



From the Principal's Desk



Important Dates 2017

September

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—Wed 8 Rm 3 camp
 Wed 8—Fri 10 Rm 4 camp
 Fri 10—Sun 12 Rm 2 camp
 Mon 13—Wed 15 Rm 1 camp
 Wed 15—Fri 17 Rm 5 camp
 Tue 21 BOT Meeting

December

Fri 15 Last day Term 4

2018

January

Thu 25 School Office opens
 Mon 29 Teacher only day
 Tues 30 Teacher only day
 Wed 31 First day of Term 1

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

Assembly

Fri 15 September - Full School 1:20pm
 Fri 22 September - 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.

A big welcome to Maori Language Week in New Zealand. We hope everyone is having a go and keeping Te Reo alive.

Our PTA has nearly come to an end of the croissant fundraiser. They have made a fantastic profit of \$4,750 which means they have been able to give \$9,500 to the school to purchase more Junior Instructional Reading Resources. The books have already arrived and some are in use already. A special thank you to all the families who purchased croissants to support the PTA and special thanks to our PTA; your work is so appreciated by all of us in the Donovan community.

This year's school photos are coming up on 25 September (the last Monday of term). Information about prices for individual and class photos will come out nearer the time. This gives you time for the hair cut! The photos will be taken in the morning.

The Middle and Senior Syndicate Disco last Friday evening, was a great success. Great job by the School Council and PTA helpers.

It was great to have John Parsons, a world class speaker, in our community to help educate us as adults and parents on how to assist in keeping our children safe. I must say I was really disappointed in the turnout from our community; we do our best to provide great development for our community and it was sad it wasn't supported.

Good luck to the people going on the school ski trip this Friday. Let's hope for good snow. You should be OK, it has felt cold enough this week!

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Peter Hopwood
Principal

Room 9 te Reo Māori

This week we have really enjoyed learning Maori songs in class. We have found a fantastic website that shows us how to pronounce and sing the te reo songs, as well as sign language actions. The website we have been watching is...

<http://www.kdec.school.nz/learning/Te%20Reo%20Singalong/index.html>



PTA Croissant Pick Ups

Firstly once again thank you so much for your Croissant orders and supporting the Donovan PTA which raises all our money for our fabulous school. As this is the first time we have done this fundraiser we have split the pickups over 3 Days.

*Monday 18th September – Senior School Pick Ups 3pm – 6pm
Your eldest child is in either Room 1,2,3,4 or 5

*Tuesday 19th September – Middle School Pick Ups 3pm – 6pm
Your eldest child is in Room 6,7,8,9 or 11

*Wednesday 19th September – Junior School Pick Ups 3pm – 6pm
Your child is in Room 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 or 19

Pick up time is between 3pm – 6pm from the School Canteen in the Basketball Court. If you have any problems on pick up please contact Julie Manson on 027 312 0242.



School Stream App

Thank you to everyone who has completed Cricket and Touch consent forms online. This has reduced the amount of paper going back and forth significantly.

Payments are to be made online to Donovan Primary BOT account number 03-1742-0052461-00 or at the school office by Friday, 15 September.

Old CD's Wanted

Do you have any old CD's you could give to Mrs Allen for artwork projects with the children? If you do—please drop off to the office before the end of the term. We would love to use them.

New Students

We welcome our new students: Millie Fryer and Arush Biswas. We hope they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

Senior School Camp—Omaui

The following are the dates for respective classes to go on school camp—more information to follow.

Rm 3	Mon, 6 Nov—Wed, 8 Nov
Rm 4	Wed, 8 Nov—Fri, 10 Nov
Rm 2	Fri, 10 Nov—Sun, 12 Nov
Rm 1	Mon 13 Nov—Wed, 15 Nov
Rm 5	Wed 15 Nov—Fri 17 Nov

Camp this year is \$110 per student. We have endeavoured to keep the prices as low as possible. All children are expected to attend camp. We would like all camp payments to be paid to the school before camp starts.

You can pay;

- ⇒ direct to the school bank account 03-1742-0052461-00 using 'camp' and your child's name as reference
- ⇒ eftpos at school office
- ⇒ automatic payment (e.g. \$15 per week starting from now will be sufficient to cover fees before camp starts)

Please contact Maureen at the office if you have any concerns.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Summer Football

It is that time of the year again and Summer Football entries are now open. Please see the Southland Football website for Summer Football flyer and team registration. Registrations close on Wednesday, 18 October 2017 at 5pm, \$300 per team. Games are played at Turnbull Thompson Park every Monday afternoon during Term 4 2017 and Term 1 2018.

Holiday Swim Lessons

Enrol now. Week 1 — 2 to 6 October. Week 2 — 9 to 13 October. Start your summer swim lessons with Splash Palace Swim School. Children from 3 years upwards. Book at Splash Palace 217 7506, Ext 3, or email swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz.

Wednesday Double Trouble

This is a fun friendly junior tennis competition. Teams of two will play two timed singles and one doubles each week. This competition is suitable for beginning—intermediate players. Racquets can be provided if required. Waihopai Tennis Club, 138 Duke Street, 25-29 November 2017, Year 5-6 3:45-5:15pm, Years 7 and over 5:15-6:45pm, \$30 per player (free to Waihopai Club members). For more information visit www.waihopaitennis.co or to register email waihopaitennis@gmail.com.

Holiday Programme

Windsor Community Church, 19 Windsor Street, Invercargill for songs, games, stories and crafts from Monday, 9 October to Thursday 12 October, 9am-12pm, primary school age children.

Spring National Synchronised Swimming Championships

Splash Palace 9-12 October - the 'Most Southern Synchro Competition in the World'. 150 athletes competing from China, New Caledonia and nine NZ clubs and the competition is expected to be fierce. Also on display is the NZ Development Team which includes four Southland swimmers including: Abbey Flutey, Ali Robertson, Isabella Gillanders and Arielle Wilkes who are showcasing their routine before heading to the Singapore Opens in November. Best viewing time is Tuesday 5.15-7pm - Open Free Combination Team event and Wednesday 3.45-5pm for age group and national teams.

Windsor Community Church Family Movie Night

Sunday 1 October, 5pm sharp. Bring your own takeaway tea. Free Entry and icecream. Movie screening to follow. Phone 0276 365 694 or 217 7047.

Give Athletics A Go

Come and try your skills at Athletics Southland Children's 'Have a Go Day' for ages 5 - 14 years. Sunday 15 October 2017, Surrey Park Track. Events from 1pm. For more information contact Phil Hartley 027 241 5146 or phartley@power.net.nz Athletics Southland website: www.athleticsouthland.co.nz You can also check us out on Facebook.

Toolbox Parenting Group Term 4

Is your child starting high school next year? Are you prepared for the changes and challenges of the tween and teen years? Are you ready to make the most of the fun these years can also bring? Whether you have areas to work on or you want to keep things going great, why not try a Toolbox Parenting Group? The Parenting Place is running a 6 week Tweens and Teens Toolbox in Invercargill for parents of children aged 11 – 18 on **Thursday** evenings from 19 Oct – 23 Nov, 7.30 – 9.30pm. Cost: \$75pp or \$110 couple, but subsidies are available so please just ask. For a full course description or to register contact Katrina Ritani on 0278417763 or southland@parentingplace.nz.