



## Important Dates 2017

### March

**Tue 28** BOT Meeting  
**Fri 31** Middle/Senior Disco

### April

**Tue 4** Junior Athletics  
**Tue 4** Middles, Hot chips  
**Wed 5** Junior Hot Chips  
**Thur 6** Senior Hot Chips  
**Sat 8** Southland Athletics  
**Wed 12** Safety Expo  
**Wed 12** Sing Out  
**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** Middle/Senior Swimming starts  
**Tue 23** BOT Meeting

### June

**Fri 2** Life Education starts  
**Mon 5** Queens Birthday  
**Thu 15** Junior Swimming  
**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 24 Mar** - Syndicate  
1:20pm Senior  
2:00pm Junior  
**Fri 31 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,

Progress has started on the third classroom with the foundations having been poured this week. The actual classroom modules arrive by trucks next Monday. The playground has also started to be installed this week and is looking fantastic. A difficult time working around builders but won't it be worth the disruptions?

The beginning of next terms swimming information is also in this issue of the newsletter. The Yr3,4,5, and Yr6 are firt up and we will require parent help to run this programme. Please help us by filling in the forms so we can be organized for the first week of next term.

Don't forget the school disco next week for the Middle and Senor students. It is always great fun and another way to support the fundraising efforts of the PTA. Hot chip day is also coming up so keep an eye on the calendar dates in the newsletter.

The school is introducing a free school app, School Stream, to assist with the communications between parents and school. Please download this onto you smart phones. You will find it is a similar system to that of High Schools and other schools in the area. There is a notice in the newsletter about how to download it.

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**Peter Hopwood**  
**Principal**

## Notices from the Donovan Primary PTA

Senior and Middle school **DISCO**, 31 March, \$2 entry. Theme is Wacky Hair. Treats available for sale on the night. **ONLY DONOVAN STUDENTS IN THIS YEAR LEVEL TO ATTEND.**

**HOT CHIP DAYS** are as follows. \$2 per pottle.

Middle syndicate – Tuesday 4th April  
Junior Syndicate – Wednesday 5th April  
Senior Syndicate – Thursday 6th April

**EASTER RAFFLE** – what an amazing response there has been to this raffle. Tickets have been flying out the door. There are still tickets available if you would like more to sell. Please remember to pop your Easter donations for the hampers in the box in the foyer. **All tickets and money must be back at school by Friday, 7 April, 3pm.** The raffle will be drawn Wednesday 12th April and winners will be notified asap.

The **PTA AGM** was held Thursday, 9 March.

**President** – Megan Dick  
**Vice president** – Alisha Crow  
**Treasurer** – Julie Manson  
**Secretary** - Kerry ten Horn Boer  
**Canteen Manager** – Tracy Boniface  
**Staff Rep** – Pam Keast/Racheal Fosbender

**2017 Committee Members:** Pauline Elder, Rosie Millar, Megan Dick, Natasha Irvine, Francessa Miller, Nicola Carr, Rebecca Quinn, Jon Hatherley and Jessica Double  
Welcome to our two newest members, Janelle Ladbrook and Samantha McStay.  
Anyone is welcome to join the committee at anytime throughout the year.

Next meeting is **Thursday, 6 April, 7pm** – school staffroom. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

