



From the Principal's Desk



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

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 3. The term is shaping up to being a busy one. We have just had the NED show which was great. Superb messages about never giving up.

Children should be getting on to our Poetry and Retell Festival, information has already gone home. Help them choose their piece and practice with them. An excellent skill to add to their oral language.

Thanks so much for filling in and feeding back to us your ideas about our Parent Teacher Interviews, Reports and Portfolio's. The initial results are in this newsletter for you to look at.

Our Kapa Haka and Pasifika Groups are working hard to show their best performances at this years Polyfest on 22 August. Good luck with this event, we know you will impress.

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Peter Hopwood
Principal

Important Dates 2017

August

Mon 14 Miniball Registrations Close
Tue 22 Polyfest
Tue 22 BOT Meeting

September

Fri 8 Middle/Senior Disco
Fri 15 Ski Trip
Tues 19 BOT Meeting
Mon 25 Photos
Fri 29 Last day of Term 3

October

Mon 16 Beginning Term 4
Tue 24 BOT Meeting

November

Mon 6—Fri 10 School camp
Mon 13-Sun 19 School camp
Tue 21 BOT Meeting

December

Fri 15 Last day Term 4

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

Assembly

Fri 4 August - Full School 1:20pm
Fri 11 August - Syndicate 1:20pm Senior//Middle 2:15pm Junior

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.)

DISCO

Senior and Middle School

Friday, 8 September
\$2 entry
more information to follow

ONLY DONOVAN STUDENTS IN THIS YEAR LEVEL TO ATTEND.

Book Club

last day for orders

Thursday, 24 August

Money to be in a named envelope and handed to the office, OR order online and charge to a credit card (follow details on brochure).



Room 16: On Monday we saw the fire engine. We got to squirt the hose and we tried to knock the cone over. We saw all the things they use to help put out fires, even the big hammer that can smash down doors!

After that, Firefighter Chris and Firefighter Dom came to our classroom and they showed us their special firefighting clothes. Ollie even got to dress up like a real firefighter.

Remember.. if there is a fire you need to: 'get down low and get out fast then call 111'.

Below are some truck safety tips from WasteNet Southland that we encourage you to pass on to children and their families:

- **Trucks cannot stop quickly because they are big and heavy**
 - * Never chase a moving truck
 - * Do not step out in front of a truck
- **Be aware that trucks have large blind spots because they are tall and long**
 - * If you can't see the driver then they can't see you. Sometimes, even if you can see the driver, the driver might not see you.
 - * Trucks use their mirrors to see pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicles. If you are in their blind spot they might not see you. Don't play or stand behind, beside or in front of a truck.
- **Trucks take up a large space when turning because they are tall and long**
 - * Stay away from trucks while they are operating nearby.
 - * Give trucks lots of space to manoeuvre—they may have to pull into another lane to complete a turn.
- **Wheelie bin trucks have large arms that are used to grab wheelie bins**
 - * Do not play in or around wheelie bins; they are not toys.
 - * Wheelie bin trucks can stop often and without warning to collect bins—be wary of this when walking/cycling/driving behind a wheelie bin.
 - * If a truck is collecting wheelie bins nearby, move away from the wheelie bins. The trucks arm can move out and grab a wheelie bin quickly, and lift a wheelie bin out and up over the footpath. Make sure you are far enough away from the arm of the truck so that the driver can lift the wheelie bin safely; remember he may not see that you are there.

Miniball

Registrations are out for miniball -Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 boys, girls or mixed. Term 3 and 4. \$45.00 per player. Forms and money need to be at the office by **Monday, 14 August**. Please complete form on school stream or collect form at office. Teams will not be entered until money and permission forms are in.

New Students

We welcome our new students: Koen Hamilton, Sapphire Tainui, Namika Pfeifer, Jenah Ryder, Brax Wharf, Luciana Perkins, Karson Sadlier, Jett Hatherley, Leon Boniface, Scarlett Barnes, Ethan Thomson and Blake Batt.

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

School Stream App

We now have 373 users of the Donovan School Stream App. Sign up today....get reminders, sports draws and soon you will be able to purchase your Friday canteen orders as well.

