

**Important Dates 2018****July**

*Fri 6 last day Term 2*  
*Mon 23 first day Term 3*  
*Fri 27 Dreamweaver*  
*Tue 31 ICAS English*

**August**

*Tue 14 ICAS Maths*  
*Tue 21 Retell festival*  
*Fri 24 Retell finals*  
*Mon 27 Junior Kapa Haka at Polyfest*  
*Tue 28 Pacifica and Senior Kapa Haka at Polyfest*

**September**

*Tue 18 Sing out rehearsal, 1pm Civic Theatre*  
*Wed 19 Sing out dress rehearsal, 9am Civic Theatre*  
*Wed 19 Sing out performance evening Civic Theatre*  
*Tue 25 School photos*  
*Fri 28 last day Term 3*

**October**

*Mon 15 first day Term 4*  
*Mon 22 Labour Day*

**November****December**

*Mon 17 last day of Term 4*

School Account Number  
**03 1742 0052461 00**  
 For payment of School Account, Sports and Activity Fees. Remember to include name and activity in the reference

**Assembly**

Fri 6 July  
 Full School  
 1:20pm  
Fri 27 July  
 Syndicate  
 1:20pm

**Absences**

**School Stream App**—go to Forms then Absentee Form and complete absence and submit or **text** your absences on 0273 727 070—child's first and last name, class and also reason for absence. (eg. Jane Smith Rm 3 sick.)

**From the Principal's Desk**

Talofa, Kia Ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Well, we are nearly at the end of a very large term. A term of Swimming, Cross Country and reporting to parents.

Many thanks to all our Parents that responded to the Board of Trustees Survey around their initial feedback about the new reporting format. Once we have analysed this, we will let you know the general ideas and thoughts.

Many thanks to the huge number of families that supported us last week allowing Teachers to attend the Paid Union Meeting. As you may be aware from media coverage over the last two days; Principals and Teachers across New Zealand have voted in very large numbers to reject the Government's offer and have voted to engage in industrial action. At this stage it is planned for Wednesday, 15 August. There is still discussion on whether it will be a half day or a full day strike. As Parents in our community, we need your support because the issues we are fighting for will affect all our Schools in the future. Yes, it is about a pay rise, so we can retain and attract people into the profession, but it is also about the workload and conditions for our Teachers in our classrooms. This is not something that Teachers and Principals have entered into lightly. Our profession is at crisis point and things need to be fixed. Otherwise, we will end up with too many children in classrooms, not enough teachers to teach them and people not stepping up into leadership roles in the future.

On that cheerful note, all of us at Donovan Primary thank you for your support this term and wish you a great break with the children.

E noho ra

**Peter Hopwood**  
**Principal**

**BOARD TALK**

June's meeting was a bit of a mid year reflection for the Board. It's always good to see how far you've come and that you are still moving in the right direction!

- ◆ We reviewed and reflected on feedback regarding Donovan's curriculum delivery. This was collected and collated from a parent consultation group. The BOT discussed a 'next steps' plan to continue our work around curriculum delivery in the school. Thanks to those parents who attended this workshop.
- ◆ A survey was prepared for parents to complete at Parent/Teacher Interviews. We value community input into our decisions and thank the community in advance for any feedback provided.
- ◆ The Personnel Policy was reviewed, updated and ratified.
- ◆ The new classroom build is going smoothly - and on time!
- ◆ The BOT revisited comments from the 2017 ERO report to reflect on how well we are implementing their recommendations. So far, so good.

Happy holidays!

## Donovan Primary Newsletter goes Electronic Next Term

As you will already know our newsletter is going electronic from the start of next term. Thank you to those few who have already requested to continue to receive a hard copy or email of our newsletter. Look out for these in the school bag or your inbox. Otherwise, you will find our newsletter on School Stream, Facebook and our website. Please do let us know if you need it emailed to you, if you haven't already done so. Happy reading.

## High School Open Days for Invercargill High Schools

This is an opportunity for you and your year 6 child to have a look at some of the different high school options around the city.

Southland Girls' High School  
Thursday 2 August  
School—3.00pm to 6.30pm  
Hostel—2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Southland Boys High School  
Thursday 2 August  
4.00pm to 7.00pm  
Talk from Principal every half hour. Tour of school and student guides provided.

Verdon High School  
Sunday 29 July  
1.00pm to 3.00pm  
Principal address at 1.15pm.

James Hargest High School  
Sunday 5 August  
12.30pm to 3.00pm.

Aurora College  
Wednesday 1 August  
Time to be confirmed.

Ascot Community  
Day/time to be confirmed.



## Tatum Taulofa Wyatt

donated 17 inches of her own long hair to those who need it. This generous, selfless act of kindness has been recognised with a special certificate from Freedom Hair. The certificate was presented to Tatum at our assembly.

**SCHOOL STREAM:** Thank you to all those parents who have downloaded our School Stream App onto their phones. It is great that we can send you notices and alerts and have most of you know about our latest 'goings on'. What we are finding is that some people have not turned on their notifications. This means that you do not get a ping to your phone when we send something out. So if you are missing out on some important information perhaps have a look at your phone and see if this feature has been activated or not.

## Southland Primary Cross Country Results 2018

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top ten of their age group in the Southland Primary Cross Country held on Friday, 22 June.

