Donovan Primary 12 March 2020 Issue 3

From the Principal's Desk

Talofa, kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Another great week has nearly gone. The mornings are a little cooler, so children need layers to keep them warm first thing and some to take off once the sun is out.

We try and not startup the boiler system till Easter, we will have to see how that goes.

Next week is a huge week at Donovan. On 17 March we have a very exciting day with the 'Trillian Trek'. It used to be called the Variety Bash. The Trek arrives at Donovan very early on Tuesday 17 March. They all breakfast here at 7.30am then just before 9am they cook sausages for our children. We then welcome all of them in the hall, which is followed by presentations of eight donated bicycles to some lucky learners. There will be about 50 vehicles in the Trek and then they are gone about 9.45am to Central Otago. We are the main stop for Southland so very exciting. If you are about, call in.

Then….

The next day is Wednesday 18 March,… our school sports day for Year 3/6 students (Athletics) Everyone is welcome to come and cheer our athletes on and be part of the day. Fingers crossed for great weather. We will advise of any postponement on School Stream or the radio. Postponement day will be Thursday or Friday. Remember to bring a drink bottle, sun hats, sunblock, suitable clothing and a big lunch.

Please keep Thursday 9 April in your diary for the school being closed while we have a Teachers Only day to do our First Aid Qualification.

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Peter Hopwood,
Principal

Important 2020 Dates

March
Wed 18—Athletics
Thur 19—Postponement day
Friday 20—Postponement day
April
Wed 8 Last Day Term 1
Thur 9 Teacher Only Day—First Aid
Fri 10—Easter Friday
Mon 27—Anzac day commemorated
Tue 28—Mid/Sen Swimming
Wed 29—Mid/Sen Swimming
Thur 30—Mid/Sen Swimming
May
Tue 5 –Mid/Sen Swimming
Wed 6 —Mid/Sen Swimming
Thu 7 —Mid/Sen Swimming
Tue 12—Mid/Sen Swimming
Wed 13 –Mid/Sen Swimming
Thur 14 Mid/Sen Swimming
Tue 19 Mid/Sen Swimming
Fri 29 Life Education bus
June
Tue 2—Wed 10 Life Education Bus
Tue 16 Jnr Swimming
Wed 17 Jnr Swimming
Thur 18 Jnr swimming
Tue 23 Jnr Swimming
Wed 24 Jnr Swimming
Thur 25 Jnr Swimming
Tue 30 Jnr Swimming
July
Wed 1 Jnr Swimming
Thur 2 End of Term Two
Friday 3 July—Teacher Only Day
Mon 20 Jul Term 3 Starts
September
Fri 25 End of Term Three
October
Mon 12 Start of Term 4
Fri 23 Teacher Only Day
Mon 26 Labour Day
December
Last Day of Term—TBA

Assembly:
Fri 13 —Whole School Assembly commencing 1.20pm
Fri 20 –Syndicate Assembly Mid/Sen 1.20pm Junior 2pm

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

PTA NOTICES

Easter Raffle
We are again having our very successful Easter Raffle. Tickets have been sent home last week, so check their bags if you have not got a ticket yet. If you do not wish to sell any tickets please send the card back to school asap. The raffle cannot be drawn unless all cards are accounted for.

Could parents please donate something for our Easter Raffle. You can leave your donated items at the school office. Last year we made up over 40 hampers and the recipients were very excited, and they made a really good display in the foyer.

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.)

Please keep the office notified of **any change of details** or **new contact information** e.g. new cell phone number, landline cancelled, change in medical conditions, changes in custody, email address, work details, or home address. We need to keep this information up to date in case your child has an accident or is sick at school. School Stream has a 'contact' form that you can send us electronically.

Lost Property Please keep checking our lost property, which will be on display outside the hall on Fridays. If your clothing is named, then it can be returned to the student.

Canteen Pre Pay Heat Up Card.

From 21 February, you will be able to purchase these through the canteen order form on School Stream. $4 for a term or $15 for an entire year.
You will be charged 50c transaction fee for putting on the credit card. So if you wish to purchase it this way, just go to School Stream and find the Canteen order form and fill it out. Easy!