How to download your FREE app

- 1 From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** OR **Google Play (Android)** search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
- 2 Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
- 3 Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school

For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download

Responsible Student Awards

Term Draw

Congratulations to these children who have shown good Donovan Values. Their names were drawn out at the special end of term assembly. Winners received \$10 voucher from The Warehouse.



Senior: Room 1 Ron Geilik, Room 5 Kohen Cairns

Middle: Room 8 Marcus Trainor, Room 7 Faafatai Lafoga

Junior: Room 12 McKenzie Fraser, Room 13 Matthew Diack

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 it could be returned to the student.

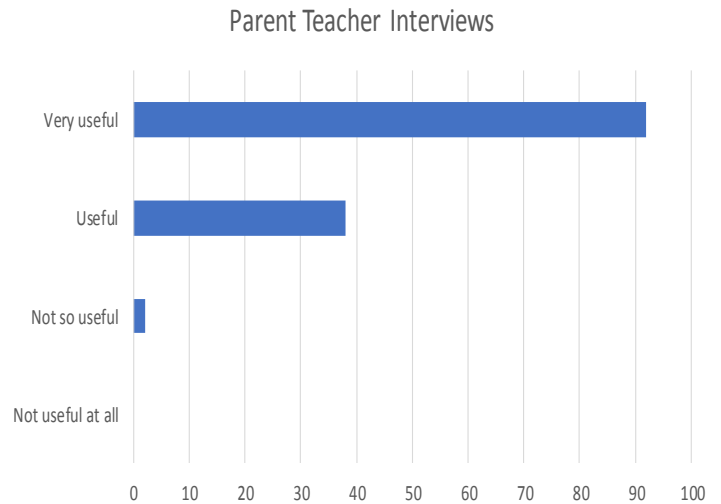


Parent Survey on School Reporting

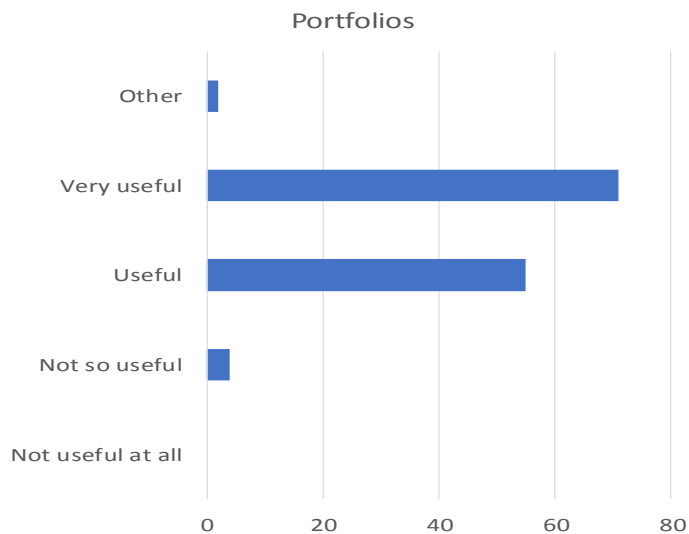
Initial Feedback from Parent Survey on School Reporting

What a great response. The graphs show how people see or felt about our Parent Teacher Interviews, Portfolios and National Standards reports.

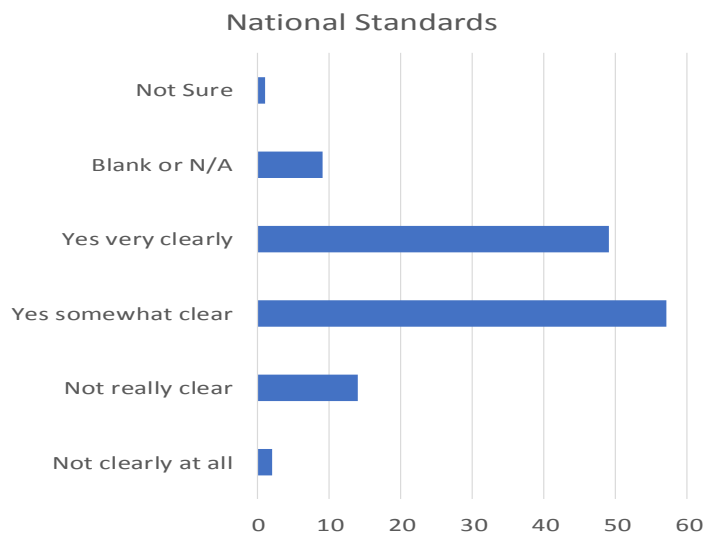
Parent Teacher Interviews - Do the Interviews provide relevant information that is useful to you as a parent?



