2025 Term 3

PŪTANGA O NGĀ TĀONGA

School Council Newspaper

Kia ora

My name is Jack Hamilton and I am part of the School Council. I'm writing the Term 3 Newspaper.

At the start of the term, Ms Boniface started as Associate Principal and she is doing amazing. We love seeing her out at Road Patrol every morning.

In Week 4 the whole school did Retells and every single student did so well, but there were four people who won and they were:

Yumo Shi - Seniors
Lucas Tretheway - Middles
Thomas Savell - Juniors
Cameron Adams - Junior Poetry

Congratulations to you all.

Choir did the ILT Singout on Wednesday, 10 September. They have been practicing since the start of Term 2.

The Junior, Middle and Senior Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups performed at the ILT Stadium Southland on Thursday in Week 6.

We have been lucky to have student teachers in Room 2, 6, 13, and 16. They have been training to become teachers for their years to come.

Lots of classes have been in the hall doing gymnastics this term while it has been raining.

The whole school has been working on PRIME Math. PRIME Math is another type of math which is very easy to understand.

The Year 6 students have been to High School Open Days and had been hoping they get into the one they wanted, and most of them have. Good luck for next year, Year 6s.

Some of the teachers have been closing the front field because of the weather and muddy grass. In Week 8 the whole school had a hot chocolate day. We all had to pay $2.50 each. Thank you to the PTA for doing this for us.

Every lunch we have something on like Drama, Ukulele, PALs, Chess, and the library is open too. We also had the Out of School Music concert in the hall.

The Seniors have done stop motion with people from the Invercargill Public Library. We have been in groups for Market Day and some art. We have had PAT tests in Week 10 and had a lady come in to teach us about dangerous decibels.



Room 12 are learning about reduce, reuse and recycling rubbish to keep our sea turtles and creatures safe from harm.

The Middles have been learning about space and have been doing words alive and poetry writing.

The Juniors have been swimming at Splash Palace and have been learning about te reo Māori language and Spring.

In the CRT rooms we have been doing technology challenges.

The Seniors are really looking forward to camp!

REMINDER - remember your sun hats for term 4 because it's sunhat term.

By Jack Hamilton

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Term 3 Sports

Hi, I am Hunter Swain, and I am your Term 3 Sport Reporter for 2025.

First up is the culture category of our school.
The Kapa Haka and Pasifika groups along with the Ukulele group from Junior, Middle and Seinor all performed at Polyfest during August. The Putangitangi group are practicing hard for their performance in term 4. They have been visiting rest homes to help them perform in front of an audience.
Miss Wheeler has been working with the choir of 40 students who performed at the Civic Theatre for Sing out.
A whopping 135 students got to perform on the stage for Jump Jam. One team placed in each of the categories that were judged. All the students received certificates for participating.

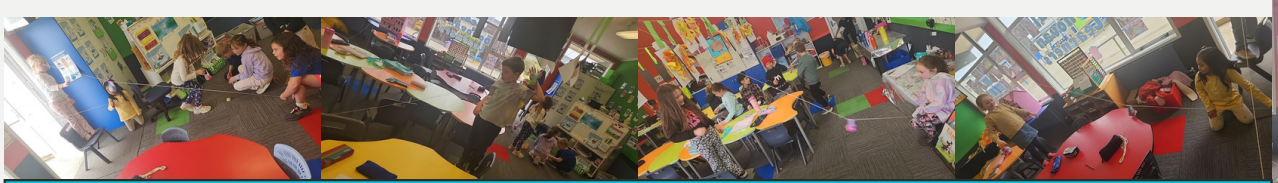
It has been a busy term for sports. Thanks to all the coaches and parent helpers that helped with all our sports teams. We can not play without you. I hope everyone enjoyed playing their sports this term.
Hockey is now finished for the year. We had 4 teams competing. Tag Touch was sweaty and fast paced and has now finished for the year. We had 5 teams from year 4-6.
The Gymnastics teams competed on the 14th September, with a total of 8 teams participating. I hope everyone had fun, as I know I enjoyed it.
Netball only have a couple more games to play for the year 5 and 6 teams.
Lots of sports are starting next term with Miniball, Cricket and Waterpolo all happening. I can't wait to get into my summer sports.

So that's it from me. Hunter Swain signing off
Thank you

By Hunter Swain



Technology challenges with Miss Gerken. Building a new bridge for the 3 Billy Goats Gruff so they can get some tasty grass and not have to deal with the troll.





Technology challenges with Miss Gerken. Getting the teddy bears safely to the picnic over the crevasse on a zip-line.

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Term 3 School Council Report

Hi, my name is Alexie. I am a part of the School Council. The School Council have been doing their important jobs around the school like Kaitiaki and looking around the school, checking kids are okay and giving the Kaitiaki slips out to kids doing the right thing.

We also get to inspect the classrooms and find the winner for the Tidy Kiwi. Everyone always loves winning the prize. The most recent winner was Room 16 given by Lila and Alexie. Their room was very clean.

Another duty we have is hosting assemblies. They have been going good. Everyone has done a great job talking into the microphone. A big thank you to the Senior Kapa Haka for staying behind and helping with the Junior assemblies. The latest people on assembly were Yumo and Alexie, which ran it very smoothly.

Room 18 with their Market Day goodies.



Market Day stalls created by Room 16



A highlight of this Term was definitely hot chocolate and cookie day. A big thanks to the P.T.A. for giving up their time to make hot chocolates while we were running back and forth from class to class. They were always happy to see us!

Thanks to Miss Fosbender for keeping us organised and we look forward to busy Term 4 and all the amazing experiences we are going to have.

By Alexie Blair



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An Interview with Miss Wheeler

An interview with the amazing and crazy fabulous Miss Wheeler!!!!

Favourite Movie: Back to the future
Favourite Song: Huey - The Power of Love
Favourite hobby: Park Run

Favourite Food: Katsu Chicken Bowl
Favourite colour: Pink
Favourite flower: Lily

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Running, Zumba and playing with my kids.

What did you do before you worked at Donovan?
I lived in Dunedin, then I worked at a Summer Camp in America and I became a Mum.

What's your favourite thing about being part of the staff at Donovan Primary?
Laughing with the teachers.

What is the best part about your job?
All the little things that happen everyday and make my heart sing.

What do you like most about Donovan Primary?
I like the kids and the staff. He tangata!

What is your favourite year level to teach?
I love every class I've had.

What is your favourite subject to teach?
Writing and singing.



Junior Kapa Haka

If you were to change anything in the school, what would it be?
I love Donovan!

What is your favourite time of the year at school?
Summer.

Is there anything you would like to see added to the school?
A coffee machine.



Room 19 enjoying their hot chocolate and bikkies

What has been a highlight of 2025 so far for you?
Seeing the Kapa Haka perform, the choir perform and seeing my class learn.

What has been your favourite memory from your time at Donovan Primary?
All the laughs, smiles and aroha.

What have you enjoyed the most about teaching choir?
Seeing the choir get stronger and more confident with so much joy.

By Lila Dunbar