

**Important Dates 2018****February****Wed 28**-Athletics Day-School**March****Wed 7** -PTA AGM**Tue 13** -Zone Athletics-
Donovan Primary**Thu 29** Teacher Only Day**Fri 30** Easter Friday**Mon 2** Easter Monday**Tue 3** Easter Tuesday**April****Fri 13** last day of Term 1**Mon 30** Term 2 starts**May****Tue 1**-Swimming**Wed 2**-Swimming**Thu 3**-Swimming**Tue 8**-Swimming**Wed 9**-Swimming**Thu 10**-Swimming**Tue 15**-Swimming**Wed 16**-Swimming**Thu 17**-Swimming**Tue 22**-Swimming**June****Mon 4** Queens Birthday**July****Fri 6** last day term 2**Mon 23** first day term 3**August****September****Fri 28** last day Term 3**October****Mon 15** first day Term 4**Mon 22** Labour Day**November****December****Mon 17** last day of Term 4**Assembly****Fri 23** February - Syndicate

1:20pm Senior/Middle

2:15pm Junior

Fri 30 February - 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 and Kia Ora.

Welcome to this issue of our newsletter.

We are very excited that some of our big building projects are nearly finished. We are mostly in and ready to use the corridor/cloak bay and breakout areas in Block B, that includes Rooms 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Our new pedestrian entrance is starting to be used well. I wish I could say the same for our **P2** parking in front of the school on Drury Lane. It defies belief how some of you are using it. Cars left unattended, double/triple parked and impatient drivers. You wouldn't dream of driving like this in our CBD, so please stop creating unsafe practices and be better role models for our children.

Thanks so much to all parents that came to 'Meet the Teacher'. It was great to see so many of you. An even bigger thank you to parents who left their names to be contacted as helpers for PTA, swimming and school events. We received not one name as a helper for sports teams or canteen. We really need your help because we encourage children to participate in sport but we cannot do this without parental assistance. If you can help please email the school office on office@donovanprimary.ac.nz and leave your name.

Next week on Wednesday, 28 February, is our school athletics sports for our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. Fingers crossed for great weather. Come along, join in and enjoy the races and don't forget to encourage your athletes and ensure they wear sunblock and sunhats.

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Peter Hopwood, Principal**Teacher Only Day**

Donovan Primary will be closed

on

Thursday, 29 March

for staff professional development.

Please start getting organised early for this closure.

School Accounts

School Accounts will be going home with the children today. Please note that any payments in the last three weeks will not be included on this account as they are not in the system yet.

Donations are voluntary so you are able to claim a rebate through your tax return. Consumables are a compulsory item. Please ensure consumables i.e. reading log (\$3) and Bible in Schools book (\$7.50), are paid in full otherwise they accumulate year on year.

Payment can be made electronically to bank account number 031742 0052461 00, eftpos or by automatic payment. If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact Maureen at the school office.

Hard to believe it is almost the end of February! The **PTA AGM** will be held on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7pm, all welcome. Following the AGM it is anticipated that meetings will be generally held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

CANTEEN

WE DESPERATELY REQUIRE HELPERS TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CANTEEN.

This is a great service the PTA has been able to offer to the school over the years, but without helpers we cannot keep it running. The profits from the canteen go back to the school to provide resources and equipment for our children

If you or someone you know, like a grandparent or a family member, are able to volunteer, either with heat ups or with Friday's full canteen. Please contact the school office as soon as possible to avoid having to close the canteen.


RAFFLES

Following on from the huge success of our raffles in 2017, the PTA is running an Easter Raffle again in 2018.


As Easter is so early this year tickets will be going home next week with the children. We will also be asking for donations towards the hampers again.

Your support of these raffles enables the PTA to provide vital resources to our children and the PTA sincerely thank you and the wider community for that support.

RELAY FOR LIFE

	<p>The PTA is supporting the school's relay for life team by organising a FUNNY SUN HAT DAY fundraiser at the school during the week of 5 – 9 March.</p> <p>Children and staff are asked to wear a sunhat of their choice (decorated however they choose) and the PTA will be providing prizes for various categories. A flyer will be going home and on school stream about this.</p> <p>A gold coin donation from each child would be appreciated and all proceeds will be donated to the</p>
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PITA PIT – MONDAYS ONLY

<p>Pita Pit (Monday only) 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please remember to change your child's classroom to their class for 2018.</p>	 <p>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</p>
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parenting Helpline

We can help with any of your parenting concerns. Get support, advice and practical strategies. Call 0800 568 856 9am—9pm Monday to Sunday or go to www.parenthelp.org.nz.

Little Rockers Playgroup

Thursday during the term from 1 March, at The Hub, 9 Tay Street. Music starts at 10am with morning tea and play afterwards. For parents and children aged 1-5 years, doors open at 9.30am, \$3 per family.

Assistance required

Are you able to give Tasmin a ride to/from Water Polo on Fridays (only if the game is before 5.30pm) as I am working. Will need pickup from/to Cornerstone or my work. Will pay petrol and additional costs. Please contact the school office if you can help -Thanks Carmen.

MES OSCAR

Childcare is available to provide afterschool and holiday care. Please contact 218 9520 for more information.

Waikiwi Rugby Club

Registrations will be held at the Waikiwi Clubrooms, Bainfield Road on Thursday, 8 March from 4–6pm and Sunday 11 March 2 – 4pm. All existing and new players are most welcome.

