

**Important Dates 2017****December**

**Fri 8** Portfolios go home  
**Mon 11** Community Picnic  
**Tue 12** Portfolios to be returned  
**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 **1pm finish**

**2018****January**

**Mon 29** School Office opens  
**Mon 29** Teacher only day  
**Tues 30** Teacher only day  
**Wed 31** First day of Term 1  
**New Entrants, Year 1 and 2** students meet at 8.50am in the hall  
**Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** meet at 9.40am in the hall.

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

**Assembly**

**Fri 8 December - 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.

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2017!

Hard to believe another year has nearly come to an end. It has been a busy time the last few weeks with reports, camps and our ERO visit.



Our ERO visit went really well and currently we have a draft report that says "Donovan has strengths in; pastoral care for children and staff wellbeing, inclusive school and classroom practices, collegial and collaborative practice among leaders and staff". It also says "there are clear and consistent expectations around implementing the school's values of respect, caring, responsibility and independence. Teachers model the school values (for students and for colleagues) and are supported by systems, such as 'positive behaviour for learning'. This generates a culture of inclusivity; children and staff feel valued and acknowledged. Learning support systems identify those students requiring additional support for learning and are responsive to individual student needs. Support for learning is tailored to individuals and interventions are timely".

Next week we move into our Merit and Prize Giving Assemblies. This is a time to celebrate many of our children and their achievements. We also farewell next Tuesday, 12 December our Year 6 students who will be leaving for High Schools across Invercargill. Sixty-two students will be graduating and moving forward. I want to wish each of them all the best for a successful future. There are many families who finish their association with Donovan Primary on this special night as well. We wish you well and thank you for all your support over the last few years.

Our school has a very successful BOT and PTA who give of themselves to provide services and guidance to Donovan. We thank them all and wish them a Merry Christmas. A special thank you to Jill Wilkinson who leads the BOT and gives so much of herself and time to this important role. I would also like to take the opportunity to pass our personal thanks to Megan Dick our PTA President. Our PTA has been so successful due to Megan's leadership.

To provide all the events and happenings you need a loyal and committed staff. We certainly have that, and I thank each and every one of them for their years work. A special part of our team are the Support Staff, Caretaker and Cleaners. To you all, our school could not operate without your considerable input. Special thanks to Maureen, Sandra and Sharon in the office who make our jobs much easier and assist so many staff on a daily basis. To our Leadership team; Mrs Fallow, Mr Ryan, Mrs Butt, Mrs Wilson and Miss Kennedy, a special thanks for a great year supporting teachers and children alike.

Donovan Primary has continued to grow during 2017. We have managed the roll increase and have been proud that we have kept the schools spirit and culture untouched. A place that includes everyone and provides a safe and stimulating learning environment.

Donovan Primary closes at 1pm, Friday, 15 December, with the lowering of the flag. There will be no lunch break on this day.

Merry Christmas to you all and have a safe holiday. See you all in 2018.

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**Peter Hopwood**  
**Principal**

**Please return all portfolios to the teachers by  
 Tuesday 12 December.**

DONOVAN  
PRIMARY  
Summer Christmas  
**COMMUNITY PICNIC**

Monday, 11 December, 6pm – 8pm

Bring your picnic food, rug, chair, singing  
voices and sense of fun

for

a fun-filled evening of Christmas carols, family  
games

Cricket, T-ball etc

If wet the event will be cancelled.  
Notification will be on School Stream or Facebook by 3pm on the day.

**Last Day for  
Donovan Canteen 2017**

Friday, 8 December

No heat ups during the last week  
of school.

**Friday, 15 December**

**School Closes  
at 1pm**

**Please arrange for your child(ren)  
to be collected at this time.**

**Final message for 2017 from the  
Donovan PTA**

For a small group of people we have had a very successful year raising much needed funds for extra projects around the school. With the rapid growth of the school, we were asked to assist with purchasing some more junior reading books. We donated \$9500 for this project. Our next big project is to relocate and rebuild the sandpit. Our raffles have done well at Easter and Christmas and it was so good to see the generosity of our school families. Without your support we would not be able to do what we have done. So a big thank you to all those families that are supporting us and the school. If anyone would like to come to a PTA meeting and meet new people and perhaps have some ideas or time then keep an eye on the newsletters for when our meetings dates are.

On behalf of the PTA we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday break.

Megan Dick  
President  
Donovan Primary PTA

**Responsible Student Award Term 4,  
Week 5**

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 continues to be a favourite.



Casey Sinclair Rm 3, Kyra Savory Rm 8,  
Jonah ten Hoorn Boer Rm 8, Ashton Pool Rm 8,  
Matthew Diack Rm 13, Nia McCleery Rm 12,  
Cooper Ramage Rm 15,  
Chante McGregor Davies Rm 1 (absent) and  
Kaiba Ladbroke Rm 5 (absent),

# Keep this on your fridge...

## **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, 8 December**. The Portfolios are to be returned by **Tuesday, 12 December**.

