



## From the Principal's Desk



### Important Dates 2017

#### February

**Thu 16** Lucky Book club - order one - last day for money and orders to office

**Tue 28** School Athletics

#### March

**Tue 7** Zone Athletics

#### April

**Sat 8** Southland Athletics

**Thu 13** Last day of Term 1

**Fri 14** Good Friday and beginning of School Holidays

#### May

**Mon 1** Start of Term 2

**Tues 2** Swimming starts

#### June

**Fri 2** Life Education starts

**Mon 5** Queens Birthday

#### July

**Fri 7** Last day of Term 2

**Mon 24** Term 3 starts

#### August

#### September

**Fri 29** Last day of Term 3

#### October

**Mon 16** Beginning Term 4

#### November

**Mon 6** School camp week

**Mon 13** School camp week

#### December

Last day Term 4 TBA

#### Assembly

Fri 10 Feb - Syndicate

Fri 17 Feb - Full School

Please remember to let the office know of any changes in phone numbers, address, emergency contacts, emails etc.

#### Text Absences

You can text your absences to us on 0273 727 070. Please text child's first and last name, class and also reason for absence. (eg. Jane Smith Rm 3 sick.)

Talofa, Kia Ora and welcome,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. We have had a great start to the year so far.

We have had to change the way the rooms are numbered to match in with the new classrooms at the front of the school. A bit confusing, but we will all get used to it. There is still one more room to arrive and be added to the two new ones. We have been assured we will have occupancy by 13 April. At that point we can move everyone into the right place (finally!) We have included a list of the teachers and their room numbers for your reference.

Our school playground arrives late February and then will start being installed - quite a large project. It will be amazing when completed. Our Board of Trustees (BOT) applied to the Community Trust of Southland for a grant to help fund the project and were successful! We have been granted just over \$20,000 to go towards this great community project. Thanks to Kate Minehan on the BOT for applying for this grant; and thanks to Daniel Middlemiss who is organising the playground development and also the new concrete area around the new classrooms. Great job.

We would like to welcome Ms Racheal Fosbender to the Donovan team. She is teaching in our Year 5/6 class and will eventually relocate to one of the new classrooms once they are completed.

During the holiday break we attended the funeral of Ruth Smith. Ruth was a volunteer at Grasmere and came to Donovan to help our children and teachers. She will be sadly missed and we extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Please remember that we do not expect children at school before 8.20am. We cannot offer supervision before this time as the staff use this time to get ready for the start of the day.

Lookout in this newsletter for meet the teacher information. This was also given to all children yesterday to take home. See you at 7pm in the hall on Tuesday 14 February

Let the Summer begin!

**Haere ra**

**Peter Hopwood**  
**Principal**

### 2017 Term Dates

**Term 1**—Wednesday, 1 February to Thursday, 13 April

**Term 2**—Monday, 1 May to Friday, 7 July

**Term 3**—Monday, 24 July to Friday, 29 September

**Term 4**—Monday, 16 October with end date to be advised

### 2017 Holidays

**Waitangi Day**-Monday, 6 February

**Easter**-Friday, 14 April

**Easter**-Monday, 17 April

**Anzac Day**-Tuesday, 25 April

**Queens Birthday**-Monday, 5 June

**Labour Day**-Monday, 23 October

### 2017 School Day

Commences at 8.50am

Morning tea is from 10am to 10.20am

Brainbreak is from 11.20am to 11.30am

Lunch is from 12.30pm until 1.15pm

school finishes at 3pm

## Second Hand Uniforms

We have a selection of second hand uniforms for sale at the school. If anyone has good condition school uniforms they wish to donate to recycle for other families please drop them to the school office.

## Sunhats

All students are to wear the regulation school hat this term. They are available from the school office for \$15.

## Sport Uniform

As sports uniforms get handed out at the beginning of each term, please read the following washing instructions carefully.

- Only wash in cold water
- Do not soak
- No tumble drying or ironing
- No harsh chemicals to wash in.
- Please use a cool gentle wash cycle and air dry.

## Canteen Helpers

If you are interested in helping with the school canteen please contact Tracy on 0273 307 207. If we can get plenty of helpers to spread the workload, it means you do not have to do it as often. You could select either 8:50-9:30 approx. to collect and collate the orders OR 12:10-12:45 to put the lunches into the respective baskets. The canteen operates from Monday to Thursday for heat-ups. Friday is order day and is 8:50-1:00. We will also need a reliever for Friday's.

