his slider got stuck), and much more. After the students had heard everyone's speech, there was an election. Students were allowed to vote for two candidates that they thought would be a good school counselor. Twelve people were elected and became your School Councillors this year!

The School Councillors are asked to take part in patrolling our school one day every week and handing out a Kaitiaki slip. They are like green slips and if you get pulled out from the Kaitiaki slip box, you get a chocolate egg, and a special pencil from Mr Hopwood, our principal.

The School Councillors can sometimes even run the Senior and Middle syndicate assembly and the Junior Syndicate assembly. We do all the normal assembly stuff in the two assemblies.



The 2025 School Leaders and School Council

There is also the Tidy Kiwi award, an award to the tidiest classroom in the school, which also gets a treat. The Tidy Kiwi award is given out every two weeks and there are two School Councillors who choose which class gets the award.

The Councillors also got the privilege of helping with the Junior Athletics (run, jump and throw). Two councillors went with one class and helped the teachers. They played games, ran, jumped, and threw.

By Yumo Shi

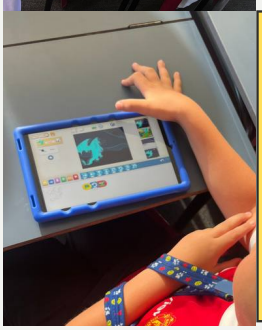
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This term has been a VERY busy term!
The whole school had a visit from Mr Yipadee, an Author who entertained us all.
We also had Senior and Middle Athletics Day. Some people who either got first, second or third went to Zones at Makarewa. Donovan Primary had 24 students go to Southlands representing Kiwi Zone.
This term has been a sun hat term because it is Term 1 and it has been very sunny and hot.
The Juniors (youngest kids at school) had their Athletics Day too. They had an obstacle course. They also did long jump, high jump, egg and spoon races, throwing quoits and lastly their running races.
The whole school has been doing Ko Wai Au? Who Am I? and each class has been getting to know each other and where we are from.
Library has started back up. Same with PAL (Physical Activity Leaders) at lunch times and Road Patrol who keep people safe while crossing the roads. Kapa haka and Pasifica have started as well for all ages. Chess Club with Ms Keen is running on Fridays and Donovan ukulele with Miss Ormond and percussion with Miss Wheeler are all up and running. Choir has had the sign ups but this does not start until Term 2.
We have done cricket and hockey skills with people from Cricket Southland and Hockey Southland, where we had heaps of fun.
The whole school has started PRIME Math.
Some Senior girls had a sports day called Fern Fever.
The people who signed up for Rippa Rugby had a tournament with 12 students in it. They won all their games!
Seniors have opened the gear shed at lunches.
Juniors have started PMP with Mrs Carlene.
And guess what...Miss Holland is back in the Seniors and Miss Hall is back in the Juniors. Mrs Nally and Miss Gerken are CRT teachers. They have their own class that they run and each class gets their turn to have fun for a day once a fortnight including doing Science! It really has been a busy term!

By Imogen Dunbar

Room 16 practicing Coding with the Invercargill Public Library ladies.



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Term 1 Sports

In Term 1 for sports we have done a total of 7 sports!

We have done Futsal which has a total of six teams. They play on Monday afternoons.

Donovan also has a whopping 12 teams for Touch. All of Donovan's stunning Touch teams play on Thursday afternoons.

Donovan's amazing Cricket teams play on Wednesday afternoons. They have seven incredible teams.

Donovan also has 3 outstanding Waterpolo teams. Oh! You would want to see them play! They play on Friday afternoons at Splash Palace.

We also have one Kī O Rahi team (only the Seniors can play) anyways, they only play on Thursdays.

Donovan also played at a Rippa Rugby Tournament. They won an incredible 5 out of 5 games! They played at Rugby Park (the Seniors could only play).

Some action shots from Junior Athletics Day





Room 19 having Hockey Fun!





