



From the Principal's Desk



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

Welcome back to term 4 and it's week two already!

We are really on the down hill run with lots of great things yet to happen.

Keep an eye on the events calendar on the left to know what's happening. School Stream, the school app, is really taking off. We have over 400 users. If you haven't downloaded it you need to, because you will start missing out on important information. Next year we move to a paperless newsletter so get ready now.

By the time you get the next newsletter year 5/6 camps will be underway. Year 5/6 parents need to check you have all the information you need and that you have paid camp prior to going. Good luck for camps and thanks in advance to parent helpers, we know you will enjoy it. All forms and lists are on school stream. If you have not filled anything out yet you will need to get a paper copy from the office to complete asap.

Term 4 is compulsory sun hats term. Help your child get organised so we can protect your children from sun burn.

Next week is our ERO week with three ERO officers visiting our school from Monday through to Thursday. Wish us luck, we are hoping they see our great children, great community and great school.

Reminder year 6 visit day to high schools is on Wednesday, 8 November. As parents you will have been sent information from the high school you enrolled at. Please check this out.

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Peter Hopwood
Principal

Important Dates 2017

October

November

Fri 3 Raffle due in
Mon 6—Wed 8 Rm 3 Camp
Wed 8—Fri 10 Rm 4 Camp
Wed 8 High School Visit
Fri 10 Book Club Closes
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 5:30pm
Tue 21 BOT Meeting
Tue 21 Photos Close

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

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

Tues 30 Teacher only day
Wed 31 First day of Term 1

Assembly

Fri 27 October - Full School
1:20pm
Fri 3 November - 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.)

School Accounts

Donovan school accounts will be handed out in the next couple of days. Please check the children's school bags for an envelope containing your account. This account will include all deposits made up until 30 September 2017. Any deposits that have been made since this date will show on your next account.

Zavier Briggs (Rm1) was selected to illustrate a picture for a New Zealand young writer and artist publication, Toitoti.

He was given a story to illustrate called 'The Tunnel', which was written by an 11 year old student. His picture was published in the 9th edition, released for Spring 2017. We are very proud of this achievement Zavier!



PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SANDPIT REDEVELOPMENT

Thanks to students and parents for your efforts selling tickets for our Christmas raffle. Your support is amazing. Please keep the tickets coming back in.

TICKETS

Money and tickets are due in on **Friday, 3 November 2017**. Please return all tickets (even if you have not sold them).

HAMPER DONATIONS

We are also on the lookout for raffle prizes, and have asked that each family donate something towards the hampers that we are making up, something "Christmassy". We are looking for food items, Christmas decorations or Christmas themed items to make up hampers

Any donation is greatly appreciated. Donations to be at the school by **10 November 2017**.

CANTEEN REMINDERS

HEATUPS

Remember unless you have prepaid your children's heat ups this term, you need to send 20 cents along for the heat up! Please use appropriate containers for heat ups.

FRIDAY LUNCH VOUCHERS

You are still able to purchase canteen vouchers. The only way to buy the vouchers is via Internet Banking – so simple

Pay \$20 into our Donovan Primary PTA Bank Account	
Account Number	03 1742 0052744 00
Particulars	Family Name

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

PITA PIT – MONDAY'S 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. 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

JUNIOR DISCO

Date: Friday, 17 November 2017

Time: 5.30 – 6.15 pm

Who: The disco is only for children in the junior classrooms 10,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 and 19

Theme: **SPOOKY HALLOWEEN!**

Cost: \$2 entry – with the canteen selling glow items and food as usual

OR

\$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 glow sticks

DONOVAN CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE STADIUM

Over the next few weeks we will be arranging for the children to help make decorations for the Donovan Christmas Tree at the ILT Stadium Southland Christmas Tree festival...more details on this event will follow.

CALENDARS

Due to time restraints we will not be offering 2018 Calendars this year.

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

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

New Students

We welcome our new students: Carter Jenkins, Amera Mohamed, Scarlett McDowall, Blake McCullough, Ryan Mathieson, Darcy McDowall, Leah Forbes and Alexander Taylor.

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.



Lucky Book Club—Issue 7

Please return your orders and money in a named envelope to the office by

Friday 10 November.

OR

- ◇ Have you thought of ordering your Book Club books by LOOP?
- ◇ LOOP—the easiest way for parents to order and pay for Book Club.
- ◇ When you register with LOOP you receive emails for Special Bonus Books.
- ◇ Register with LOOP online at scholastic.co.nz/loop. Your orders are then sent with the whole school order.

School Stream App—handy tips

- * When completing forms on School Stream please only submit once. If the form doesn't submit the first time please look for a red asterisk—this will show if there is a compulsory field that needs information.
- * Make sure you make your payment direct to the school bank account 03-1742-0052461-00 using the appropriate reference or direct to the school office. We take cash or Eftpos.

Assembly Awards Term 3, Week 10

Congratulations to these children who have shown good Donovan Values. Their names were drawn out at end of term assembly. They received a \$10 Warehouse voucher.



