



Important Dates

2016 Term 4

December

Fri 2—Portfolio/Reports go home

Tues 6—Jnr Production

Wed 7—Jnr Production

Fri 9—Portfolio/Reports to be returned

Tues 13- Merit Assembly

Wed 14-Y6 Leavers Day Out and Graduation Assembly

Thurs 15—Prize Giving

Fri 16—Last Day

Assembly

Fri 25 Nov - Full School

Fri 2 Dec - Syndicate

2017

Mon 30 Jan - Office Open

Wed 1 Feb - School starts 8.50am for New Entrants and Year 1 & 2.

9:40am for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Everyone meets in the school hall.

New Students:

We welcome our new students: Sophia Sexton and Danika Read. We hope they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

Please remember to let the office know of any changes in phone numbers, addresses,

Text Absences

You can now text your absences to us on 0273 727 070. Please text 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 warm greetings to you all.

This is our second last newsletter for the year, so the information you need is starting to appear. Please check Important Dates and add them to your diary.

All those events which happen in the last week are explained in this newsletter along with dates, times and venues. Our Merit Assemblies are at school and our Prizegiving is at Southland Boys' High School.

Our last day is **Friday, 16 December** closing at **1pm**. On that day during the morning there will be no formal instruction because we will be emptying 11 classrooms for carpet cleaning. It will be a mucky morning, so the fewer children here would be great.

School camp has been and gone. Many thanks to the parents who helped give the children a great time. The weather altered the plans but it all worked out in the end.

We are hearing from our community that groups of children are hanging with teenagers in the old Waikiwi School site and other buildings. They are entering these buildings and doing damage. Some of our children are joining them. Please know where your children are and who they are with. There are large groups of our children roving the community after school and in the early evening and getting into all sorts of trouble.

Haere ra
Peter Hopwood
Principal

From the Board of Trustees

The new classrooms are almost complete. We are also happy to report that Ministry approval has been granted for our new playground equipment and work will begin over the summer break to add new playground facilities.

Thank you to the parents who took time to complete our survey. We value your feedback. We acknowledge parent concerns about road safety and have already begun looking at this issue. The increased roll has had an impact on our resources and we are looking at what extra resources are needed for next year. The Board will be reviewing communication between the school and the community over the coming months.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to help with such a variety of things over the course of the year. And to our wonderful PTA. We do notice what you do and it is much appreciated. A school can never have too many volunteers!

Finally to Peter and all the Donovan staff, thank you for your flexibility in dealing with so much change in the school because of rapid roll growth. We are very thankful that despite the growth our class sizes have stayed manageable and are still significantly smaller than some other schools in Invercargill. We hope that next year will provide more consistency for you!

We wish everyone in the Donovan community a safe and happy Christmas and holiday period and look forward to celebrating with you and your children at our end of year events.

Jill Wilkinson – Chairperson

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2017 Stationery Requirements

To make going Back to School easy for you we have teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool to have our class list stationery requirements loaded up on to myschool.co.nz. We've found this is the easiest way for you to purchase your child's requirements. Simply search for our school, select your child's class/subject lists and follow the instructions on the website.

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Responsible Children's Award -Week 3 – Term 4

Congratulations to these children who have shown good Donovan values. Their names were drawn out at assembly. They can choose either chocolate or an item of stationery. (*Chocolate seems to be a favourite.*)

Back row: Jemma Coutts Rm 4, Portia Byron Rm 15.

Middle row: Kayla Troon Rm 7, Satori McMurdo Rm 5, Bailee-Rose Cardosa Rm 15.

Front row: Gabriel Smart Rm 9, Tatum Tanner Rm 18. Absent: Haylee Donald Rm 9



Miniball

Year 3/4 Mixed

Donovan All Stars team, which made the final but were placed second. They played really well but were beaten on the day.

Year 5/6 Girls

The Donovan Dunkettes had an outstanding season. The girls only lost one game during the competition and that was their very first game, with the team going on to win their section final on Tuesday night. The girls have worked hard all year at practices on Monday and Tuesday lunch times. They have become much better shooters and their defensive work has been a real stand out. Their success is due to them learning that the game is all about team work and working on their individual shooting and dribbling skills.



Year 5/6 Boys

This year we had two teams in this grade:

The Donovan Demons who played in the Boys A section had a strong season only losing three games and ending the season in third place in a very close last game. The boys showed a lot of individual skills during the year.

The Donovan Slammers played in the Boys B section. The boys practiced enthusiastically all season and their skills and team work made a lot of progress and was rewarded with a good win in their last game of the season.

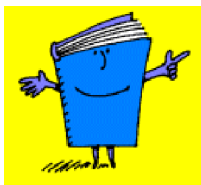
A big thank you must go to Mrs Hargest who coached the boys. I hope that next year all the children carry on playing the game and remember keep practicing those shooting skills

Canteen Heat-ups

A reminder to provide suitable containers for Canteen heat-ups. There have been issues with containers not standing up to the heat of the pie-warmer or being unsuitable to contain hot water; some have become scalding hot, breaking and/or leaking, which is a huge Health and Safety concern for everyone. The biggest issue has been around Glass, Ceramic and Chinese takeaway containers.