We also have Jump Jam (all Syndicates) starting up in Term 2. They do a massive Jump Jam Festival. It starts from 9:00am for the Juniors. 10:00am for the Seniors and Middles. It ends around 3:00 or 4:00pm.

Guess what else is happening?
Hockey sign ups! Me, myself, might be playing hockey! Hockey starts up in Term 2 and ends in Term 3.

And that is what's been going on for Donovan's sports in Term 1.



By Towa Pfiefer.

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The PALs ran a Tug of War Championship for the Middle and Senior Syndicates at the end of this term. All of the classes played each other and then the top two teams competed in the final. Congratulations to Room 7 for winning the Middle Syndicate Championship and Room 2 for winning the Senior Syndicate Championship. A lot of fun was had by everyone - Well done!!

































A huge congratulations to our team that went to Rugby Park to compete in the Rippa Rugby Carnival on March 26th - Marco Savory, Jhon Rosso, Jack Hamilton, Mason Megee, Shema Ndayambaje, Tangaroa Walker, Harper Cook, Harper Bye, Rosa Cowan, Olivia Murphy, Olivia McLean and Lucy Townson. Also a special mention to Kendall Forde who unfortunately was unable to play on the day, but attended training leading up to the Carnival. They played really well and displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship. We won all five games and had lots of fun. Thank you to the parents who came down to support the team. A special thanks to Hayden Bye for assisting with transportation and helping out on the day.

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An Interview with Mrs Fallow

What is your favourite Donovan memory?
The Colour Run. I love how everyone participated. School Camps. When teachers play the students at sport. Seeing everyone go through the school and when the Choir sings beautifully.



How many years have you been working at Donovan?
Since Donovan opened. 11 years teaching and 9 years as A.P.

Why have you enjoyed your time at Donovan?
Of course I have loved my time at Donovan and it has a nice family feel. I would still be here if my family was here.



Have you worked at a different school?
I have. Waikiwi School that closed and became Donovan with two other schools.

Where are you going after you retire and why?
New Plymouth. I have two daughters up there with their families.

What is your favourite colour and why?
Orange and yellow because they are bright happy colours and they always make people smile. And green as it is a nice calming colour.





Can you speak a different language?
No, not fluently.

What are you doing over the holidays?
I am going to read some books, go for some long walks and catch up with friends I don't see during the term. But most of the time I'll be up in New Plymouth.

What other roles have you had at Donovan?
Classroom teacher and leader of the Middle Syndicate. I also have organised some sports.

By Maggie Nally

Room 6 have had a busy term!





Mr Yipadee entertaining the whole school!



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Superhero

Once upon a time there was a superhero who went by the name of- dun dun dunnnnnn- Super Sage!! Evil-doers feared the name so they referred to her as … Double S.
On Monday SS would give up her morning and stand out in the freezing cold, just so she could help people cross the road safely.
Then on Tuesday SS flew all the way down to the hockey turf and assisted the young females in participating in six different activities; all while sporting her trendy yellow duty jacket. She called it: Fern Fever.
After that (would you believe it!) Wednesday came and rather than sitting in her headquarters she shared her vocal prowess with an ensemble of beautiful young voices.
By the time Thursday rolled around all SS wanted to do was put her feet up and chillax, but alas! She was busy on the blower, pleading with relievers to come and fill the gaps, and what great ones she finds too!
Finally Friday. Now SS willingly volunteers to stand up and lead the innocent young children in the National Anthem.
But wait! There's more! Not only does she do that but sometimes addresses the sea of young, impressionable eyes in a lecture of advice.
By the weekend word has leaked out about SS's true identity:
Mrs Fallow.
She enjoys her weekend activities: catching up with friends, going for walks, baking, and tending to her garden.
But not for long! Monday is just around the corner…

By Maggie Nally







Room 2 participating in Hockey drills and skills with Will from Hockey Southland.





