



## From the Principal's Desk



Talofa, Kia Ora and welcome,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Lots on the go at the moment with our school sports coming up next week. Should be good with the great spell of weather at the moment.

On Friday this week we have the BETTER FUNDING, BETTER LEARNING, national road trip coming to our school. The van will be here around 3.00pm talking to parents about how we need better funding for our children and our schools. Pop past and sign up your support.

Some of our sports teams are under way this week and we wish them all the best for lots of games and lots of fun. Thanks to all the helpers and teachers who make this possible.

A great turn out at Meet the Teacher last week. Thanks for your attendance and support of the school.

Enjoy this weeks newsletter.

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**Peter Hopwood**  
**Principal**

### Important Dates 2017

#### February

**Tue 28** School Athletics

#### March

**Tue 7** Zone Athletics

**Thu 9** PTA AGM 7:30pm  
school staffroom

#### April

**Sat 8** Southland Athletics

**Thu 13** Last day of Term 1

**Fri 14** Good Friday and  
beginning of School Holidays

#### May

**Mon 1** Start of Term 2

**Tues 2** Swimming starts

#### June

**Fri 2** Life Education starts

**Mon 5** Queens Birthday

#### July

**Fri 7** Last day of Term 2

**Mon 24** Term 3 starts

#### August

#### September

**Fri 29** Last day of Term 3

#### October

**Mon 16** Beginning Term 4

#### November

**Mon 6** School camp week

**Mon 13** School camp week

#### December

Last day Term 4 TBA

#### Assembly

**Fri 24 Feb** - Syndicate

1:20 Senior

2:00 Junior

**Fri 3 Mar** - Full School

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

### Text Absences

You can 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.)

Please remember that we do not expect children at school before **8.20am**.

We cannot offer supervision before this time as the staff use this time to get ready for the start of the day.

### 2017 School Day

Commences at 8.50am

Morning tea  
10am - 10.20am

Brain Break  
11.20am - 11.30am

Lunch  
12.30pm - 1.15pm

School finishes at 3pm



Donovan Diamonds at Smash Cricket which started Tuesday 21 February



### Responsible Children Week 3

**Back Row:** Ethan Tanner Room 4, Malika Tohiariki Room 3, Jake Diack Room 6

**Middle Row:** Katrine Anqui Room 6, Lucy Minehan Room 11, Aaron Russell Room 14

**Front Row:** Elijah Harris Room 10, Ryan Minehan Room 14

### Canteen Helpers

If you are interested in helping with the school canteen please contact Tracy on 0273 307 207. If we can get plenty of helpers to spread the workload, it means you do not have to do it as often. You could select either 8:50am-9:30am approx. to collect and collate the orders OR 12:10pm-12:45pm to put their lunches into the respective baskets. The canteen operates from Monday to Thursday for heat-ups. Friday is order day and is 8:50am-1:00pm. We will also need a reliever for Fridays.

### New Students

We welcome our new students: Miah Young, Kenzi Grant, Fr'e Wedge Birchall, David Wedge Birchall, Cairo Pou, Liam Bates, Ryan Ferguson, Meg Ferguson and Eva Young.

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

### School Donations - school accounts will be out early March

It has taken twelve years for us to increase our school donations but unfortunately the time has come for a small increase.

The donations for 2017 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 03 1742 0052461 00. If you wish to set this up please use your child's name as a reference. Those who 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.

### Attendance Matters

Ministry of Education are doing a push on school attendance. Also punctuality is important. During the first 10 minutes of the day our teachers: greet the class, give important notices, set up the plan for the day, review what has been learnt and set the tasks for a lesson. It is not surprising if the late child does not know what is happening. In primary school often the same two subjects are taught first thing, gaps develop and learning becomes harder. Children who are at school, on time, in class, all day: know what is happening, enjoy school more, can achieve to potential and have increased self esteem and establish good relationships. Please endeavour to have your children ready for school and in class by 8.50am. Our local Truancy Officer works closely with the school and the Police to ensure our children are on time and not forming bad habits.

### Lost Property

Please keep checking our lost property, which will be on display outside the hall on Fridays. We would appreciate clothing to be named, then they could be returned to the student.



### Facebook

Remember to 'like' Donovan Primary on Facebook to have access to our electronic notices and reminders.



### PITA PIT IS BACK

Donovan's delivery day is Monday lunchtime. Pita Pit offers a healthy choice option. To view the menu or to set up an account and/or place an order, just go to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz). If you are ordering for more than one child, we suggest when setting up your account you state each child's individual classroom. eg James Rm1 Fred Rm 7. If you have any queries please contact Julie Manson at [pta@donovanprimary.ac.nz](mailto:pta@donovanprimary.ac.nz) or Alana at the Pita Pit Invercargill on 2189748.



# Senior and Middle School Athletics Sports

## Tuesday 28 February 2017

Ages for this event are taken from the  
children's age on 31 Dec 2016

We will need more parent helpers to assist so that all the events run smoothly.  
If you can help please fill in the below form and return to the school office ASAP.

Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help at our sports day.

Regards  
Brett Ryan

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### **Senior and Middle School Athletics Sports Parent Helpers**

I am able to help

In the mornings	(9.30 – 12.30)
In the afternoons	(1.15 – 3.00)
The whole day	(9.30 – 3.00)

I can help on the following days

Tuesday	
Thursday	(Cancellation day 1)
Friday	(Cancellation day 2)

Name .....

Childs Room/s .....

Contact number .....