## New Students:

We welcome our new students:

James Walker, Vaimoa Lafoga, Quinn Barrett, Joaquim Bortolan, Gracie Cain, Hunter Eastwood, Jake Garrick, Will Garrick, Ava Gerrard, Lukas Heenan, Kayden Henery, Jacob Hodson, Tasha Huffadine, Zac Jamieson, Mason Ladbrook, Taylor Ladbrook, Olivia Little-Diack, Isasc Pask, Matthias Pask, Annabell Patrick, Charlize Patrick, Harrison, Patrick, Lucia Sewpersad, Mason Steel, Grayce Sutherland, Ethan Tagamo, Maryann Potini and Zoe Garrick.

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

## School Donations

It has taken twelve years for us to increase our school fees but unfortunately the time has come for a small increase. The donations for 2017 are:- **Single child \$60 per year; 2 children \$80 per year; 3 plus children \$90 per year.**

These donations assist the school with buses, visiting shows and other non curriculum activities that your children do. We do not ask for further monetary contributions so we do encourage as many parents as possible to pay the donation. You will find that we have the lowest donation amongst all the city schools.

If you wish to set up an automatic payment, \$5 per week is sufficient to cover all the costs for a single student and you may even have a credit that could be used for photos, or sports etc. Our bank account number is 031742 0052461 00. If you wish to set this up please use your child's name as a reference. Those that are currently doing this find it a very painless system. The Donation is voluntary and can also be claimed off your income tax as a donation.

## Facebook

Remember to 'like' Donovan Primary on Facebook to have access to our electronic notices and reminders.

## New Enrolments

If you have or know of any children turning 5 in 2017 you can collect enrollment forms from the office.

## PTA

**First PTA meeting of the year is tonight - 9th February 2017 at 7pm** in the school staffroom. Come along and support your school by joining the PTA. Our meetings are low key, short and supportive of our wonderful school.

**AGM - 9th March 2017, 7.30pm** in the school staffroom.

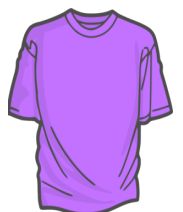
## Book Club

Lucky Book club - order one  
last day for money and orders to office is  
Thursday 16 February.

## Lost Property

Please keep checking our lost property, which will be on display outside the hall on Friday's.

We would appreciate clothing to be named, then they could be returned to the student.



## Meet the Teacher Evening

Next week, **Tuesday 14 February at 7:00pm**, is 'Meet the Teacher' evening. We will be initially meeting in the school hall where the Board of Trustees will update you on upcoming events. (Charter)

At 7.30pm you are welcome to meet your child's teacher in their classroom where will learn more about your child's class and new routines.

We hope you can come along and join us.

**Teacher/Rooms: In case you are confused with the new room numbers, (because we are still trying to get our heads around it) this is where our teachers are currently placed.** We have some additions to our staff and there have been some room changes as well.

Room 1 Room to come (Currently in Rm 7)	Mrs Karen Leadley	Year 5/6
Room 2 New Room (Currently in Rm19, which was Rm9)	Ms Racheal Fosbender	Year 5/6
Room 3 New Room	Miss Liz Kennedy	Year 5/6
Room 4 Was Room 2	Miss Jacqui Holland	Year 5/6
Room 5 Was Room 1	Mr Brett Ryan	Year 5/6
Room 6 Was Room 3	Mrs Honey Ormond-Taane	Year 3/4
Room 7 Was Room 4 (Currently in Rm10)	Mrs Robyn Wilson	Year 3/4
Room 8 Was Room 5	Mrs Ashleigh Beer	Year 3/4
Room 9 Was Room 6	Mrs Karyn Duncan	Year 3/4
Room 10 Was Room 7 (Currently in Learning Annex)	Ms Paulette Crengle	Year 2
Room 11 Was Room 8	Mrs Diane Copeland	Year 3/4
Room 12	Mrs Kellie Ronald	Year 2
Room 13	Miss Aisha Williams	Year 2
Room 14	Miss Amanda Klemick/Mrs Janene Butt	Year 2
Room 15 Was Room 16	Miss Hannah Morton	Year 1
Room 16 Was Room 17	Mrs Johanna Jamieson	Year 1
Room 17 Was Room 11	Mrs Julie Hopwood	New Entrant
Room 18 Was Room 10	Mrs Pam Keast	New Entrant

**CONFUSED?????**

**Update Contact details:** Please keep the office notified of change of work details, change of addresses and changes in phone numbers. We need to keep this information up to date in case your child has an accident or is sick at school.