Accounts: School accounts have been sent home. We are not asking for any donations this year, as we have been able to capitalise the governments funding scheme. The remaining balance will be for Reading Logs, Bible in School Workbook and sports These are items that have incurred an expense to the school, so we would appreciate settlement. You can set up an automatic payment if you wish, and then you can use the credit balance for sports, photos, camp, skiing etc.

The School bank account is 03 1742 0052461 00

Sunhats

Just a reminder that the school sunhat is compulsory for Term 1 and 4. If you have misplaced your sunhat, or it no longer fits, you can purchase a replacement for $20 from the school office.

If your child does not have a school sunhat at school, they will be asked to stay in under the shade during their break times.

Pita Pit School Lunches

School lunches are back in full swing. These can be ordered through www.lunchonline.co.nz. We have had some feedback about issues with that site so if you would prefer you can order on www.pitapit.co.nz. You will need to select "PICK UP" and make note for the SCHOOL it is to be delivered to.

Donovan's lunch order day is **Wednesday.**

Relay for Life—Come and join Donovan Primary at Stadium Southland between 2pm 21 March and 10am 22 March to walk as part of the Donovan Community.

You can register at https://www.relayforlife.org.nz/
Click on the Southland link and scroll down to where it says 'looking for someone'. Type Donovan Primary and register to join our team. It is only $20, which includes a candle bag and candle, Relay for Life t-shirt, breakfast on Sunday morning and 20 hours of entertainment. There will be a family movie played on a big screen on Saturday night too.
The students are excited about being able to support such a great cause.

Gumboot Friday

Donovan Primary will be participating in Gumboot Friday on 3 April. Gold coin donation. More info to follow.

Some wonderful writing from Room 6

The Tiger
Once upon a time there was a fierce tiger that had teeth as sharp as nails. He was camouflaged in a green bush that had sticks. When the tiger was in the bush, he jumped out like a rocket blasting off. When he jumped out, he chased a deer about 3 metres long.
By James Walker

The Tiger
A tiger was hiding in the green bushes. It was going to grab some prey. It leapt into action, but it missed. Luckily the gazelle didn't see him. The tiger leapt at it again and got him.
By Danny Woodrow

The Tiger
I shot a tiger when he was going to get a rabbit. Then the rabbit saw some carrots and got them for his family.
By Jaxon Livingstone

R.E.A.L Award Recipients on Friday - 6 March 2019

Back Row:
Ryan Keen, Ibraham Naveed, Ali Gardner, Krisha Anqui, Caydence Hunt, Nia McCleery, Braxton Wharf

Front Row:
Mia Shaw, Cai Harvey, Reece Kempton, Brodie Goddard, Alexie Blair, Jaxson Reynolds, Ollie Tomlins, Scarlet Hamlin

Absent: Meg Ferguson, Ava Wilson, Lacey Ridder

New Students:

A very special welcome to three new students who started with us since our last newsletter -

Fletcher Halder; Kahurangi Tuau-Tengu; and Jhon Rosso

We hope that they and their families enjoy their time and association with Donovan Primary. Please make them feel welcome to our Donovan family.

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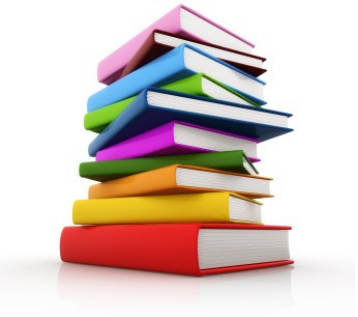
A very special thank you to Northside Sand and Gravel for their kind donation of sand for our Long Jump pit. We appreciate the support that Nathan and the team have given Donovan Primary. Please support those companies that support us.

Scholastic Bookclub



The bookclub has gone home today. It will close off on Thursday 26 March at 3pm. If you wish to place an order please complete the order form and enclose it and the money in a named envelope and drop it off at the office.

You can also order online. If you do this before close off day, the books will come with the school order. If you place an order once we have closed off the orders, you can have it delivered to home but it will cost you an extra fee.