## Invercargill Schools' Sing Out 2017

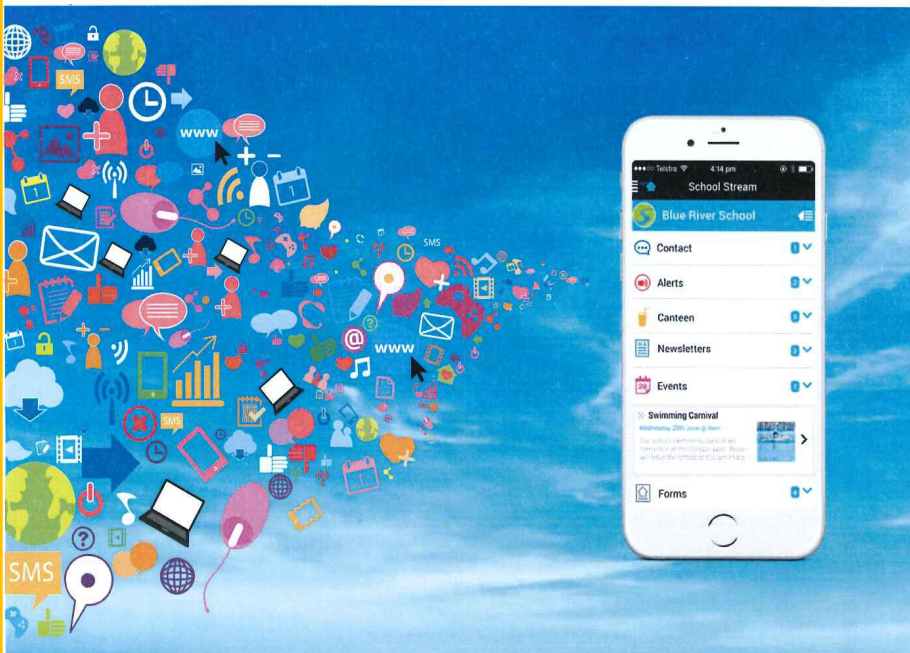
Donovan Primary is performing at Invercargill Schools' Sing Out 2017 on Wednesday, 12 April. Tickets for this show are now on sale at the Invercargill City Council booking office or you can purchase online at <http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz/search/events?searchText=sing+out>. Adults \$12.50. Child \$6.50. Booking fee will apply.

## New Students

We welcome our new students: Jaxon Harper and Lily Wilkinson. We hope they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

## Your school now has a **FREE** app

Receive school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone



### How to download your **FREE** app

- 1 From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** OR **Google Play (Android)** search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
- 2 Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
- 3 Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school

For more detailed instructions go to [schoolstream.com.au/download](http://schoolstream.com.au/download)

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## Responsible Children's Award, Week 7, Term 1



**Back Row** - Rm 3 Jack Peterson, Rm 1 Jordan Read, Rm 4 Bree Cook  
**Middle Row** - Rm 7 Patrice McMurtrie, Rm 6 Katrine Anqui, Haylee Donald  
**Front Row** - Rm 12 Amelia McKenzie, Rm 10 George Reynolds, Rm 13 Tamsin Carr  
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.

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## 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.



## **Donovan Primary PTA - Easter Raffle**

You will have received a notice from the PTA regarding the Easter Raffle with the following information:

**WE ASK FOR EACH CHILD TO BRING ALONG AN EASTER RELATED ITEM TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE HAMPERS.**  
**Anything Easter related is appreciated! As long as it is able to be kept for a hamper.**

Your child will be bringing home a raffle ticket from the PTA. We would like you to sell the ticket, and return the money and ticket to the school office by **Friday, 7 April**. The proceeds of this will go towards updating the play equipment within the school.

### **Important Information**

If you are unable to sell your raffle or choose not to, please return it to the school as soon as possible to give us a chance to on sell it.

Extra ticket sheets can be ordered from the school office or by simply writing us a note and popping it in with your sold ticket.

Remember the more we sell the more we raise for our school.

Please do not lose the ticket!

Each ticket that is fully sold and returned by the due date will go in the draw for a mystery prize.

**Thank you for supporting the Donovan Primary PTA.**

**ALL TICKETS AND MONEY MUST BE BACK AT SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, 7 APRIL, 3PM**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Heritage Harvest Festival**

Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26 March 2017, 10am-4.30pm. Harvest café, workshops, speakers, activities, competitions, stalls and displays. Aparima College Hall, Leader Street, Riverton. Gold coin entry. Also, Harvest Feast, Saturday, 25 March, 7pm - pot luck meal and good music. Riverton Primary School Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share, and something you like to drink. \$5pp to cover hall hire and nibbles. For more info: <http://www.sces.org.nz/events>, South Coast Environment Society, phone 234 8717, email [info@sces.org.nz](mailto:info@sces.org.nz).