Portfolios - How useful is the information in the Portfolio?



National Standards - Do the National Standards Reports tell you where your child is at?

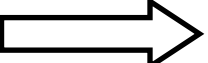


Where to from here?

We see that generally people are finding the information useful. We had a hunch that the National Standards reports weren't totally clear for everyone and you have confirmed that many people have said they would like more time in the Parent Teacher Interviews. People are finding the Portfolios are useful but we have thought they could be more streamlined.

As a school and Board of Trustees we will continue to adapt and make changes for next year using your ideas and feedback. Thanks for taking the time to let us know your opinions. Our hope is to make our reporting process useful to parents and learners, and make the best use of teacher time.

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Peter Hopwood

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

DONOVAN PRIMARY PTA NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3. What a wonderful response we had to our Pre Paid Heat Up Cards with about 70 pupils getting them. We are currently in the middle of Hot Chip week with over 260 juniors and middles getting hot chips... Wow But our news for the Friday Canteen is, we would also like to offer parents/caregivers

Donovan PTA – Friday Canteen Vouchers.

As you know Tracey and her wonderful team of helpers run the PTA Canteen and as we have such great support from the pupils, rather than trying to find cash each Friday, the PTA would like to offer you the option to buy

Donovan PTA - Friday Canteen Vouchers.

\$20 = 4 x \$5 vouchers

The only way to buy the vouchers is via Internet Banking – so simple

Pay \$20 into our Donovan Primary PTA Bank Account

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| Account Number | 03 1742 0052744 00 |
| Particulars | Family Name |
| Reference | Children's Room Number/s and Names |

Please treat vouchers like cash. Each voucher is dated and numbered with an expiry date - end of Term 4.

No change will be given but you can use your voucher over a few Fridays. Can only be used on Friday Canteen Menu.

All vouchers will be given to the eldest child at the school to go home on a Wednesday afternoon.

Money has to be paid by Monday night to get the vouchers on a Wednesday.

If you have any questions please email pta@donovanprimary.ac.nz

Term 3 Major Fundraiser - Croissants

Order Forms will go out next week along with full details.

\$20 per bag of 24 Croissants

Senior/Middle School Disco

Friday 8 September 2017

\$2 Entry – with the Canteen selling Glow items and food

\$5 Disco Packs will be on sale at the door which include

Disco Entry, 1 x Chips, 1 x Water, 2 x Lollies and 4 glowsticks

More details to follow

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Relief Cleaner

Donovan Primary is requiring a relief cleaner. Hours are 3pm-7pm (with a little flexibility). Successful applicant will be given paid training. If you are interested please leave your details at the school office.

AMA Lessons for Term Three

Invers Theatre Drama Academy invites enrolments from students aged 8-14 on Tuesday's and Thursday's in Invercargill, and on Wednesday's in Winton and Gore. Build your confidence, meet new friends, and broaden your imagination! Lessons cost \$12.50 per week, and your first lesson is free. Enrol now by visiting www.inverstheatre.co.nz or contact Jade on 0210799676. Spaces are limited.

CAP Money Course

The CAP money course is a free money management course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple cash based system that works very well. The course will help you to gain more control over your finances so that you can save, give and prevent debt. Tools are taught by a trained money coach, so that you can help yourself with your finances. Brochures are available at the School Office. If you would like to register for a course please contact St Stephen's office at 215 7378.

Touch Southland

For the term 3 school holidays Touch Southland will be running a holiday programme in Invercargill. The first one is starting on Tuesday, 10 October. Refer to link <http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/53054> for registration and information.

Cycling Southland

If you have any children who are interested in road cycling or just improving their bike handling skills then this course is ideal for them. For more information and registration contact admin@cyclingsouth.org.nz.

Assistance with Reading, Writing and Spelling

Contact Marie for information about assistance with reading, writing and spelling. The Phono Graphix method is a fast, effective and back to basics approach which is based on exploring sound to symbol relationships within the English language—021 023 44629.

