



From the Principal's Desk



Important Dates 2017

August

Tue 22 Polyfest
Tue 22 BOT Meeting
Wed 23 PTA Meeting 7pm
Thu 24 Book Club—last day for orders

September

Fri 1 Retell Finals
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 18 August - Full School 1:20pm
Fri 25 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.)

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

You never know what a week can bring! On Monday of this week Sarah Dowie our local MP visited our school and made an announcement that our school will receive an additional \$1 million for two more new classrooms. This is such exciting news for the BOT, school and a huge bonus to our whole community. At this stage we would hope to see them built by the middle of next year. Also, in Monday's news, Elaine Forde, who many of you will remember, was awarded a Teacher's Award. We are so proud of her. Congratulations and well deserved.

On Tuesday, next week our Pasifika and Kapa Haka groups perform at the Polyfest. They have worked so hard and we all know they will shine on the stage. Good luck.

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving far too early to school in the morning. While you are sorting this, could you please refrain from using the staff car park to drop off children or to park in. As it is a staff car park we encourage you to utilize the street parking and the P2 area for dropping off and collecting children. Health and Safety is a priority and we have identified that our staff car park is becoming a hazard. Children do not need to come through the office on their way to their class unless they are late or have a message for the office. There are plenty of entrances giving children access to the school. Many thanks.

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Peter Hopwood
Principal



Photos from Sarah Dowie MP's Facebook Post: "Today I announced that Donovan Primary will receive \$1 million to build two new classrooms to accommodate its roll growth. Principal Peter Hopwood, the Board of Trustees and the fantastic team of teachers and staff have created a positive world-class learning environment. I am looking forward to seeing the completed modern classrooms next year."



Year 5 and 6 Netball

A big congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Netball players who attended the annual Primary School's Netball Tournament. We all had a great two days and our Year 6 Team made it into the top ten at their tournament. A huge thank you to the umpires and managers who helped out on the day. Look how great we all looked dressed up as Batgirl and Batman.



Year 5 Netball Team Members

Molly Ronald, Chloe Savage, Amber Flay, Eden Knox, Casey Sinclair, Tatum Taulofa-Wyatt, Jade Russell, Dani Kramers, Ruby Ritani and Stacie Thompson.

Year 6 Netball Team Members

Abby Fletcher, Brianna Marshall, Josh Kramers, Portia Byron, Kaydie Dempsey, Lilyana Ultee, Ryley Forbes-Murch, Malika Tohiariki and Ella Wilson.



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).

DISCO

Senior and Middle School

Friday, 8 September

\$2 entry

more information to follow

ONLY DONOVAN STUDENTS IN THIS YEAR LEVEL TO ATTEND.

Help Needed

Are you available one morning or afternoon a week to help with the canteen? I currently need one person to cover the Tuesday morning shift – 8:50 – 9:20 approx. Please contact Tracy on 0273307207.

Please Name all Heat Up Items

Parents please remind your children if they have a heat up or order. Please write name and room number on your wrapped food. If you do not have a pen, the canteen does.

Dyslexia Support Southland—Parent Information Evening

Southland Community House, 46 Kelvin Street, Invercargill, 7.30pm to 9pm, Thursday, 14 September 2017.

Dyslexia Support Southland offers a complimentary information evening to assist parents and caregivers with understanding specific learning difficulties and the impact these have on a child's learning and emotional wellbeing. We discuss what parents and caregivers can do to help their children and how Dyslexia Support Southland can support them. There is also an opportunity to discuss one on one with any of the Dyslexia Support Southland consultants specifically about your child's learning difficulty journey.

New Students

We welcome our new students: Grace Buchan, Scarlett Barnes and Ethan Thomson. We hope they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

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.



Responsible Student Awards

Term 3, Week 2

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 seems to be a favourite.



Senior: Room 4 Tyler Hatherley, Room 5 Heilala Pita, Room 1 Rylan Ayres.

Middle: Room 11 Ollie Walton, Lucy Minehan, Room 8 Oliver Davis.

Junior: Room 15 Sam Coulthard, Room 16 Annabel Smart, Room 15 Willow Pearce.

Room 10 have been learning about being Firewise. Here is a picture of our shape fire engines.



