

**Important Dates 2017****March**

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

**Tue 28** BOT Meeting

**Fri 31** Middle/Senior Disco

**April**

**Mon 3** Junior Athletics

**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

**Tue 2** Swimming starts

**Tue 23** BOT Meeting

**June**

**Fri 2** Life Education starts

**Mon 5** Queens Birthday

**Tue 20** BOT Meeting

**July**

**Fri 7** Last day of Term 2

**Mon 24** Term 3 starts

**August****September**

**Tues 19** BOT Meeting

**Mon 25** Photos

**Fri 29** Last day of Term 3

**October**

**Mon 16** Beginning Term 4

**Tue 24** BOT Meeting

**November**

**Mon 6** School camp week

**Mon 13** School camp week

**Tue 21** BOT Meeting

**December**

Last day Term 4 TBA

**Assembly**

**Fri 10 Mar** - Syndicate

1:20pm Senior

2:00pm Junior

**Fri 17 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.)

**From the Principal's Desk**

Talofa, Kia Ora and welcome,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It's great to have the Athletic Sports over for the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children. We certainly got the best of the weather. By the time this newsletter gets to you, the Zone Sports should have happened. We are hoping for some great results this year. Special thanks to all the parent helpers who helped us on sports day. A big effort that was greatly appreciated, as was the effort by parent helpers last Saturday morning. We cleaned the last of the floor matting so it can be reinstalled in the playground when the new playground equipment is installed.

We still have no definite news about the start time for the third classroom on the Drury Lane side of the school.

It has been hugely disappointing with the amount of vandalism at our school over the last two weeks. As parents, please know what your children are up to. There are large numbers of unsupervised children in and around our school at all hours of the day and night. We have been working with the Police who are doing extra patrols to help catch the people damaging our school building and grounds. Surveillance cameras will also need to be installed to deter this type of behaviour.

As always, there are many events and opportunities coming up so please keep an eye on our Newsletters so you can be fully informed.

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**Peter Hopwood**  
**Principal**

**Donovan Dragonfish Waterpolo Team**

Reminder for Miss William's Donovan Dragonfish Waterpolo Team that we have practice in the hall EVERY Thursday at 12:45pm on the dot.

**New Students**

We welcome our new students: Harlem Moeke Henry, Caleb Watson and Bradley Evans.

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

**Responsible Children's Award Week 5 Term 1**

**Back Row** - Rm 1 Wyatt Durham, Gareth Smith, Emma Meyers

**Middle Row** - Rm 6 Katrine Anqui, Kailyn Windle

**Front Row** - Rm 12 Olivia Diack, Kaidi Liu, Rm16 Sam Harris

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 seems to be a favourite.





Year 5 Boys



Year 5 Girls



Year 6 Girls



Year 6 Boys

### Scarecrow Competition at the A&P Show

Room 1 entered 4 Scarecrows into the annual Scarecrow Competition at the A&P Show. They were included in the Creative Section and were displayed over the weekend at Donovan Park. All Scarecrows came back with prize winning ribbons: Year 6 Boys were 1st, Year 6 Girls 2nd and Year 5 Boys and Girls took out 3rd equal. These prize winning pieces are now on display with their ribbons in the School Office Foyer.

A special thanks to all the parents who assisted the students in making these fantastic garden creations!

### Rotary

Thank you to Rotary Invercargill North for donating a dictionary to each Year 4 student in the school. This is a programme that has been running for a number of years. Our students enjoyed receiving these new dictionary's and they will all be able



### New Donovan Primary Communication App coming soon.

Donovan Primary will be getting a new programme to help the communication process between school and home. It will be a **FREE** App that can be downloaded onto your phone. Once the office staff have done the necessary training and got their head around it all, we will give you more information—watch this space!



If anyone is interested in entering this event please collect the Tryathlon entry form from the school office.

### 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.



A very special thank you to Karen and Peter Hargest from Global Milking Systems, as they have very kindly paid for our winter high-viz jackets and gloves for the staff and children on Road Patrol and duty. We very much appreciate this kind gesture and I am sure the children and Teachers will be very thankful on our cold and wet days.

## Headlice

We have an outbreak of headlice in the school at the moment. Please check regularly and treat if necessary.

### What to look for

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings,
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shaft
- There may be unusual itching on the head or neck
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (headlice bites)

### What to do

- Check all members of the household daily at the same time for at least three weeks
- Treat anyone who is hosting headlice. Effective treatment need not be chemical or expensive.
- Please advise the school if you find headlice and confirm that treatment has begun
- Be prepared to continue treatment for about three weeks depending on the method chosen. Three weeks is the length of the headlouse breeding cycle; you need to break the cycle or infestation will continue.
- After each treatment, comb the hair with a fine toothed comb.
- Extra precautions - washing all bed linen, pillow cases and towels in hot water and tumble drying for 20 mins on high.
- Soak hairbrushes and combs in hot water for at least ten minutes
- Vacuuming carpets and rugs may be helpful
- Repeat treatment 7 to 10 days after initial treatment.

Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking is daily for at least three weeks and children are reminded to avoid head to head contact with others, and not to share brushes or hats. All eggs need to be pulled off the hair shaft to ensure eradication. Don't rely on product to kill all eggs.

### What not to do

- Do not use shampoo, conditioner or a hair drier on hair within 24 hours of using a chemical treatment. Each of these can make the treatment less effective or cause it to fail.
- Do not use ordinary insecticides, pet shampoo or flammable petroleum products.
- Do not use chemical products if the person applying the treatment is pregnant.

**N neem Soap is available at the school Office for \$5.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Wyndham Races Family Fun Day

Sunday the 12 of March. Get along for a great day of racing at the most panoramic racecourse in Southland. Bring the family to enjoy a fun filled day for the kids with Bumperballs added this year. All kids activities are free including; bouncy castles, pony rides, face painting, scavenger hunts and a kids Fashion in the Field competition (themed Funky Dress).

Further we have the famous Best Butchers competition with free tastings of these yummy sausages and you decide by voting on the one you think tastes the best. Win a horse for the day, and enter the hole in one golf competition with great prizes to be won. Keep this day free as you won't be disappointed, as there is something to cater for everyone's needs. Any questions please contact Patrice Spencer-Humm at 022 156 3789.

### Old Boys Football Club

We would like to invite you to a Football Have a Go Day. This will be at Waverly Park on Sunday, 12 March from 1-2.30pm. Volunteers from the club will be supporting on the day and will also have a registration table set up for people to register for the coming season. The event will have some fun activities for the players to participate in as well as a game of football. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jack Boland, Southland Football, 027 967 2136 or (03) 2177900.

### Community Oral Health Service

Children (from birth to the end of year 8) are entitled to FREE basic dental care. Free basic dental care is available at Community Oral Health fixed clinics and mobile dental units throughout the Southern District. The Service is run by appointment only. We would like parents/guardians to attend all appointments with their child as Dental Therapists provide parents with valuable advice to support their children's good oral health. If your child is already enrolled with the Service we will contact you to make an appointment. If your child is not enrolled, you are unsure or new to the area, please call: 0800 570 300 – free for cell phones.

Adolescents are entitled to FREE basic dental care, from year 9 until their 18th birthday - regardless of whether at school or in employment. Free basic dental care is available by enrolling with a dentist/adolescent provider. The dentist/adolescent provider you choose will contact you directly to make an appointment.

If you have any questions please call: 0800 825 583 – option 2. For more information visit: <http://www.southerndhb.govt.nz/pages/adolescent-oral-health-service/>. Find us on Facebook Talkteeth – Southern.

### Central Pirates Rugby Club

Junior player registration this Saturday 4 March at Central Pirates grounds - Wilson crossing. Registration from 9.30am followed by skills session 10am-11am with Rugby Southland. All new and existing players welcome.

### Home Based Childcare

Two full time home based child care spaces available in Grasmere area Invercargill. 20 hours ECE and WINZ subsidies. Fun, loving and educational environment with regular outings in community, Chipmunks etc included. Please feel free to phone Leanne on (03) 2157950 or txt 027 290 1350.

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

Civic Theatre 12pm & 3pm, 4 August. Book at the Invercargill Ticketing Office, phone 211 1692 or Ticket Direct.

