

**Important Dates 2017****September**

Fri 29 Last day of Term 3

October

Mon 16 Beginning Term 4

Tue 24 BOT Meeting

November

Fri 3 Raffle due in

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

Fri 17 Junior Disco

Tue 21 BOT Meeting

December

Tue 12 Y6 Day Out

Tue 12 Graduation Evening

Wed 13 Jnr Merit Morning

Wed 13 Mid/Snr Merit

Afternoon

Thu 14 Prizegiving

Afternoon—SBHS

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 29 September - Full School
1:20pm

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.)

From the Principal's Desk

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

This is the last newsletter for term 3. The holiday time will be great to break the sickness patterns with the children. We have had a lot of sickness with bad flus and colds, with many children going down for a second time. Keep them rested and ready for term 4.

BOT News

- ◇ Currently the BOT are upgrading the senior playground floor because it has sagged and holding water. This work will be completed by the beginning of term 4.
- ◇ Our next project in the playground is the moving of the sandpit and including a roof. Our PTA fundraising is going to help make this a reality.
- ◇ The BOT are at the early stage of working with the Ministry to start the process for the next new classrooms.
- ◇ They are very pleased with the results of our Accelerated Literacy work with our Middle and Senior syndicates. We have raised achievement for 74% of the group. A fantastic result for the children and teachers.
- ◇ The BOT and staff are also preparing for the Education Review Office who will be auditing the school in week 3 next term. We are all looking forward to showing off our school and the great work being done here for our learners.
- ◇ They are also working on our next Strategic Plan for 2018/20 (our Charter).

During term 4 it will be time for us to talk to you about health education in the school. Once again we want to hear your ideas and thoughts.

Have a great holiday with the children.

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Peter Hopwood
Principal

Retell Festival

Congratulations to Ella Rohan, Carly Fraser, Ashley Hamilton and Gabriel Smart (pictured below) who have won Syndicate Finals for the Retell and Poetry Festival. Judges were impressed and had a hard job deciding on the winners. All finalist did a superb job. Well done.

**Junior Poetry**

Ella Rohan

Junior Section

1st Ashley Hamilton
2nd Grace Buchanan
3rd Meg Ferguson

Middle Section

1st Gabriel Smart
2nd Taylah Jamieson
3rd Keira O'Connor

Senior Section

1st Carly Fraser
2nd Lilyana Ultea
3rd Molly Ronald



DONOVAN PRIMARY PTA END OF TERM 3 NEWS

What a wonderful term we have had fundraising. We have had the Senior/Middle Disco, Hot Chip Days, which the children love, and the Croissant Fundraiser which raised \$4,750. A very big thank you to all the parents who have supported our fundraisers. Please remember that the PTA also has these options available...

***Donovan Primary Canteen Heat - Up Pre Pay Card**

The price is for **unlimited** heat ups per child per term. \$4 per child per term

It's so simple – There are two ways to pre pay

-Pay the required amount into our Donovan Primary PTA Bank Account

Donovan Primary PTA **03 1742 0052744 00**

Particulars Childs Name

Reference Childs Room Number

-Pay the \$4 (cash only) into your child's heat up basket with your child's name & room number.

All pre pay heat up cards must be paid for by the **1st Friday of term**. You will receive a note in your child's bag to confirm we have received payment. If you just want to pay each time your child has a heat up, please make sure you attach your 20c for heat up.

***Donovan PTA – Friday Canteen Vouchers—\$20 = 4 x \$5 vouchers**

The only way to buy the vouchers is via Internet Banking. Pay \$20 into our Donovan Primary PTA Bank Account:

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.

***Pita Pit – Mondays only**

Pita Pit is ordered using www.lunchonline.co.nz. This is an online service where parents/caregivers set up their own account, order lunch and pay online. The lunch is then delivered to school in time for our lunchbreak. As all ordering and payments are done online there is no need to worry about having cash. To view the menu or to set up an account and/or place an order, just go to www.lunchonline.co.nz

4 Easy Steps to Start... Set up a new account, Add member(s) – set up your child, school (Donovan Primary) and classroom, Make a payment to you lunchonline account- with Credit card or Internet banking, Place an order.

If you have any queries please contact Julie Manson at pta@donovanprimary.ac.nz or Alana at the Pita Pit Invercargill on 2189748 or taystreet@franchise.pitapit.co.nz.

Due to time restraints we will not be offering 2018 Calendars this year but look out for the following in term 4.

***Junior Disco – Friday 17 November 5.30pm – 6.15pm**—more details to follow

***Invercargill Christmas Tree Festival**—more details to follow

***Donovan Christmas Raffle**

Due to the wonderful success of the Easter Raffle we are doing a Christmas raffle. Raffle cards will be going out Tuesday, 17 October and are due back **by Friday, 3 November**. All cards will be numbered and need to be returned sold or unsold. If you do not wish to participate please return your raffle card to the school office as soon as possible.

All tickets are \$1 each with 10 tickets per raffle card.

We will have a clearly marked contributions box in the foyer for your donation items that are suitable for an upmarket Christmas Hamper. No house brand product please.

We appreciate your support and through our fundraising we are able to purchase extra items for our Donovan pupils.

So from the entire PTA, have a safe school holiday, enjoy the break and see you in term 4.

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. \$20 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.

Southland Hockey Representatives

Rylan Ayers and Ryan Ferguson represented Southland in Year 5 and Year 6 hockey. Well done.

