

**Important Dates 2018****March**

Tue 13 –Zone Athletics-
Donovan Primary

Fri 16 –PTA Easter Raffle—
ALL tickets and money must be
returned

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 9 March - Syndicate

1:20pm Senior/Middle

2:15pm Junior

Fri 16 March - 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.

Here we are again. Autumn has certainly arrived with those cooler mornings.

Life is busy at Donovan Primary with the Athletics Sports finished. We had a great turnout of parents to support our competitors, and thanks to all the helpers. Our next event is the Zone Athletics which are going to be held at Donovan Primary. The children who are involved have had notices handed to them. Good luck to those fifty or so children who will be competing with Makarewa and Otatara Schools.

The Relay for Life happens this weekend, it should be a great event. Come along and walk with the school. A great community event to support.

On 21 and 22 March there will be paid Union meetings for teachers across New Zealand. At Donovan we have organised cover so the school will continue to operate.

It is incredibly important for teachers to be part of these meetings because some major shifts need to happen to retain and attract teachers to our profession now and in the future. Teachers need better conditions and pay, so they will stay in the very demanding job that teaching is. I know you will join with me in hoping our 'powers that be' will do something to raise the status of one of the most important jobs in the world.

Look forward to seeing you in the school in the near future.

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Peter Hopwood
Principal

Donovan Primary will be closed on the following dates...

Teacher Only Day

Thursday, 29 March for staff professional development

Easter Holidays

Friday, 30 March Easter Friday

Monday, 2 April Easter Monday

Tuesday, 3 April Easter Tuesday

School resumes on Wednesday, 4 April at 8.50am with only a week and a bit until school holidays. The last day of Term 1 is on Friday, 13 April and classes will finish at the normal time of 3pm.

PTA—Easter Raffle

The PTA Easter Raffles are flying out the door and are as popular as ever. Please, please, please return any unused cards promptly so they can be redistributed. All completed cards are welcome to be returned to school any time and

all raffle cards are to be returned by

Friday, 16 March.

Thank you to everyone for their time and energy to sell so many raffle tickets. It is a really amazing effort put in by so many. Please remember hamper contributions can come to Donovan Primary right up to Friday, 16 March.

Thank you for supporting Donovan Primary PTA.



Athletics Day Pics



Relay for Life

Thank you to everyone that supported the Relay for Life fundraisers.

Ice Cream Fundraiser—we sold 395 ice creams. After costs of \$164 (ice cream and cones), we made a profit of \$231.

Crazy Hat Day Fundraiser—raised a mammoth \$370. Many fantastic creations to see.

Relay for Life starts on Saturday, 10 March at 2pm and finishes at 10am on Sunday, 11 March. Come along and support Donovan Primary at Surrey Park by walking with us.

School Stream

If you have completed consent forms on School Stream for Cricket, Waterpolo, Touch, or Jump Jam and have not paid for these activities yet, please make payment immediately.

School Accounts

Your school account has been sent home in recent weeks. Prompt payment of this account would be appreciated.

Payment can be made electronically to account number 03 1742 0052461 00 or by eftpos at the school office. Also, you may set up a regular automatic payment to pay a set amount each week/fortnight/month.

Please contact Maureen at the school office if you have any concerns.

New Student

We welcome our new student: Zen Dawson.

We hope he and his family enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

Responsible Student Award Term 1, 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.



Front Row:

Rm13 Jordy Stuck-Campbell, Rm19 Zack Goddard

Middle Row:

Rm8 Lauren Smolenski, Rm7 Jack Lyons, Rm11 Lily Turnbull

Back Row:

Rm1 Kalem Ryan, Rm4 Peyton Harris

Absent:

Rm5 Natte Hall and Rm19 Leon Boniface

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bible in School Volunteers needed

If you feel this is you and you can be endorsed by your church please join our team at Donovan Primary on Thursday's 9-9.30. Training provided. Please contact Jan Ballam on 217 4464.

Waihopai Football Club is holding a registration day on Tuesday, 13 March at 5pm, at our clubrooms at Surrey Park. If you are keen to try your hand at football this season, come along and sign up. Boys and girls all welcome - any age. Any questions please email waihopaiafcjunior@gmail.com or contact Waric on 021 442 784.

Lost Property

The lost property area is overflowing with lost items, some of this was collected from the field after sports day. 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.