EZ Covers

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Lost Property

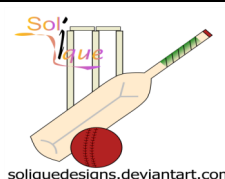
Please keep checking our lost property, which will be on display outside the hall on Friday's. We would appreciate clothing to be named, then they could be returned to the student. Any unclaimed clothing still here at the end of year, will be donated to charity.



Student School Accounts

School accounts will be sent home with children shortly. If you know you have paid this in the last two weeks please disregard account, or if you have any enquiries, please contact the office. We would appreciate these accounts to be settled before the end of the term thank you.

Congratulations to Aubrey Page for his latest selection in Southland Year 7/8 Cricket team travelling to Timaru for a tournament in January 2017. Good luck!



Junior Production

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 December at 6pm for both nights. \$2 Adults and \$1 Child.
Tickets on sale from Monday 28 November 8:30-8:50am or 3-3:30pm from the foyer outside the hall.

Community Notices:

- Invercargill City Libraries—Summer Reading Programme

- **Summer Reading Programme**—the Great Escape starts on Thursday, 1 December and runs through to Thursday, 19 January 2017. This year there are activity and reading challenge booklets available for children. The booklets contain everything you need to complete The Great Escape and once completed will put you into the prize draw at the end of the challenge. Contact www.ilibrary.co.nz, Megan on 03 211 1444 or megan.findlater@ilibrary.co.nz for more information.

- **Music Premiere**—Anna Cannon-1 December, 7pm, to be held Invercargill Civic Theatre. Featuring original music by Invercargill Composer Anna Cannon. Performances by Dr Anthony Ritch, John Van Buskirk and local performers. Ticket available from ICC Booking office. Adults \$27.50, Children \$9.50, Family \$70.

- **Guinea Pig Ground Hutch wanted** – open to repairs, text Sharron on 0274 406 423

- **Nativity Photos** – Would you like a Christmas photo with a difference, then bring your family along to Manna Bookshop, 90 Spey Street, Invercargill and step back in time. Children's play area, colouring in, and you can dress up and have your photo taken in a Nativity Scene. \$5 & \$10 photo packs available, cash only. Saturday 3, 10 and 17 December 10am-4pm, Monday 12 December, Friday 16 December, 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm. Monday 19 December and Tuesday 20 December 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm.

- **Splash Palace** - Holiday Swim School start to learn to swim holiday programme \$45.00, Diving School \$90.00 and Boating Safety \$35.00. Book at Splash Palace reception, email: swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz or contact Marie McQueen (03) 217 7506. Flyers are on community notice board.

- **Noel Leeming** Invercargill or Gore - New Macbooks priced under education pricing—HP Pro X2 210, while stocks last \$419+gst (RRP \$891.25 inc, normal nett cost \$619+gst). Contact Patricia Harris 021 881 052 for further information.

- **Activate Music—Online Holiday Program** - Four weeks of fun! Become your own music producer with Activate Music Academy's Online Holiday Program! We'll workshop your songs, make new friends in the community forum, and get creative to win awesome prizes. Complete beginner? Been making beats for a while? We're going to have a great time making music together! Register and find out more at: <https://activatemusic.academy/online-holiday-program/>

- **Summer Basketball Clinic**— January 2017 (24th, 25th, 26th and 27th) Southland Shooters is running a Summer Basketball Clinic during the school holidays. This clinic offers a fun development opportunity for girls and boys from years 3 - 10, and will be run by SBA Basketball Development Officer Dan Peck, along with other SBA coaches and local Sharks players. Individual ability and age groups will be catered for wherever possible. Phone (03) 211 2254 Fax (03) 211 2250 Email dan@basketballsouthland.co.nz

Stationery Requirements for 2017

New Entrants

New Entrant packs are available from the office for \$50.00

This includes a Donovan sunhat.

Year 1: (Only replace items if completely used otherwise last year's books can be used)

- 1 x Large journal bag Velcro
- 2 x Amos glue sticks 35gm
- 2 x Trubb The Really Useful Scrapbook *
- 1 x 40 pocket book display
- 6 x Junior grip triangular castell pencil
- 8 x JWB junior writing 14mm ruled 40lf exercise book *
- 1 x JMB 10mm Graph Junior Maths Book
- 4 x Whiteboard marker bullet black.
- 1 x Red pen



Year 2

- 4 x Large Amos Glue Sticks
- 1 x 40 page Clearfile
- 2 x JMB 10mm Graph Junior Maths Book
- 4 x Trubb The Really Useful Scrapbook *
- 4 x Whiteboard markers (Black) - fine
- 10 x Hb Pencils 'Steadler brand'
- 8 x JWB 14mm Ruled Junior Book *
- 1 x Colouring pencils (12)
- 1 x Red pen
- 1 x Large book bag
- 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)



* Purchase from Office Max in Yarrow Street

Please name all stationery.
Items can be purchased online at www.myschool.co.nz and delivered to your door.