**Merit Assembly** will be on **Wednesday, 13 December**. Juniors will start at 11am and the Middle and Senior students 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 **Tuesday, 12 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.

## **Prizegiving Assembly**

Prizegiving will be held at Southland Boys High School on Herbert Street, on **Thursday, 14 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, 15 December** with the lowering of the school flag. There will be no lunch break.

## **2018 PREPARATIONS**

### **Start date for 2018**

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

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

**Wednesday, 31 January 2018—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 2018, could you please let the office know immediately, as we are currently working on classes for next year.

The 2018 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.

### **2018 Term Dates**

**Term 1—Wednesday, 31 January to Friday, 13 April**

**Term 2—Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July**

**Term 3—Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September**

**Term 4—Monday, 15 October with end date to be advised**

**Waitangi Day—Monday, 6 February**

**Easter—Friday, 30 March**

**Easter—Monday, 2 April, Tuesday, 3 April**

**Queens Birthday—Monday, 4 June**

**Labour Day—Monday, 22 October**

## **STATIONERY**

Stationery lists are included with this newsletter. If you require another copy it will be on School Stream and 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, 29 January 2018.**

Please remember to let the office know of any change in phone numbers, address, emails, emergency contacts etc. Changes can be made on School Stream, email or by contacting the school office 215 9664.

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## 2017 Stationery Requirements

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Buying through OfficeMax MySchool also earns School Rewards for our school which we can redeem for much needed educational supplies, equipment for our classrooms or for students in need.

Our stationery list was included in last weeks newsletter and is on School Stream, the office doors and spare copies are on the office counter.

## Sports Report

This year I played Miniball. Donovan Dunkers was my team name. I would like to thank Lauren, Skyla, Erin, Lucy and Heidi for playing Miniball. I would also like to thank Aisha May for filling in for Skyla. I would like to thank my coach Jodi. We got better each game. We had lots of fun. We had our last game on Tuesday 28 November 2017. We won, it was 12 to us and 6 to Sacred Heart. If you would like to play next year you definitely can. My team was a good team and we came 5th over all but only 1st and 2nd got a trophy, but that was fine because we enjoyed ourselves. The year 5 and 6 girls... man they were on fire. They came 1st. They were Amber, Brianna, Brooke, Bailee, Jade, Ella, Kadie and the awesome Keara. MAN she was on fire! I think it might just be because there is 8 of them. Thank you Jodi for teaching us cool drills like the dribbling one or the passing one or the dodging one or the hot seat, wait no, we taught you the hot seat. It was awesome. You taught us a lot. I can't remember all of them. The most fun part was the games of course, how to play, shoot the ball into the hoop and then you will get a point for your team. By Sophie Flay

## Water Polo

A huge thank you to Rochelle Watson and Julie Welsh who have been wonderful Water Polo coaches, due to their time, and the dedication they have shown to our Donovan students. We are very appreciative of their support and involvement.

Congratulations to the Donovan Sharks for getting 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Donovan Dragonfish for getting 4<sup>th</sup> in the finals competition, and well done to all our teams.



## Lost Property

Please keep checking our lost property, which will be on display outside the hall on Friday's. If your clothing is named, then it can be returned to the student. Any unclaimed items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

## New Students

We welcome our new students: Ava Wilson, Hayden Johns, Liv Gardner and Kahu Moxham.

We hope they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

## School Stream App

Current and previous newsletters are available within School Stream, however an alternative option is to supply us with your email address so we can forward the newsletter to you by email. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please complete and return the form below.

We will be continuing with our aim to go paperless by the end of next year so any assistance we are able to give you to help with any area of the School Stream App we are only too happy to help, please come and see us. The idea to go paperless is in line with many schools and in particular high schools; who are now providing nearly all their information electronically. Our intention is to reduce time, resources and cost of communicating/providing information. Your assistance to help our school to achieve this aim is greatly appreciated. So get on board and be a School Stream user. Remember any number of people can download the app, so all parents, grandparents, caregivers, friends and anyone else who is interested to receive Donovan information are able to do so. Using School Stream is an ideal opportunity to get ready for high school where you will find everything is electronic. To download—go to your app store, search for School Stream and download. Easy Peasy.

If you have any questions about communications with Donovan please contact Maureen at the school office on 2159664.

Please email my Donovan newsletter to

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Children attending school \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return to the school office.

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**ADDING MORE VEGETABLES TO LUNCHBOXES**

Vegetables are high in vitamins, minerals and fibre - important nutrients for growing children. Add some to the lunchbox every day.

- ♥ Cut up seasonal vegetables your child likes and serve with hummus. Try carrots, beans, capsicum, celery, tomatoes, snow peas, mushrooms
- ♥ Add vegetables into sandwiches such as lettuce, grated carrot, beetroot, cucumber, tomato, spring onions
- ♥ Put frozen mixed vegetables, beans, corn or peas in small containers
- ♥ Use vegetables in baking, try carrot muffins / corn fritters / zucchini fritters / vegetable pizza
- ♥ Include leftover vegetables from last night's dinner

For more ideas, visit [fuelled4life.org.nz](http://fuelled4life.org.nz)

## Room 14 Hospice Christmas Card Competition

Some of our Room 14 students wanted to design a Christmas card to enter the Hospice Art Competition.