10 Year Boys 8th Cairo McDonald  
10 Year Girls 1st Kyra Savory  
11 Year Boys 9th Lucas Duncan  
11 Year Girls 9th Molly Ronald

## Responsible Student Award - Term 2, Week 7

Congratulations to these children who have shown good Donovan Values. Their names were drawn out at assembly. They can choose between a chocolate bar or an item of stationery. Chocolate continues to be a favourite.



**Senior** - Mason Ladbroke, Luke Thomson and Josiah Coe  
**Middle** - Ava Barker, Bradley Leonard and Aaron Russell  
**Junior** - Jacks Henry, Scarlett McDowall and Ella Rowan

## New Students

We welcome our new students:

Izzy Burnby  
Reece Kempton  
Carter Keen

We hope they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

## Lost Property

### Do any of these items belong to you?

Please keep checking our lost property, which will be on display outside the hall on Friday's. If your clothing is named, then it can be returned to the student. Any items remaining at the end of term will be donated to charity.



## Please provide safe containers when sending heat-ups to school.

For the safety of students and canteen staff, please ensure you provide suitably sturdy and heat-resistant containers when sending heat-ups to school. Plastic bags are not suitable for hot food nor any other flimsy type of plastic.

## Please remember to include a fork or spoon in the lunchbox.

A reminder that students do need to bring forks or spoons from home if they are needed i.e. forks for noodles or spoons for yoghurts/jellies and the like.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

The latest issue of **Tots to Teens** is out, and has a fantastic new phone and computer friendly digital version for parents to view. This is a free community parenting resource for kiwi families. Your link is <https://readymag.com/TOTSTOTEENSSouthIsland/>.



**Jiangsu International Painting Contest** is open to Invercargill children aged 4 to 12 years. The purpose of the contest is to highlight the friendship between the younger generation of Jiangsu's 13 cities and those in Sister Cities around the world. Get your entry form from [www.icc.govt.nz/your-council/sister-city/](http://www.icc.govt.nz/your-council/sister-city/).

**Junior Kids' Cooking School** Southland Boys' High School are running a Junior Kids' Cooking School in the upcoming school holidays. All profits raised from the Cooking School will be going toward enabling the boys in the SBHS Culinary Team to compete at the National Hospitality Championships in Auckland on 11 August 2018. Contact Southland Boys' High School Office to obtain a form. Register before 4.00 pm Friday 6 July.

**Family Earthcraft Day** is on Saturday 7 July. Demonstrations and 'have a go' at spinning, knitting, dyeing, sewing, weaving, felting and more old-style crafts. Aparima College Hall, 33 Leader Street, Riverton, 10am to 4pm. Gold coin entry. For more information go to [www.sces.org.nz](http://www.sces.org.nz) or email us at [office@sces.org.nz](mailto:office@sces.org.nz).

**Cycling Southland** are now taking registrations for the Term 3 Learn to Ride Track block for 2018. This offers beginner children, aged 10 and up, an introduction to track cycling at the SIT Zero Fees Velodrome. Minimum height restriction 130cm. Starts Wednesday 25 and Friday 27 July, from 4-5pm, and runs until the end of school term. Select either a Wednesday or Friday but not both. \$85 fee includes, track hire, bike hire, coach, water bottle and certificate. Email [office@cyclingsouth.org.nz](mailto:office@cyclingsouth.org.nz) or phone 219 9325 or visit [www.cyclingsouth.org.nz](http://www.cyclingsouth.org.nz) to register online.

**Southland Basketball** - Term 3 Southland Shooters Programme (for years 5 and 6) as well as information on Holiday Programmes are available on our website [www.basketballsouthland.co.nz](http://www.basketballsouthland.co.nz). Registration links can be found here also.

### Invercargill City Library

This July we are excited to be offering a range of activities for kids, teens and families. Check out the programmes listed on <http://ilibrary.co.nz/julyschoolholidays/>. Also, information on The Great Indoors Winter Reading Challenge for all ages can be found on [ilibrary.co.nz/the-great-indoors-winter-reading-challenge-for-all-ages/](http://ilibrary.co.nz/the-great-indoors-winter-reading-challenge-for-all-ages/). Be sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with any upcoming Library closures or room changes that may happen due to the Library Refurbishment project.

### Kennedy School of Music

We are taking enrolments for term 3 right now for private music tuition. For more information contact details are: email [kennedyschoolofmusic@gmail.com](mailto:kennedyschoolofmusic@gmail.com), [www.facebook.com/kennedyschoolofmusic](http://www.facebook.com/kennedyschoolofmusic), 217 2780 or 021 133 9799.



## THE DONOVAN CANTEEN NEEDS HELPERS

### GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, AUNTIES

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP IN OUR CANTEEN  
EITHER FOR HEATUPS OR FRIDAY MENU SERVICE

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM**



Room 10 had a great Pita Pit lunch with the Sharks courtesy of Pita Pit Tay Street.



### Future Ferns Netball - Year 5/6

What a great season the Donovan Year 5/6 Netball teams had. Here is a picture of the Donovan Diamonds with 2 Steel players. The Donovan Diamonds won their grade, with the Donovan Dreams coming 3rd and the Delights 6th. A big thank you to the coaches who helped out this year. Kellie Ronald and Pam Keast.



### Miniball

Entry forms for Miniball (term 3/4) are now on School Stream. These close on 16 August. If you are unable to get School Stream please come to the office to collect a form.