The Invercargill Kendo Club

is offering free classes in term one of 2020. Kendo is the Way of the Japanese Sword. Anyone can practice it – there are no age restrictions. All that is required is a willingness to learn. We have all the equipment people will need, including safety gear.

We train at the Southland Girls' High School old gym at 6 pm on Mondays and Thursdays or 10 am on Saturdays.

Please contact me at gydeon25@hotmail.com or on 0276305542 for more information.

Waihopai Football Club

Looking for Junior players across the grades to play Saturday morning football.
Begins May 2.
For further information contact Waric Cross 0271442784,
Or Gordon Crombie 0272045347, or check the Waihopai AFC face book page for up to date information.

Winton Primary & District High School 150th Jubilee

For any ex students and staff of Winton Primary & District High School, who may now live in the area, our 150th Jubilee celebrations are to be held Labour weekend 2020. Events, at present, will include Friday evening registration with social mix and mingle including drinks and nibbles, Saturday - decade photos, tour of the school, dinner and dance, Sunday morning - informal assembly/service. Pre-registrations can now be made via the link on the school website or https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LUW7LfXeD8KlKr9v-kRv_z_C2XKQR7k2yE89KHg4U3g/edit

This looks like a great activity for children and adults alike

The Total Life Kids Tryathlon (formerly the AMP Kids' Try)

is to be held at Splash Palace & Rugby Park in Invercargill on Sunday, 22nd March 2020.

The pool swim is followed by a multi lap bike ride and then a run following a 'zig-zag' course at Rugby Park Stadium. Entry can be as an individual or in a team of two or three. Cost is $25 per person. Entries close at 4pm on 20 March at the bike shops, or at 5pm on 20 March at Sport Southland or online. Confirm entry or register from 8.30am - 9.30am on Sunday 22 March, and event starts at 10.00am.

Distances:
All ages with no swimming level: wading the learner's pool, 4km bike or 2km scooter, 1.5km run
6 to 10 years: 100m swim, 4km bike, 1.5km run
11 to 14 years: 200m swim, 8km bike, 1.5km run

Each competitor gets a tee shirt, a medal and a drink (courtesy of Fontera). There are three spot prizes of bikes from the Invercargill cycle shops. You must be present to receive the prize. You must wear a helmet and shoes on your bike.
Online entry can be made at http://www.southlandtriclub.co.nz/Events-Jan-Mar/2020-Total-Life-Kids-TRYathlon-1

The 12th Annual Riverton Heritage Harvest Festival - 28th & 29th March 2020

Good food, workshops, talks, demonstrations, old-fashioned children's games, crafts, music, a Ceilidh & a harvest potluck. See the full schedule and book tickets by visiting our website or try booking: Sces.org.nz/events Trybooking.co.nz/DKE Potluck Harvest Feast

Fri 27th March at Fleck's Hall – 7pm Bring a dish along to share! Harvest Ceilidh Evening

Sat 28th March at Fleck's Hall – 7pm Come enjoy live music, good company and called dances!

Athletic Timetable for 2020

	9.30	9.40 10.20	10.20 10.50	10.50 11.20	11.20 11.50	11.50 12.20		12.50 1.20	1.20 1.50	1.50 2.20	2.20 2.50
7 Yr Girls	Meet and get into age groups	60m 1	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	400m 14		Shot	100m 20	Discus	**Finals** **60m** 7G 7B 8B 8G **100m** 9G 9B 8B 8G 7B 7G 10G 10B
7 Yr Boys		Discus	60m 5	High Jump	Game	Long Jump		400m 17	Shot	100m 23	
8 Yr Girls		100m 2	Discus	60m 7	High Jump	Game		Long Jump	400m 21	Shot	
8 Yr Boys		Shot	100m 6	Discus	60m 12	High Jump		Game	Long Jump	400m 22	
9 Yr Girls		800m 3	Shot	200m 8	Discus	100m 13		High Jump	Game	Long Jump	
9 Yr Boys		Long Jump	800m 4	Shot	200m 11	Discus		100m 18	High Jump	Game	
10 Yr Girls		Game	Long Jump	800m 9	Shot	200m 15		Discus	100m 19	High Jump	
10 Yr Boys		High Jump	Game	Long Jump	800m 10	Shot		200m 16	Discus	100m 24	

We will endeavour to hold our school Athletics on Wednesday 18 March. If the weather is not good, we will postpone it through School Stream and try for Thursday 19 or Friday 20 March. This is only for Year 3 to Year 6 children. We cannot run this event without some help from parents. If you are able to come and help, on any or all of the days, for the whole day or part of it, could you please complete the Athletics Helper form on School Stream. We require about 20 people to help man all the events.