## School Athletics Sports Results

<b>Track</b> 10 years Girls: Brooke Cross (3) Meagan Van der Riet (3) Malika Tohiariki (4) Boys: Jacob Niania (3) Mytchell Carmichael (1) Josh Kramers (3)	800 m
<b>Field</b> 9 years Girls: Heilala Pita (5) Carly Fraser (2) Danica Kramers (4) Boys: Max Tinoai (3) Blake Witbrock (1) Carter Middlemiss (2)	Long Jump
10 years Girls: Faith Harvey (4) Brooke Cross (3) Bree Cook (4) Boys: Mytchell Carmichael (5) Tony Mosen (2) Kaden Cooper-Ladbrook (3)	Discus
10 years Girls: Rylee Forbes Murch (2) Keara Paraki (5) Meagan Van der Riet (3) Boys: Mytchell Carmichael (5) Kaden Cooper-Ladbrook (3) Tony Mosen (2)	Shot
<b>Track</b> 9 years Girls: Molly Ronald (3) Danica Kramers (4) Heilala Pita (5) Boys: Cheyden Blackley (5) Dominic Hodgkinson-Harris (2) Jayden McDonald (5)	800m
<b>Field</b> 8 years Girls: Kyra Savory (8) Haylee Clark (1) Makayla Fennell (11) Boys: Cairo McDonald (6) Tate Forbes-Murch (5) Caleb Ultee (7)	Long Jump
9 years Girls: Molly Ronald (3) Zee Sellwood (1) Kya Cook (2) Boys: Max Tinoai (3) Cheyden Blackley (5) Ryan Ferguson (5)	Discus
9 years Girls: Bailee-Rose Cardoso (1) Chante McGregor Davies (1 ) Heilala Pita (5) Boys: Max Tinoai (3) Cheyden Blackley (5) Jaziah Smith (4)	Shot
10 years Girls: Brooke Cross (3) Jiordan Read (1) Rylee Forbes-Murch (2) Boys: Mytchell Carmichael (5) Jacob Niania (3) Josh Kramers (3)	High Jump
<b>Field</b> 9 years Girls: Heilala Pita (5) Stacie Thompson (4) Danica Kramers (4) Boys: Max Tinoai (3) Jayden McDonald (5) Max Johnston (2)	High Jump
10 years Girls: Brooke Cross (3) Malika Tohiariki (4) Lilyana Ultee (2) Boys: Jacob Niania (3) Jaxon Popham (3) Tony Mosen (2)	Long Jump

## School Athletics Sports Results continued

<b><u>Track</u></b> 10 years Girls: Malika Tohiariki (4) Bree Cook (4) Symphony-Mei Maxwell (1) Boys: Mytchell Carmichael (5) Josh Kramers (3) Tony Mosen (2) 9 years Girls: Molly Ronald (3), Danica Kramers (4) Sophie McElhinney-Milne (5) Boys: Dominic Hodgkinson-Harris (2 ) Carter Middlemiss ( 2) Blake Witbrock ( 1)	1500 m
<b><u>Track</u></b> 9 years Girls: Bailee-Rose Cardoso (1) Molly Ronald (3) Boys: Cheyden Blackley (5) Max Tinoai (1) 10 years Girls: Malika Tohiariki (4) Brooke Cross (3) Boys: Jacob Niania (3) Mytchell Carmichael (5)	200 m
<b><u>Track</u></b> <u>7 years</u> Girls: Sophie Flay (6) Carly Nicolls (7) Lucy Minehan (11) Boys: JD Samson (7) Dion Wyatt-Taualofo (11) Cooper Gough (6) <u>8 years</u> Girls: Kyra Savory (8) Sophia Tytler (8) Keira O'Connor (9) Boys: Cairo McDonald (6) Tate Forbes-Murch (5) Rylan Ayers (1) <u>9 years</u> Girls: Kya Cook (2) Bailee-Rose Cardoso (1) Heilala Pita (5) Boys: Cheyden Blackley (5) Max Tinoai (3) Blake Witbrook (1) <u>10 years –</u> Girls: Brooke Cross (3) Malika Tohiariki (4) Megan Van der Riet (3) Boys: Jacob Niania (3) Mytchell Carmichael (5) Kohen Cairns (5)	100 m
<b><u>Track</u></b> <u>7 years</u> Girls: Carly Nicolls (7) Sophie Flay (6) Lucy Minehan (11) Boys: JD Samson (7) Dion Wyatt Taualofo (11) Jayden Dawson (8) <u>8 years</u> Girls: Kyra Savory (8) Sophia Tytler (9) Keira O'Connor (9) Boys: Tate Forbes-Murch (5) Cairo McDonald (6) Caleb Ultee (7)	60 m

Date: 09.03.2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**ICAS Educational Assessments**

The international competitions and assessments for schools are once again available for any Year 4, 5, and 6 students who are interested in taking part, to test their academic abilities.

The subjects available this year are:

Exam	Cost	Date
Writing	\$19.50	Monday 12 June
English	\$8.50	Tuesday 1 August
Maths	\$8.50	Tuesday 15 August

If you wish your child to participate in one or more of these assessments please complete the form below, and return to the Donovan Primary office, with payment enclosed, in a named envelope. Please be aware that if your child withdraws for any reason we are unable to make any refunds as payments go to Australia.

For more information about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

**Please return by Friday 24 March 2017.**

Thank you

Julie Hopwood

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**ICAS Educational Assessments**

**Please return to the school office by Friday 24 March.**

Childs name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the subject/s your child is to be registered for:

Writing \$19.50      English \$8.50      Maths \$8.50

Enclosed fee of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent/Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_