Senior: Briana Marshall Rm1, Danye Takitimu Rm2 (absent)

Middle: Caleb Ultee Rm7, Lisamarie Trainor Rm6 (absent)

Junior: Cairo Pou Rm19, Bradley Evans Rm19

School Photos

School photos will be on display within the next couple of weeks. We will also send a sample photo and envelope home for you to complete and return to the school office for your order. All sample photos and envelopes must be at the school office by 21 November.

We will pop a note on School Stream to let you know when the photos arrive at school. The prices for the photos will be:

\$16 for a named class photo

\$11 for two 6 x 4 photos

\$11 for one 10 x 8 photo

Sports Uniforms

We urgently need sports uniforms for term 4. Please return any sports uniform to the school office immediately if you are not using it or you have more than one per child.

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

SCHOOL STREAM

As you are all aware, we have made available for all our school community, a free school app called School Stream. Like all things new we still have a few teething issues now and again but generally it is working well. So far we have advised you, through the alerts, of changes in events and we have also supplied forms for

- Camp
- Touch
- Cricket
- Mitre 10 Tough Kids
- Trip permissions etc
- Absences
- Friday Canteen Orders (NEW)

We are now at the stage of looking at reducing our paper usage, by eliminating notices and newsletters home. School Stream is easy to install and easy to use. Once your child has left school, you can just uninstall it. Some High Schools use this app or something similar so we are a good learning opportunity for your future school communications.

If you wish to download School Stream go to either the Apple store or Google Play (for Androids) and search for ‘School Stream’. Download it onto your phone. When you open it for the first time it will ask you what school you want. (You can have more than one school and you can have multiple persons in the household download it. Caregivers and Grandparents are good options too). There are folders set up that messages will park themselves in, once you have read them, so they are there for a reference in the future.

To help us fine tune our system could you please complete the short survey below and return to school by Friday 3 November.

Currently we have forms for Camp, and Mitre 10 Tough Kids that are still open. If you do not have these electronically, please collect a paper version from the office.

Children at school.....

Do you have School Stream Yes / No
Do you use School Stream Yes / No
Do you find it useful Yes / No
If you have answered no, please tell us

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What is your email address for the Newsletters (if you are not using School Stream)
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Any comments?
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Friday Canteen Orders – we have gone live on School Stream!!

You can now order your Friday Canteen Order online if you pay via Credit/Debit Card.

There will be a small charge added to the subtotal of your order (30 cents plus 1.7% of the transaction i.e. \$5 order will incur 39 cent charge. This is automatically added to your order as you go and is included in the grand total at the end of your order).

Please complete the order by **9am on Friday**.

Late orders may not be processed.

New Canteen Item

Fruit and Juice \$1.50

(Fruit Salad and Juice in a 120gm pottle with a spoon)

In term 3, the senior syndicate learnt about 'Force and Motion'. This Inquiry Unit was exciting because we experimented with many things that move including parachutes and balloon cars. We ended with an afternoon of racing our own CO₂ Race Cars in the hall.



"3...2...1...Go!" Mr Ryan yelled. Whoosh the CO₂ cars were like lightning striking a tree.

By Gareth Smith
Rm1—Year 6



All of a sudden a loud whooshing noise was heard. A blast of air pressure that looked like candyfloss appeared.

By Blake Hargest
Rm1—Year 6

Then all of a sudden, another team's CO₂ car broke! I hope our CO₂ car doesn't do that! It was finally our turn, that didn't take long I thought. Our car was next. My heart was pounding.

By Trent Forbes
Rm1—Year 6

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Extravaganza Fair

We are going to be in Invercargill 28 and 29 October at Surrey Park. Entry is free. We are a family event with full all day stage entertainment including live music, family shows, kids games (with prizes), all the usual fair activities and of course, loads of fabulous opportunities for shopping. You can check out our facebook page here: <https://web.facebook.com/theextravaganzafair/> and our website www.extravaganzafair.co.nz.

Invercargill Christian Centre Junior Youth

Tuesday's during the school term, 6pm-7.30pm at 165 Leet Street for years 6-8, gold coin entry. Contact Lance 0272 169 450 or Invercargill Christian Centre Office 03 214 4562.

Out of School Art Classes

Enrolments are now being taken for term 4, 2017. Classes are available for year 1-8 pupils, for information and enrolments please contact Helen, co-ordinator, on 2177482.

Let's Zumba Halloween Party

Zumba for Kids Halloween party at Studio Fitness, 65 Nith Street, Invercargill, Saturday 28 October, 2pm-4pm, \$10 per ticket per child (no door sales). Zumba for kids class, goodie bag, prize for the best dressed, sausage sizzle, lolly scramble and games. Purchase your tickets at any Zumba Kids class or between 5pm-8pm Monday-Thursday from Studio Fitness or call/text 0278 434 700 to prebook your tickets today.

Angels and Heroes Party

Angels and Heroes Party (alternative to Halloween). Free fun for preschool and school age children. Tuesday 31st October, at Windsor Community Church (cnr Windsor and George St) 6:30pm – 8pm. Come dressed as an Angel or Hero. Games galore, supper provided, loads of fun and laughter and prizes for best dressed Angel or Hero. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

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