



Important Dates

2016 Term 4

December

Fri 9—Portfolio/Reports to be returned

Tues 13- Merit Assembly

Wed 14-Y6 Leavers Day Out and Graduation Assembly

Wed 14—Community Picnic

Thurs 15—Prize Giving

Fri 16—Last Day

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: Pyper Clive and Oliver McElhinney. 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, 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.)

From the Principal's Desk



Talofa, Kia Ora and welcome,

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2016!

Hard to believe another year has nearly come to an end. It has been a busy time the last few weeks with reports and concerts.

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 Wednesday, 14 December our Year 6 students who will be leaving for High School across Invercargill. Seventy-three 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 Rachel Fosbender our PTA President. Rachel will be finishing as President as the year comes to an end. Her work has been immense and amazing. Our PTA has been so successful due to Rachel's leadership.

This year we farewell Mrs Popham (Class Teacher) and Tracy Wheeler (Reading Recovery Teacher). We thank them for their work and friendship and look forward to having them both back as relievers next year. We also farewell Ann Nicholas, Jan Ballam (Teacher Aides) who have worked with us part time this year, and thank them for their work and friendship.

Next we welcome Mrs Rachel Fosbender to our teaching team in the Year 5/6 area of our school. We hope your time with us is fulfilling and wonderful. Welcome to our school.

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 and Sandra (and now Sharon) in the office who make our jobs much easier and assist so many staff on a daily basis.

We would all like to wish Miss Roberts well for her wedding on 23 December and we look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Beer.

To our Leadership team; Mrs Fallow, Mr Ryan, Mrs Butt, Mrs Copeland and Miss Kennedy, a special thanks for a great year supporting teachers and children alike.

Donovan Primary has continued to grow over 2016. 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, that provides a safe stimulating learning environment.

Donovan Primary closes at 1pm, Friday, 16 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 2017.

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Peter Hopwood
Principal

END OF YEAR PREPARATIONS

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 went 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.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Donovan Primary PTA

It is hard to believe that after this newsletter goes out to families of the school there is only just over one week of school left. Where has time gone?

Once again the dedicated and small team of PTA members have made fundraising for our amazing school a success. As the year has ticked by the PTA have managed to carry out our major fundraiser, Rumble of the River, against Salford



School. This mammoth effort raised over \$12,000 and this is going to assist the funding of the new \$50,000 playground. Children of the school have enjoyed discos and hot chip days throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who has contributed to any fundraising efforts for the 2016 period. We especially would like to thank the teachers and staff of Donovan Primary who support us in every venture we undertake.

The PTA Feel very proud to be part of such an amazing school that is growing fast. All the best for the Christmas break.

Many Thanks Rachel Fosbender
PTA President

Student School Accounts

School accounts have been sent home with children. We would appreciate these accounts to be settled before the end of the term thank you.

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.

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.

Water Polo

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful parents, who have given up their time to coach our students this year.

Thank you to Julie Welsh, Jodi Frisken and Rochelle Watson for your dedication and support to our Water Polo teams.

Congratulations to the Donovan Starfish who won the Water Polo Years 1-3 B Grade Champions Competition. What a thrilling game to watch! Well done to all teams involved in

Sport Uniform

Please return all Donovan sports uniform in a named plastic bag to the office a.s.a.p.

Thank you for your assistance

Responsible Children's Award -Week 7 – 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: Kaia McElhinney Room 15, Tyler Hatherley Room 8, Abigail Hillman Room 7, Hannah Winder Room 2.

Front row: Ellie-May Boniface Room 9, Hailey Hamilton Room 17, Agam Boparai Room 10, Akayla Shaw Room 4.

Absent: Bree Cook Room 1



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.

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.

★ DONOVAN PRIMARY Summer Christmas COMMUNITY PICNIC

Thursday, 15 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.

A notice will be given to children by 3pm on the day
and also on facebook

New Enrolments

Please let the office know if your child are not returning for 2017.

If you have or know of any children turning 5 in 2017 you can collect enrollment forms from the office.

The office will be closed from 20 December at 4pm.



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		Canteen		
		Last day for canteen		
		services is Friday, 9		
		December 2016. This is		
		also the last day for		
		heat-ups!		
		NB: No Pita Pit Monday 12		
		December.		
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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 on Thursday, 15 December will be donated to charity.



Community Notices:

Invercargill City Libraries—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.

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.

Speak Up & Sing Out—Christmas Holiday Programme. Fun and interactive singing and drama workshop. Children learn skills and techniques with the creative arts and create their own mini-musicals which they perform to parents on the last day. Children ages 5-13 years, 9am-3pm, Monday 19-Wednesday 21 December, \$115 for 3 days. Run by qualified teachers: Alice Fraser and Cheryl Burgess. Contact alicejade27@gmail.com or phone 021 205 4412.

Out of School Art Classes for 2017—Enrolments are now being taken for Term 1, 2017. Classes are available for Year 1 to 8 pupils. For information and enrolments please contact Helen, Co-ordinator, phone 217 7482.

Southland Cricket Association is pleased to announce dates for holiday programmes for the new year period in 2017. ILT Queens Park Oval, Invercargill: Tuesday 17 January, 9-3pm, Wednesday 18 January, 9-3pm, Thursday 19 January, 9-3pm. Hamilton Park, Gore: Monday 23 January, 9-3pm, Tuesday 24 January, 9-3pm. Te Anau Cricket Club, Te Anau: Thursday 26 January, 9-3pm, Friday 27th January, 9-3pm.

Each day will include fun, cricket-themed drills and games perfect for 6-12 year old regardless of ability. The cost is \$30 per day. In addition, we have 1 to 1 coaching sessions available throughout the holiday period at \$30 per session (subject to availability), to register visit <http://www.southlandcricket.co.nz/one-on-one-coaching> or contact James Carr 021 241 5966.

Mazda Key Found in school grounds—if yours please claim from the office.

0800 What's Up Colour Me In Bag—Exclusive to OfficeMax \$9.99 incl. GST each
Create your own 'one of a kind' bag with this 0800 What's Up Colour Me in Bag. This bag has designs to colour in so every one will be unique. Ideal for kids, and perfect for library books or sports gear—\$5 from the sale of each bag is being donated to Barnardos New Zealand to help them run 0800 What's Up - a counselling helpline for children and young people. Buy a bag and help the team answer another call! Bag measures 300x130x430mm, made from 100% Polyester excluding trims, recommended to use ballpoint, gel pen, or fine tip permanent marker for best colouring effect.



Yachting New Zealand is teaming up with Southland Yacht Clubs to offer the Volvo Sailing...Have a go! programme over the summer holidays! - From 23rd- 27th January, the programme will be running Sailing...Have a Go! days at different venues across Southland to give southland kids the opportunity to get a taste of sailing and experience the fun and excitement it has to offer. This offer is open to children between the ages of 8-12 years, and no prior sailing experience is required. All clothing and equipment is provided. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.yachtingnz.org.nz/learn-to-sail/volvo-sailing-have-a-go/volvo-sailinghave-a-go-southland-summer-holiday-programme> or contact Danika at Yachting New Zealand email danika@yachtingnz.org.nz or call (09) 361 4028

Toolbox Parenting Group - The Middle Years, Term 1. The Parenting Place will be running a Toolbox Parenting Group for parents of children aged 5 - 12 for 6 weeks in Term 1, 2017. The Middle Years Toolbox is positive, practical and fun! For more information or to register please contact Katrina Ritani, Southland Parenting Place Coordinator, phone 0278417763 or email southland@parentingplace.nz

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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 were included with the last 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.

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