Please make sure all the children dress appropriately, have their Donovan Sunhats, have been covered in sunscreen and have plenty to eat and drink. It could be a hot day. Also bring a warm top because it might not be a hot day. As usual we need to be prepared for whatever the weather might be on the day. Everyone is welcome to come and cheer along our Donovan Athletes.

7 DAY FUNDRAISER

15th-21st March 2020

Approximately 135 people in 34 themed cars, buses, trucks and fire engines travel through New Zealand handing out grants, giveaways, sports gear, special needs equipment, laughs, smiles and more to communities, schools and individuals.

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50% Discount

You are be eligible for a half price discount off term 2 when signing up before 10th April 2020

We are offering **have a go discounts** to 3 groups in our club for Term 2 (Mermaids, Mini Dolphins & Dolphins). The value of these groups is between $90-175 per term depending on the group

This will include a free cap to get you started.
Our lessons are for both males and females and we are very proud to be growing our number of male participants

Our lessons for these groups are primarily focused on learn to swim, water safety, Fundamental sculling and synchro components. We cater for all levels from learning to submerge to very competent and confident in swimming.

Groups will be based on your child's ability we will advise the best group to suit your child's ability when you email to sign up. We will also evaluate them on their first session to check their group is the best one to match their ability.

Discount is for Term 4 running from 2nd May till 4th July

Mermaids (4-9yrs) Learners Pool- Schedule:
Saturday: 8-9am

Mini Dolphin (6-10yrs) Deep End - Schedule:
Tuesday: 3.30-4.30pm
Saturday: 9-10am

Dolphin (6-12yrs) Deep End- Schedule:
Tuesday: 4-6pm
Thursday 3.30-4.30pm
Saturday: 8-9.15am

Note: You don't need to be able to make every session time to give it a go in Term 2

Please RSVP by the 10th April 2020 to secure your spot for the 50% off term.

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Donate your loyalty points to them and help them get the resources they badly need.

*Conditions apply. No sale items, accounts, laybys or other loyalty points will be given

More than just a toy shop

A warm welcome from the Board of Trustees to our Donovan families. It was great to see so many parents at the Meet the Teacher evening and we received our biggest number of names as potential "helpers" to the school. Thank you to all those that have signaled they can volunteer some time!

The Board of Trustees had its first meeting of the year on 25 February. I would like to congratulate Aaron Kerr who was elected Deputy Chairperson. The growth in students also means growth in responsibilities and Pete and I are grateful to Aaron to help distribute the workload.

Mr Hopwood presented the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum package to the board and we are excited about its implementation. The wellbeing of students and staff alike is an ongoing focus for the Board this year and we look forward to hearing more about SEL over the coming months.

The Board is investigating options for a fitness/circuit track along the new fence line of the back field which will provide another means of keeping children active both in an out of school.

We are currently reviewing the new road layout at the front of the school with ICC to see if any adjustments need to be made now that the school is up and running. We are moving forward with a proposal to install a gate at the bottom of the back field through to Baxter Street playground to further reduce congestion around the school. This will make Paterson Street another potential place for drop off and pick up.

Thank you for your ongoing support to the school.

Jill Wilkinson
Chairperson

Speak Up and Sing Out + Dance! Holiday Programme

We are accepting enrolments for 3 days of singing, acting and dancing! 22,23,24 April, 9am-3pm. 117 Spey St, Invercargill. Ran by registered teachers and assistants $150 for all 3 days. Contact Miriam McKenzie, miriam@sayitclearly.co.nz, 027 600 4631 to book. For more information go to Speak Up & Sing Out

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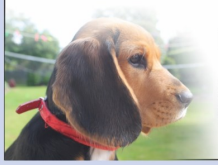
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