## Attendance Matters

Ministry of Education are doing a push on school attendance. Also punctuality is important. During the first 10 minutes of the day our teachers: greet the class, give important notices, set up the plan for the day, review what has been learnt and set the tasks for a lesson. It is not surprising if the late child does not know what is happening. In primary school often the same two subjects are taught first thing, gaps develop and learning becomes harder. Children who are at school, on time, in class, all day: know what is happening, enjoy school more, can achieve to potential and have increased self esteem and establish good relationships. Please endeavour to have your children ready for school and in class by 8.50am. Our local Truancy Officer works closely with the school and the Police to ensure our children are on time and not forming bad habits.

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**FREE BOOKS**  
FOR YOUR SCHOOL WITH  
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FOOTY

**CLEMENTINE LOSE**

**NETBALL GEMS**  
Mashed on Netball

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NEW WORLD  
Kellogg's  
See you at breakfast.

— Back to School —

For every New World receipt dropped into the iestore collection box showing the purchase of two participating Kellogg's products your school will be able to redeem 1 free book.  
Promotional Period 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2017. Max 20 books per school. For full list of participating Kellogg products and Terms & Conditions visit [www.kelloggs.com/freebooks](http://www.kelloggs.com/freebooks)

OUR VISION: Our learning community provides a positive learning environment which develops adaptable, caring, self motivated life long learners.

## Community Notices:

**Toolbox Parenting Group** - The Middle Years, Term 1. The Parenting Place will be running a Toolbox Parenting Group for parents of children aged 5 - 12 for 6 weeks in Term 1, 2017.

The Middle Years Toolbox is positive, practical and fun! For more information or to register please contact Katrina Ritani, Southland Parenting Place Coordinator, phone 0278 417 763 or email [southland@parentingplace.nz](mailto:southland@parentingplace.nz)

### Cricket

Cricket is back for term 1 and its bigger and better! New Zealand has some great cricket programmes and we are taking it to more centres across Southland than ever, including our inaugural girls only cricket competition "GIRLS SMASH". All the details are below:

**SUPERSTAR CRICKET**- week commencing 20 February, Tuesdays QUEENS PARK INVERCARGILL, Y1-8, games start at 4pm, 8 players per side batting in pairs (formerly kiwi 8's), \$20 per child for the 6 week programme.

**GIRLS SMASH**- week commencing 20 February. Tuesdays QUEENS PARK INVERCARGILL, Y3-8, games start at 4pm, 6 player per side batting in pairs, soft ball used. "Girls Smash" T-shirt for every player, no fee to play (funded by NZ Cricket). Any questions to, James Carr, Cricket Development Officer, Southland Cricket Association, Mobile: 021 241 5966

### JubilanzVOV

We are a twice weekly community group who sing harmonies, enjoy drama and miscellaneous activities. New members are welcome – children, youth and adult volunteers. Contact Jacqueline text 0223844715

### O'Neill Irish Dancers

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5pm, during school terms. All Saints Anglican Church Hall, 15 Holywood Terrace, Invercargill. Places available for new dancers. First lesson free! Contact Julie Wells 217 4143 or Nicky Wallace 230 4570, email [irishdancinginv@gmail.com](mailto:irishdancinginv@gmail.com).

### ICC Junior Youth

Tuesdays during the school term 6pm-7:30pm at 165 Leet Street for students in years 6-8. Gold coin entry. Contact Lance 0272 169 450 or ICC Office 03 214 4562. Poster on Parent Notice Board outside school office.

### Zak Finance

Will lend up to \$500 contact - [www.zakfinance.co.nz](http://www.zakfinance.co.nz), 03 217 2802, Monday-Friday 10am-2pm.

