



## Important Dates

**2025****APRIL****Term One ends 11 April 2025****Term Two starts 28 April****May****Mon 26 --Fri 30** Life Education Bus**June****Mon 2** —Kings Birthday School closed**Tue 3-Wed 4** Life Education Bus**Fri 20** June—Matariki—School closed**Term Two ends 27 June****Term Three starts 14 July****Mon 14-Wed 16**—Jnr swimming**Mon 21-Wed 23** —Jnr swimming**Mon 28-Wed 30** —Jnr swimming**Term Three ends 19 September****Term Four starts 6 October****Mon 27 Oct** —Labour Day School closed.**Tue 28-Wed 29** Mid/Snr Swimming**Mon 3-Wed 5** Mid/Snr Swimming**Mon 10-Wed 12** Mid/Snr Swimming**Nov?** Senior Camp —Oamaui**Term Four ends—TBA**

Public Holidays during term breaks.

**Fri 18 Apr**—Easter Friday**Mon 21 Apr**—Easter Monday**Tue 22 Apr**—Easter Tuesday**Fri 25 Apr**—Anzac Day**Mon 2 June**—Kings Birthday**Fri 20 June**—Matariki**Mon 27 Oct**—Labour Day**End of Term**—To be advised

### Assemblies

**April**Fri 4- Syndicate Mid/Sen  
1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.

Fri 11—Whole School 1.30pm

## From the Principal's Desk



Nau mai, Haere Mai to this newsletter.

The mornings are getting slightly cooler as we creep towards the end of daylight saving this Sunday (6 April).

Next Week is the last week of term one (we close at 3pm on Friday 11 April) and Easter and Anzac day falls in the middle and second week of the school holidays.

We wish all of you who can get a break at Easter to enjoy it and have quality family time with your whole whānau.

Donovan has been busy preparing for our Education Review Office visit next week. We are having Tania McDonald and Carole Clarke from ERO with us for two busy days. We are looking forward to their feedback and to show them our school. They will enjoy meeting our learners.

The Board of Trustees have been conducting an appointment process to replace Mrs Helen Fallow. We have appointed Mrs Heather Boniface, to the role and we look forward to welcoming her at the beginning of Term 3. Mrs Boniface comes with a wealth of management experience as well as Principalship experience. Until then, Helen will remain in her role which is great for us. She was retiring at the end of term 1 but has deferred this till the end of Term 2. As a school we will farewell Helen then.

Thank you to those that have been working harder to get learners to school on time. This makes such a difference to how our learners start their day and their work for the day. It is just like a good breakfast, it sets them up for success.

Some housekeeping—don't forget to let the office know of absences, lateness or early pickups. This can all be done through School Stream.

Also please remember to pay for your child's sports when you enrol them. The office does not enjoy chasing up debt that we have had to pay on your behalf. Setting up an automatic payment is an easy and painless option. \$5 per week per child is sufficient to cover most yearly costs so long as the payments are regular.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood  
Principal



Congratulations to the above children for receiving a R.E.A.L Certificate on Friday 28 February.

R.E.A.L stands for Resilient, Empathetic, Adaptable, Lifelong Learners and these children have shown these values and thus awarded a certificate to be proud of.

Rm 2 Alex Bound  
R15 Maggie Nally  
R16 Sam Cook  
R20 Tangaroa Waddell  
R21 Kassie Burgess  
R5 Mya Lord  
R6 Lucas Tretheway  
R7 Quinn Fraser  
R8 Cooper Mahon-Lamb  
R9 Evan Rhodes  
R12 Madi Duffy  
R13 Hugo Egerton  
R14 Kaylee Williams-Te Au  
R17 Harper Millan  
R18 Mason Brown

*Well done Donovan whanau.*



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R2 Towa Pfiefer  
R15 Benjamin Walker  
R16 Bintang Walker  
R20 Harper Birchfield  
R21 Imogen Dunbar  
R5 Rayyaan Brink  
R6 Madison Short  
R7 Hannah Forbes  
R8 Mackenzie McNaught  
R9 Ellie Gutsell  
R12 Rylan Murphy  
R13 Chloe Leader  
R14 Sienna-Lily Parry  
R17 Chloe Dunick  
R18 Roland Stewart  
R19 Liam Savell

## NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to Mogi Lindberg and his family to the Donovan whanau. We hope that they enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.



## Absences

**School Stream App**—go to Forms then Absentee Form and complete absence and submit or **text** your absences on 0273 727070—child's first and last name, class and also reason for absence. You can also go to the url on your computer - <https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net>





We thought we better write an email to let everyone know the Southern Stars came 3rd place in technical at New Zealand National Championships . We are super proud that they gave their all and did their first ever Nationals as they are a new team for some of the girls. It is Miss Monika Adamsons 2nd season. We are all super proud as Southland teams bought it to the Nationals. It was great to see everyone in Southland giving it their all and thank you for all the support .

