2025 Term 2

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School Council Newspaper

Welcome to Term 2! We have had a lot happening this term.

First up was Cross Country. The Middles and Seniors ran at Donovan Park which was very muddy. The Juniors ran at school and had to jump over bales of hay.

Rooms 2, 6 and 16 had student teachers take control of the classroom for 10 days. It was a long time but it was heaps of fun.

We also had a Support Staff (office staff, the school janitors, teacher aides and many others) week. Everyone showed their thanks by making cards and giving them treats.



School Council and Leaders with their fabulous coin trail creation for the St John appeal.

This term we have been working with our CRT teachers to research different Myths and Legends.

The Harold Bus came to visit Donovan. The Juniors learned about Healthy Food, the Middles learned about Good Hygiene and the Seniors learned about Puberty.

As you can tell we have been busy but this is only the start.

There have been 2 public holidays this term. Kings Birthday and Matariki. For Matariki, we learned about all the different stars, their names and what they mean.

We had Fluro Day to raise money for Hato Hone/St John. We also ran a colouring competition and 3 winners from each syndicate got picked. Even Kate and Shelby the dog made a surprise visit.

The school discos were a big hit because we had new foam light sticks.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Mrs Fallow this term. The whole school, even the teachers are making a portrait of Mrs Fallow. We are having a very special assembly for her on the last Friday of school.

And finally, what every kid dreads! It is PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS! Hopefully you're in the teacher's good books!
Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you back for another busy time in Term 3.

By Avery Schiller

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School Council Happenings

This term the School Council has been in charge of helping run events and carrying out school duties. One of the events we have helped with was the school discos. We chose the dress-up themes for each disco, got song requests from every class and on the night we danced our socks off. We gave out prizes for best dressed, best dance moves and at the end of the night, we helped pack up.

Junior Cross Country was held on the backfield in May and the School Council was given the task of helping set up the course, moving hay bales and putting in flags. We also took turns running with the Juniors to show them where to go and to encourage them.

A highlight for the School Council was Fluro Day where we all dressed up brightly for St John. We collected donations from each classroom and got creative making a coin trail in the shape of an ambulance. Yumo and I announced how much was raised at the Whole school assembly, $465.00

Other than running events we also do duties around the school like Kaitiaki which involves 2-3 School Council members walking around the school during morning tea and lunchtimes. When we find someone being amazing we give them a yellow slip which goes into a prize draw at the whole school assembly. A Kaitiaki only gives out one yellow slip a day so it's a pretty big deal to get one and an even bigger deal to get pulled out of the draw.

Another duty is Tidy Kiwi where 2 School Council members go around to look at the school classrooms and cloak bays at different times during the week and award the tidiest class with the Tidy Kiwi Award.

Lastly, we run syndicate assemblies each fortnight. 2 School Council members run the assemblies. It's a fun opportunity to speak in front of the school.

By Ben Walker



Check out what the talented Middles and Juniors have been doing with Ms Gerken in Room 10. From dioramas to neon carvings - all based on pūrākau.

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Term 2 Sport and Cultural News

It's been a really busy term for sports and cultural events.

Netball has been going very well with 2 Middle teams and 4 Senior teams representing Donovan at ILT Stadium Southland. It was played on a Thursday.
The **Hockey** season started this term on a Wednesday with some cold nights. There are 1 Junior, 2 Middle and 2 Senior teams.
There are about 130 students learning **Jump Jam** routines at the moment getting ready for performances in Term 3. It's great to have so many kids involved.
The **Choir** has been running this term and you can always hear beautiful singing in the hall on a Wednesday at lunchtime. Choir is getting ready for the Singout at the end of Term 3.
Polyfest prep is underway with the **Kapa Haka** and **Pasifika** groups practicing. These groups practice throughout the week at lunchtimes.
Ukelele has been jamming out to songs. They practice on a Tuesday lunchtime and sometimes they even practice with the Middle Kapa Haka.
The **Swimming Champs** was held at the start of term at Splash Palace. There were 5 people that entered and they did very well.
The **Putangitangi** (Competition Kapa Haka) group has been practicing and has recently performed at Rowena Jackson. They practice during lunchtimes at school and on a Friday after school.

Matariki weaving in Room 21.





Room 9s Touch of Autumn Artwork

The **Netball Festival** was held at ILT Stadium. There were 2 teams of Year 5 and 6 students that went. They were called Steel and Sting. The Netball Festival was a fun day and everyone who wanted to participate could. Scores were not taken as it was a fun event. Everyone that went got to dress up.
Chess Club had a competition at Salford School hall. Seven students from Donovan went to this. Each member played 6-7 games and guess what? One of the Donovan teams won the whole competition. Thank you to Ms. Keen for organising this.

As you can see this term was really busy with sporting and cultural events.

By Lucy Townson

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An Interview with Mrs Carlene

Mrs Carlene is the amazing lady that runs the school library! A place we all love to go. When not busy doing that, she is a Teacher Aide in many of the classes at school.

Favourite Food: Sushi
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Hobby: Reading
Favourite Flower: Freesia
Favourite Book Genre: Mystery
What do you like to do in your own time? Crafts, read and bake.



What did you do before you worked at Donovan?
I worked at Busy Bodies.

What do you like best about Donovan Primary?
The children and staff.

What is the best part of your job in the library and as a Teacher Aide?
Greeting kids when they come in, doing displays in the library and working with children.

What's your favourite thing about being a part of the staff at Donovan?
Everyone has a good sense of humour and also the support.



If you were to change anything in the school, what would it be?
4 day weeks!

Is there anything you would like to see added to the school?
A bigger library.

What is your favourite time of the year at school?
The last term.

What was a highlight of 2024 for you?
The camp concert.

What has been your favourite memory from your years at Donovan?
Working with Mrs Allan.

How long have you worked at Donovan?
I have worked at Donovan for 19 years.

By Chloe Woodrow



Room 17 with their Harold Art after a visit to see him and learn about healthy food.

Just some of the wonderful Matariki Art on display in Room 7.