### Out of School Music

Is your child interested in music/singing. Now is the time to enrol for classes at Out of School Music. Classes run on Saturday mornings during term time from Southland Girl's High. We have music and movement classes for children from 6 months to 5 yrs, \$2 per week, a 6 week course for children 5-6 yrs, \$35, and musicianship classes for children 7yrs up, which teaches them to read music and gives them a knowledge of theory. \$65 per year. We also have a choir. Contact Deborah, 2165137 (answerphone), email [admin@osmc.co.nz](mailto:admin@osmc.co.nz)

### Drama Lessons for Term 1

Invers Theatre Drama Academy invites enrolments from students aged 8-10.

Space is available in our Thursday class, 3.30pm-4.30pm in Invercargill. Build your confidence, meet new friends, become a team player, and broaden your imagination. Lessons cost \$12.50 per week, and your first lesson is FREE. Enrol now by phoning or texting Jade on 0210799676. But hurry, spaces are limited.

### Guitar/Ukulele Lessons

After school in-home guitar/ukulele lessons. Experienced and qualified teacher, 30 minute duration, must have own instrument. First lesson free. Phone Aaron Parker 928 5024.

**Community Programme** on a Friday night for children the aged of 5-10 year olds. This is based around core values, where children are able to learn some values such as confidence, being honest, commitment, through a variety of messages, games etc. Lots of fun is attached to the programme. Poster on parent notice board at school.

# Donovan Canteen 2017

KEEP THIS MENU FOR YOUR RECORDS AS WE WILL NOT SEND IT OUT AGAIN,  
ADDITIONAL COPIES AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE IF LOST

## HEAT UPS

- Cost 20c each and are available Mon-Fri
- Food for pie warmers needs to be wrapped in tin foil or baking paper or kept in a slim heatproof container
- ALL heat ups need to have NAME and ROOM NUMBER clearly marked on them
- 2 minute noodles and pasta need to be in a microwave safe container with a lid
- For cup of noodles please remove outer plastic before naming them
- You need to provide your own utensils

## MENU ITEMS

- AVAILABLE FRIDAYS ONLY
- Orders to be put into an envelope or bag with NAME, ROOM NUMBER, ORDER and MONEY
- Orders to be put in class canteen basket at the start of the school day
- Food orders and heat-ups are taken back to the classroom at the start of lunchtime
- Change is sent back to the classroom in the basket at lunch time
- Try to avoid using large notes, correct change is appreciated and we take no responsibility for any money that goes missing prior to us receiving the basket or once it is returned to their rooms

PLEASE CONTACT TRACY BONIFACE ON 0273307207 OF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP  
IN THE CANTEEN. MORNING HELP IS FROM APPROXIMATELY 8:50am-9:20am and  
LUNCHTIME HELP IS FROM APPROXIMATELY 12:15pm-12:40pm

## Hot Food

Chicken Burger (Bun, Chicken patty, Cheese slice, Hash brown, Mayo, Tomato sauce)	\$3.50
American Hotdog (Bun, Frankfurter, Tomato sauce, Honey mustard, Cheese)	\$2.50
Cheerio's (6 Cheerio's, Tomato sauce, Fork)	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets (6 Chicken nuggets, Sweet and sour or Tomato sauce)	\$3.00
Mince Pie	\$1.50
Mince and Cheese Pie	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Mini Pizza (Hawaiian)	\$2.00
Ham and Cheese Toasty	\$2.00
Mini Hotdogs (4 Mini Hotdogs with Smoky BBQ or Tomato sauce)	\$3.00
Gluten Free Mini Hotdogs (4 G/F Mini Hotdogs with G/F smoky BBQ or G/F Tomato sauce)	\$4.00

\*Make sure to specify Gluten Free

## Treats

Lolly Cake	\$1.00
Chocolate Brownie	\$1.00
Gluten Free Chocolate Brownie	*Make sure to specify Gluten Free \$1.00
Mini Donuts (2 mini donuts)	\$1.00

## Drinks

Water 300ml	\$1.00
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50
Strawberry Milk	\$1.50
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice (Mill Orchard)	\$1.50
Apple & Orange Juice (Mill Orchard)	\$1.50

## Iceblocks

Tropical Juicie	\$1.00
Chocolate Moosie	\$1.00
Strawberry Moosie	\$1.00