## Southland Athletics Results

Congratulations to all the Donovan students who qualified from Zone Athletics to compete in the Southland Primary School Track and Field Champs held on Saturday 22 March 2025.

Marco Savory 10yr Boys: 2nd 1500m; 2nd 800m;

Hunter Ashworth 9yr Boys: 3rd 800m

Rosa Cowan 9yr Girls: 3rd 100m; 3rd 200m;

Ellazae Vaeau 8yr Girls: 2nd Long Jump

Theo Nally 8yr Boys: 3rd Long Jump

Annabelle Claridge 8yr Girls: 2nd 60m Dash; 3rd 100m

### Relays:

10yr Boys 4x100: 3rd Theo Nally, Tangaroa Waddell

9yr Girls 4x100: 2nd Olivia McLean, Reeve Noble, Rosa Cowan

10yr Boys 4x100: 1st Savory Marco, Jhon Rosso  
Outstanding effort.

## Helpful Tips for Minimizing Notifications on School Stream.

We understand that everyone is busy and reading the endless notifications we send out on School Stream can be time consuming. So if it would help, you can thin down the notifications you receive to ones that are relevant. Please read the link below.

Please keep the 'Whole School', 'Newsletters', 'Canteen', 'PTA', 'Community Notices', and relevant syndicate levels as essentials. (Sports folders and any others you select can be hidden). Do not panic, you can retrieve the folder again if your child decides to play sport, or change syndicate or has camp etc. I will post everything to the 'Whole School' folder if relevant for the whole school, but reminders etc will go to the respective folder. If you have not kept that folder, you will not see any notifications posted to it. Sports draws will go straight to the respective sports folder.

If you have not set up your account and try to start this process, School Stream will ask you to set this up first. Just follow the steps and once completed you will be able to hide folders. Have a look at the link and see if this would help.

<https://support.schoolstream.com.au/en/articles/2115370-manage-notifications-and-hide-folders>

### REMINDERS—

- Sports fees are to be paid to school as soon as possible.
- Cellphones to be handed into the office
- All medicines are to be handed into the office for safe keeping and an 'Administer Medical Form' completed
- Office to be notified of lateness or early pickup as students must be checked in or out through the office.
- Keep the office up to date with any changes to personal information already held.

We have communicated many times about the major priority of the Government around attendance and being at school on time. This year NZ schools are implementing new procedures, these are to be in place by Term 1 2026. The Government target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

**Good Attendance** (Good chance of success)—is less than 5 days absence in a school term.

**Worrying Attendance** (Less chance of success) is up to 10 days absence in a school term.

**Concerning Attendance** (Hard to make progress) is up to 15 days absence in a school term.

**Serious Concern** (Very hard to make progress) is 15 days or more of absence in a school term.

We will communicate with you if your child is at any of the above stages and we will endeavour to work with you to achieve good attendance.

Lateness is electronically recorded and monitored. Of all absence problems, this is by far our biggest concern. Having learners at school, in class by 8.50am is what we need to achieve., A reminder—children are NOT to be dropped off before 8.20am. There is no supervision of care until 8.20am.

## Medication

Just a reminder that if you are requiring your child to have any medication administered during school hours, there are a few things we need. (This includes inhalers and cough lozengers)

- All medication must be handed into the office for safe keeping
- If it is a prescription medication, we do require it to be in a container showing the name and dosage on the script label.
- A medical consent form needs to be signed by the caregiver.

We do have a fridge in the medical room if medication needs to be kept cool. If your child has to take medication home each day, perhaps talk with the chemist and they may split the medicine into two containers, one for school and one for home. If medication does need to be taken home after school each day, it is the responsibility of the child to remember to come and collect it.

## School Directory

Office phone	03 2159664
Office email	office@donovanprimary.ac.nz
Office cell for texting absences only	0273 727070 (Text only)
School Stream Web version	<a href="https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net">https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net</a>
School Bank account	Donovan Primary B O T 03 1742 0052461 00
PTA Bank account	03 1742 0052744 00
Donovan Primary Website	<a href="http://www.donovanprimary.ac.nz">www.donovanprimary.ac.nz</a>
Principal's email	principal@donovanprimary.ac.nz
School Hours	8.50am –12.30pm, 1.00pm-3.00pm
Entry/Departure times	No entry before 8.20am, collected by 3.15pm
Policies and Procedures	<a href="https://donovanprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/">https://donovanprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/</a> Username: donovanprimary Password: drurylane

**Community Notices:** Keep an eye on the separate Community Notices for upcoming community events.