**"I ONLY STOPPED  
FOR A FEW  
SECONDS,  
GIVE US  
A BREAK!"**

# STOPPING & PARKING NEAR A SCHOOL



**WHEN CHILDREN ARRIVE OR LEAVE SCHOOL EACH DAY, YOUR DRIVING BEHAVIOUR CAN EITHER PROTECT OR ENDANGER THEM.**

Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason. They protect our children against possible injury.

Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other.

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO STOP OR PARK ILLEGALLY YOU ARE LIABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING FINES:**

Stopped or parked on broken yellow lines	\$60
Stopped or parked on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60
Stopped or parked on the footpath	\$40
Stopped or parked across or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance	\$40
Parked within 500mm of a fire hydrant with no one in the car legally capable of moving it	\$40
Stopped or parked closer than 6 metres to a bus stop marked only by a sign or on a marked bus stop	\$40
Stopped or double parked blocking access for other vehicles	\$60
Any stopping or parking that is inconsiderate to other road users, inclusive of pedestrians	\$60
Stopped or parked on or within 6 metres of an intersection	\$60

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**Stop endangering school children. Choose safe parking over convenience at all times**



## Athletics Timetable - Donovan Primary 2017

	<b>9.30</b>	<b>9.40</b> <b>10.20</b>	<b>10.20</b> <b>10.50</b>	<b>10.50</b> <b>11.20</b>	<b>11.20</b> <b>11.50</b>	<b>11.50</b> <b>12.20</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12.50</b> <b>1.20</b>	<b>1.20</b> <b>1.50</b>	<b>1.50</b> <b>2.20</b>	<b>2.20</b> <b>2.50</b>
7 Yr Girls	Meet and get into age groups	60 Metres	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	400 Metres		Shot	100m	Discus	<b>Finals</b> <b>60M</b> 7G 7B 8B 8G
7 Yr Boys		Discus	60 Metres	High Jump	Game	Long Jump		400 Metres	Shot	100m	
8 Yr Girls		100m	Discus	60 Metres	High Jump	Game		Long Jump	400 Metres	Shot	
8 Yr Boys		Shot	100m	Discus	60 Metres	High Jump		Game	Long Jump	400 Metres	
9 Yr Girls		800 Metres	Shot	200m	Discus	100 Metres		High Jump	Game	Long Jump	
9 Yr Boys		Long Jump	800 Metres	Shot	200m	Discus		100 Metres	High Jump	Game	7B 7G 10G 10B
10 Yr Girls		Game	Long Jump	800 Metres	Shot	200m		Discus	100 Metres	High Jump	
10 Yr Boys		High Jump	Game	Long Jump	800 Metres	Shot		200m	Discus	100 Metres	

**Update Contact details:** Please keep the office notified of change of 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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Relief Cleaner

Donovan Primary is requiring a relief cleaner. Hours are 3.00pm-6.30pm. Successful applicant will be given paid training. If you are interested please leave your details at the school office.

### Waikiwi Rugby Club

Registrations will be held at the Waikiwi Clubrooms, Bainfield Road on Thursday 2nd March from 4 – 6pm and Sunday 5 March 2 – 4pm. All existing and new players are most welcome.

### Home-base Childcare

Hi my name is Leanne from Busy Bodies Home-base Childcare I have two full time spots available. I am in the Grasmere area, 20 Hours ECE and WINZ subsidies available. Enquiries - office 03 214 7777 or Bronwyn 0276 004 634.

### Volunteers/Entries Closing for Secondary School Triathlon

A reminder that the Southland Tri Champs entries close next week Wednesday. The Southland Tri Club are asking for helpers to assist with marshalling etc on the day. Contact Fiona Ward, Sports Director, Southland Secondary Schools, phone 2177244, mobile 0274307509.

### Home based childcare

Spaces available in Grasmere. Loving home environment with regular outings. 20 hours ECE for all 3 and 4 year olds. Winz subsidy accepted. Phone Emma 0277 670 353 for more information.

### Toy Librarian: Invercargill Toy Library, Gladstone

The position is 5 hours a week and session times are currently Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning. The Invercargill Toy Library is a non-profit charitable organization run by its members; we provide a wide range of toys for hire for children of all ages at the Gladstone Scout Hall, 100 Russel Street. See our website Facebook Page for more information about us. For a full job description please contact Rosie at [toys@invercargilltoylibrary.co.nz](mailto:toys@invercargilltoylibrary.co.nz). Applications close 3 March 2017.

### Holly Smith — Live and Acoustic

Friday 24 February, SIT Centre Stage, Invercargill. Tickets at [ticketdirect.co.nz](http://ticketdirect.co.nz).

### Home Tutor—Lamond Street

Experienced teacher offering tutoring in Reading, Writing, Spelling, remedial Maths, special needs, help with homework and preparation for Primary School. Two places currently available. Contact Janet Nicolson 217 9589, 027 330 2617 or [janet.n@kinect.co.nz](mailto:janet.n@kinect.co.nz).

### Clip 'n Climb After School Programmes

Our Clip 'n Climb After School Programmes are back for 2017. Designed to suit school years 1-8, there is a Level 1 class for first timers, a Level 2 for the more experienced and our Climb Star Club which provides an introduction to the Rock Climbing wall. Register on [http://www.stadiumsouth.co.nz/upcoming\\_events](http://www.stadiumsouth.co.nz/upcoming_events).

### Old Boys Football Club

Register now for 2017 Football—go to our facebook page 'oldboysAFC' to fill out and submit the electronic registration form. Volunteer coaches/Managers and their children pay NO fee when registering. For further information please contact Gary Pilsworth—Old Boys' Junior Coordinator on 214 4918 after 8pm.



**Sunday 12 March 2017**



**PLUS... AMI Kids in the City!**

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**3km • 6km • 12km**

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