Responsible Student Awards Term 3, Week 8

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

Rm1 Briana Marshall, Wyatt Durham, Rm3 Molly Ronald

Middle

Rm11 Brooke Huffadine, Ollie Walton, Peyton Sutherland

Junior

Rm10 Ruby Barnes, Rm12 Hollie Shaw, Rm14 Matilda Colyer

New Students

We welcome our new students: Zenith Karena, Vukona Mabunda and Mia Shaw. 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. **Any unclaimed clothing remaining at the end of term will be donated to charity.**



SPCA Fundraiser

Our two school leaders Keara Paraki and Lilyana Ultee held a SPCA fundraiser this week. The event was organised over recent weeks as part of their leadership programme.

The fundraiser included a colouring in competition and dress-up day, and collected donations of pet food or a gold coin. For dress-up day the children were asked to dress up as their favourite animal. All children and teachers paraded around the hall with some fabulous looking animals to be seen. The pet food pile was huge and they raised a whopping \$350 as well. All of which was donated to the SPCA.

Thank you once again to our generous community who gave so willingly to this great cause. Well done to Keara and Lilyana for organising this event.



School Photos

We will let you know when school photos arrive back. They will be displayed on the office noticeboard for viewing.

The prices for the photos will be as follows:

\$16 for a named class photo

\$11 for two 6 x 4 photos

\$11 for one 10 x 8 photo

More information to follow.

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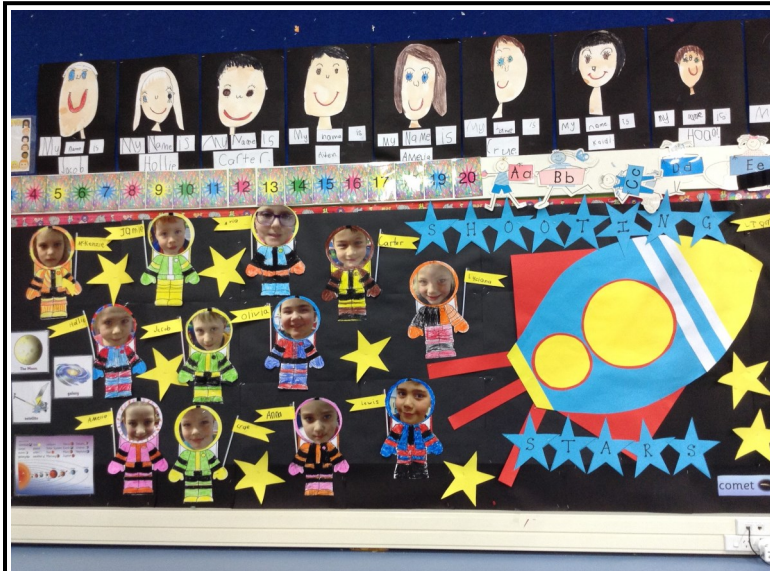
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Room 12 Astronaut and Planet Earth Artwork

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Great Little Train Show

Saturday and Sunday 21 and 22 October 2017, badminton halls and SSME Grounds Surrey Park, Invercargill 10 am - 4 pm. Adults \$5, children \$2, family \$10 family pass (two adults and up to three children). The Great Little Train Show is our annual chance to share the love for our individual interests and modelling in general with our friends, our families and our community. Its where we encourage other like minded people to consider joining us and its where we help sow the seed with the younger generation that scale modelling can be really rewarding. It is also our major fundraiser for the year where we make enough funds to cover our major accounts and hopefully have enough left over to spend on growing our club, supporting the different club sections and turning club projects into a reality that benefits all members.

Extra Curriculum Activity

New opportunity—for singing, drama and performance. JVOV is accepting youth for auditions for Christmas pageant, 8 – 18 year olds, \$60 per child/youth. Adult volunteer participation also welcome. Begins Tuesday 17 October at 4pm. December public performance. Contact Jacqueline Walter text 022 384 4715 or jubilanz.vov@gmail.com.

Have You Tried Disc Golf?

Come and have a go. Win prizes at The Warehouse Invercargill on Saturday, 7 October, 10am-3pm. Coming soon to Queens Park.

Synchronised Swimming National Championships

Tuesday 10 October - 4:30pm opening ceremony, 5:15pm combination teams; Wednesday 11 October—12:15pm solos, 3:45pm teams; Thursday 12 October - 9:45am duets, 2:15pm national schools solo and duets competition.

Invercargill Toy Library

The Invercargill Toy Library is a non-profit charity, run by parents, that provides access to good quality toys, for Invercargill children, ranging from six months to eight plus years. The best thing about joining our toy library is the access our members get to a huge number of quality toys, games and puzzles without the enormous cost of buying them. Toy libraries are a great, budget friendly and environmentally sustainable way to keep your children entertained, active and learning. Bouncy Castle hire \$30 members or \$60 non-members. Gladstone Scout Hall, 100 Russel Street; Tuesday 11am-12 noon, Wednesday 3:30pm-4:30pm and Saturday 10am-12 noon. Contact 021 203 1182 or toylibraryinvercargill@gmail.com.

Drama Lessons—Term 4

Invers Theatre Company invites enrolments from students aged 8-15 on Tuesdays in Invercargill and on Wednesdays in Gore. Our lessons are a lot of fun, and a great way to build your confidence and broaden your imagination. Your first lesson is free. Enrol now by visiting www.inverstheatre.co.nz or contact Jade Gillies on 0210799676.

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@pownet.co.nz Athletics Southland website: www.athleticssouthland.co.nz You can also check us out on Facebook.

H2O Swim Lessons

Term 4 learn to swim lessons at the Makarewa School Pool. The cost is \$95 per child book online at www.h2odreams.co.nz.