Year 3 & 4

- 8 x 1B5
- 2 x 1E5 with Margins
- 1 x 9B5
- 12 x Hb pencils – Steadler brand
- 3 x Red Pens
- 1 x Whiteboard Marker (fine, Black)
- 4 x Large Amos Gluesticks
- 1 x 60 Page Clearfile
- 1 x Colouring Pencils (12) –no felts
- 2 x Rubbers
- 1 x 30cm Ruler (non flexi)
- 1 x Highlighter
- 1 x Large Book Bag
- 1 x Pencil case
- 1x A3 Scrapbook



Year 5 & 6

- 9 x 1B5
- 3 x 1E5 with Margins
- 1 x 200pg A4 Lined Refill
- A3 Scrapbook
- 1 x A4 Manila folder
- 1 x 4b Art Pencil
- 1 x Black fine tip permanent marker
- 5 x Hb Pencils
- 1 x Pencil Sharpener, Non flexi Ruler, Scissors and Colouring Pencils (24)
- 2x Red, 2x Blue Pens
- 3 x Large Glue Sticks
- 2 x Whiteboard Markers
- 1 x 60 Page Clearfile
- 2 x Rubbers



END OF YEAR PREPARATIONS

We are starting to think about our end of year events. There are a few things that parents can keep their eye on. Library books, resources and instructional readers should already be returned to school. If you find some at home, please send them along a.s.a.p. All sports uniforms should be back to school a.s.a.p please.

Portfolios/Reports will go home on **Friday, 2 December**. The Portfolios are to be returned by **Friday, 9 December**.

Merit Assembly will be on **Tuesday, 13 December**. Juniors will start at 11am and the Middle and Seniors will start at 1.15pm on this day. This is where children are recognised for great work throughout the year.

Graduation Day and Evening

This will be on **Wednesday, 14 December**. The Year 6 students enjoy a day out and have a **formal** graduation at **7pm** that evening for themselves and their families. Invites are going home soon so keep a lookout for this.

Prize Giving Assembly

Prizegiving will be held at Southland Boys High School on Layard Street, on **Thursday, 15 December, at 1pm** (we will have an early lunch) and this is a time to celebrate the children who are being recognised for outstanding effort and achievement within the school. Parents will be notified if their child is a recipient. Two deserving students will be awarded our PTA and BOT trophies for Citizenship and we will also be naming our School Leaders for next year. School will finish at the normal time of 3.00pm. Children will be bused to and from Southland Boys' High School.

Last Day

School will be finishing at **1pm** on **Friday, 16 December** with the lowering of the school flag. There will be no lunch break.

2017 PREPARATIONS

Start date for 2017

New Entrants, Year 1 and Year 2 students - **8.50am**

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - **9.40am**

Wednesday, 1 February 2017—all students are to meet in the hall.

Their new classes will be announced then and children will be taken with their new teachers to their room.

If you know that your child, or children are not returning to Donovan for 2017, could you please let the office know immediately, as we are currently working on classes for next year.

The 2017 school day commences at 8.50am. Morning tea is from 10am to 10.20am. Brainbreak is from 11.20am to 11.30am and lunch is from 12.30pm until 1.15pm, and school finishes at 3pm.

2017 Term Dates

Term 1—Wednesday, 1 February to Thursday, 13 April

Term 2—Monday, 1 May to Friday, 7 July

Term 3—Monday, 24 July to Friday, 29 September

Term 4—Monday, 16 October with end date to be advised

Waitangi Day-Monday, 6 February

Easter-Friday, 14 April

Easter-Monday, 17 April

Anzac Day-Tuesday, 25 April

Queens Birthday-Monday, 5 June

Labour Day-Monday, 23 October

STATIONERY

Stationery lists are included with this newsletter. If you require another copy it will be on Facebook. We will also be posting them onto the front door, if you lose it during the holidays. Remember that Office Max are offering an online ordering service at www.myschool.co.nz. This is a quick and easy way to avoid the rush in town before school restarts.

The school office will be open from Monday, 30 January 2017.

CLASSES FOR 2017

I would like you to be aware that due to extra children coming in and children leaving, our class structures may not look as they have in the past. What I mean by this is that we could have different composite classes - eg a year 2/3 or a 4/5 class. The classes are not streamed. They are not set up for any reason other than where the numbers of our year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are at that time.

If you have a special request please see Mrs Helen Fallow by Friday, 2 December and we will endeavour to accommodate you. In some circumstances we may not be able to comply with your request.

Currently we are still receiving information about children who won't be returning next year and children who are new to our school and arriving. Therefore we are still working on the class lists for the best options. We endeavour to do our best to form balanced classes, so all the children can have a great year in 2017.