Our students were gifted with lovely certificates for their amazing effort.



## Please Look After Our Donovan Sports Uniforms



It is very disappointing to see the state of some of the sports uniforms being returned to school. Some have not been laundered and appear to not be looked after at all. Here is a photo showing one of the tops that is clearly not in a fit state to be handed out to the next recipient. Would you want your child being issued with this top?

Please ensure all sports uniforms are returned laundered and if necessary spot clean any stubborn stains. These uniforms need to be in a presentable state as they are often needed for another student to wear immediately.

We would also suggest that children refrain from eating while in these tops as this seems to be the main issue. We want our children to look smart and respect school property and be proud to wear the Donovan uniform.

## Miniball 2017

Well another season of Miniball is done and dusted for another year. The teams started playing in Term 3 and finished last Tuesday night. Once again the competition was well organized by the team from Basketball Southland.

This year we had five teams playing, with two teams coming from the middle syndicate and three teams from the senior syndicate.

I would like to thank all the parents that made it possible to field teams by giving up their time to coach each week.

- Riki Kramers who coached the All Stars to a 4th placing in the year 5/6 Boys A grade.

- Rachael Fleming who coached the Breakers in the 5/6 Boys B section

- Jodi Frisken who coached the year 3/4 Girls team and she also did the scoring each week for the 5/6 Girls A grade team

- Thank you also to Mrs Ormond-Taane who once again coached the year 3/4 boys team.

The year 5/6 girls team had an outstanding season. They grew in individual and team skills and went through the season with only one loss. A pleasing feature of the team was how they didn't give in and this showed through in the last three weeks when they came from behind to win. In the final of the Girls A Grade they had a very strong finish to come from behind and win against the only team that had beaten them during the season.

Thank you to all the parents that supported the Donovan teams each week by scoring games or cheering the children on.

Lastly to all the players, I enjoyed watching your individual skills develop and the co-operation in the teams grow over the season. I hope you enjoyed playing and are all practicing your shots for next season.

Regards

Brett Ryan



Year 5/6 Girls Team  
Girls A Grade Winners

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## Donovan Christmas Tree

**Vote at  
ILT Stadium  
Southland**

**Post a picture  
of your family  
voting**



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Family Xmas at the Arcade

Cambridge stalls, food stalls, arts and crafts, live music, chinese massage, kids Christmas costume design competition, decorated Christmas arcade. Free entry and activities. SIT Arcade, 9 December 10am-2pm. Registration required for costume design competition before 6 December. Register via email 2016009157@student.sit.ac.nz.

### Southland Board Riders

Southland Board Riders have a number of events scheduled for this coming summer. Summer Series (SS) to be held in Jan, Feb and March. SS will now be held on a Saturday allowing Sunday as the poor weather day. SS#1 Jan: 13 Jan, (back up day 14), SS #2 Feb: 10 (back up day 11), SS #3 March: 10 (Back Up day 11, Scholastics: Primary and Secondary Schools 24 Feb (back up day 25), Colac Bay Classic: 24 March (back up day 25), Wallace Longest Wave Comp: Easter Weekend - Day with the best surf, SBR Family Camp: 27 and 28 Jan, Catlins - location awaiting confirmation. Annual membership \$15 per person or only \$40 per family. For membership subscription details please email Southlandboardriders@gmail.com Victoria Rausch, SBR Secretary.

### Invercargill Library Summer Reading Programme

Wild about reading? Plan your great escape with The Great Escape Summer Reading programme, 1 December 2017 to 31 January 2018. Contact Invercargill Library for further information.

### Jack'n'Jill Portraits

We will once again be taking Santa pictures in Smith City – Invercargill and would love for the children to join us. Families will be able to enjoy a personal Santa experience including a gift whilst getting beautiful pictures to treasure forever. Saturday 16-Saturday 23 December, 10am-12pm and 1pm-4pm daily. Christmas Eve 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. Merry Christmas!

### Carols at Waikiwi

Friday 15 December at 7pm. If weather permitting it will be at the former Waikiwi School on Corner North Road and Durham Street or if wet it will be at St Stevens Church Hall on North Road. Come for an evening of joyous carol singing.

### School Holiday Programme

Hosted at ILT Hockey Turfs off Lindisfarne St, Invercargill. Numbers are limited. For more information contact Tracey on 027 5164011.

**Touch Southland**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**JANUARY 2018**

**\$30**

PER CHILD

FOR AGES 7-11

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PAGE

**Queenstown- Thurs 11th**

**Cromwell- Thurs 18th**

**Te Anau- Tues 23rd**

**Gore- Wed 24th**

**Invercargill- Fri 26th**

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