Badminton Southland

Shuttle time, every Wednesday, 3.30-4.30pm, Badminton Hall at Surrey Park, from 14 February 2018. \$2 per session. Ages 5-12 years. You just need to turn up on the day and join in—racquets and shuttles supplied. For more information please contact Rata Hopa on 217 9460 or email badmintonsouthland@xtra.co.nz.

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.

PTA AGM

Wednesday, 7 March
at 7pm in the staffroom.
All welcome.

School Donations:

The donations for 2018 are:- **Single child \$60 per year; 2 children \$80 per year; 3 plus children \$90 per year.**

These donations assist the school with buses, visiting shows and other non curriculum activities that your children do. We do not ask for further monetary contributions so we do encourage as many parents as possible to pay the donation. You will find that we have the lowest donation amongst all the city schools.

If you wish to set up an automatic payment, \$5 per week is sufficient to cover all the costs for a single student and you may even have a credit that could be used for photos, or sports etc. Our bank account number is 031742 0052461 00. If you wish to set this up please use your child's name as a reference. Those that are currently doing this find it a very painless system.

The donation is voluntary and can also be claimed off your income tax as a donation, so you actually get a portion of it back.

Meet our new School Guardians

Last year we had a competition to name our two nutcracker soldiers that were kindly donated by the Donovan PTA.

The children were very excited and creative. After much deliberation the winning names were chosen.

We are thrilled to introduce you to

**Kai and
Tiaki**

These names, when joined together mean - The guardians of the school.



Canteen Helpers Needed Urgently

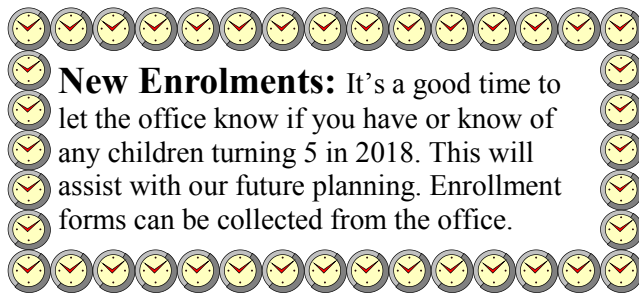
We are in need of 2 people to help in the Canteen on Friday's. Friday canteen helpers need to collate and make orders from 9am until approximately 1pm.

If we cannot find helpers for these times, the canteen will not be able to operate.

New Students

We welcome our new students: Eden Gilkinson, Jacks Henry and Jessie Henry.

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



New Enrolments: It's a good time to let the office know if you have or know of any children turning 5 in 2018. This will assist with our future planning. Enrollment forms can be collected from the office.

Sunhats: All students are to wear the regulation school hat this term. They are available from the school office for \$20. We do have Eftpos.

Responsible Student Award

Term 1, Week 3

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.



Front Row: Rm 19 Leon Boniface

Middle Row: Rm 15 Lucy Wright, Rm 16 Millie Fryer, Rm 11 Maddison Cheung

Back Row: Rm 1 Edward Stevenson, Rm 5 Caleb Smith, Aurora Hatherley

Absent: Rm 9 Tasmin Schiller

Update details:

Please keep the office notified of change of details
i.e. medical conditions,
change of email address,
work details,
change of addresses and
changes in phone numbers.

We need to keep this information up to date in case your child has an accident or is sick at school.

SCHOOL STREAM: Thank you to those who have downloaded this app on to their phone. We will probably phase out the newsletter by the middle of the school year. If you still want the newsletter, we can either email it to you if you give us your email address, or you can still get a hard copy. Please let us know if you want either of these options. We sent out a slip to be filled out last year and I have only had one returned, so I assume everyone is able to download the app. Almost every newsletter last year we promoted this app with instructions on how to download. If you still require assistance, please contact the office and we will see if we can help you. Those that use it, find it a great tool for communication to and from school. If you can't download it for what ever reason please indicate your choice.

If you wish to have the newsletter emailed or posted please fill in the slip and return to school asap.

Name..... Parent of Room(s).....

☐ Please email my newsletter to OR

☐ I wish to still get a hard copy Phone.....

ATHLETICS TIMETABLE 2018 Wednesday 28 February							Postponement days Thursday 1 March and Friday 2 March.			
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7 Yr Girls	Meet and get into age groups	60m 1	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	400m 14	Shot	100m 20	Discus	Finals 60M
7 Yr Boys		Discus	60m 5	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	400m 17	Shot	100m 23	7G 7B 8B 8G
8 Yr Girls		100m 2	Discus	60m 7	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	400m 21	Shot	100 M 9G 9B 8B 8G 7B 7G 10G 10B
8 Yr Boys		Shot	100m 6	Discus	60m 12	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	400m 22	
9 Yr Girls		800m 3	Shot	200m 8	Discus	100m 13	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	
9 Yr Boys		Long Jump	800m 4	Shot	200m 11	Discus	100m 18	High Jump	Game	
10 Yr Girls		Game	Long Jump	800m 9	Shot	200m 15	Discus	100m 19	High Jump	
10 Yr Boys		High Jump	Game	Long Jump	800m 10	Shot	200m 16	Discus	100m 24	

Donovan Primary Athletics: We will be holding our Athletic Day on Wednesday 28 February. If the weather is not flash we will try for Thursday 1 March or Friday 2 March. Notification will be on School Stream. Like all events we will require parental helpers. If you are able to assist please fill in the form below and return to the school office.

Name.....Parent/Caregiver of Room

I am able to assist - ☐ In the morning only ☐ In the afternoon only ☐ All day

I am able to assist on ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

Phone