### **How about trying a Gap Filler?**

Gap Filler is a community-led initiative which emerged out of the 2010/11 Christchurch earthquakes. Since then, the Gap Filler team has coordinated a wide range of highly popular, successful projects which have utilised empty buildings and unloved spaces, in and around the city. Ryan Reynolds (Co-founder and Development Director) of Gap Filler will introduce this exciting concept to the Southland community at two introductory workshops. During these introductory workshops, Ryan goes on to explore, with public participants, any suggested local ideas for urban space activation/rejuvenation. A second, more advanced workshop has been scheduled for those members of the public who have a definite idea or a space they wish to utilize. Here partakers will receive assistance to progress their idea and begin a project plan. FREE Introductory Workshops; Tuesday, 28 March 2017, Winton Salvation Army Auditorium, 6.00pm-9.00pm; Wednesday, 29 March 2017, Invercargill Workingmen's Club, 9.00am-12.00pm. Advanced 'Developing your Project' Workshop (participants must have already attended one of previous introductory workshops and there is a small \$12.00 fee to cover lunch,. Wednesday, 29 March, Invercargill Workingmen's Club, 12.30pm - 4.30pm

### **Mana Parkinson Guitar Tutor**

Guitar lessons, ages 7 and above. Beginner to advanced. SIT certified Bachelor of Contemporary Music. Sixteen years playing experience and 6 years teaching. Half an hour lesson \$30—one on one. I can come to you for the lesson. Phone 214 3381. Email [raimanaparkinson@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:raimanaparkinson@yahoo.co.nz).

### **The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show**

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

### **Jennian Homes Mother's Day Walk/Run**

Mothers Day 5km Fun Walk/Run, 14 May 2017, Thomsons Bush. Registration and further information [www.jennianmothersday.com](http://www.jennianmothersday.com).

### **Music South Lessons**

Music South is offering after school and weekend lessons in our studio in Gladstone, Invercargill. Piano, Guitar, Singing and Drums. Spaces are available for term 2. Please phone 021 0833 1708 for more information. Hollie Longman M.A (Music), MusB (Hons) (Otago) P.C (Trinity, Voice), Dip.MuscEnt.

### **Hockey Players Wanted**

Central Hockey Club still has places available for players interested in playing club hockey this season in division 4 for boys and girls in Years 6, 7 and 8. Played on Sunday mornings. Competition starts 2 April. Club hockey is a great way to develop hockey skills and make new friends. Central Hockey Club offers a supportive, family friendly environment with good quality coaching and a reputation of helping players achieve their potential. To learn more contact Colin Keyse, 027 240 7688 or [colin@selectoruniforms.co.nz](mailto:colin@selectoruniforms.co.nz)

## Donovan Children going to the Southland Primary School Athletics

7yrs	Jay Samson	60 m / Relay
	Dion Wyatt Tualofa	Relay
	Sophie Flay	Relay
8yrs	Tate Forbes-Murch	Long Jump/ Relay
	Cairo McDonald	Relay
	Caleb Ultee	60m
	Kyra Savory	Long Jump/ Relay
9yrs	Max Tinoai	100m /200m/ High Jump/
	Cheyden Blackley	Long Jump/ Relay
	Bailee-Rose Cardoso	100m/ 800m /Relay
		Shot Put
10yrs	Kohen Cairns	100m /Relay
	Mytchell Carmichael	800m /1500m Relay
	Jacob Niania	200m/ Relay
	Faith Harvey	Discus
	Rylee Forbes-Murch	Shot Put

## Health and Safety Expo

Donovan students are busy learning all the ways they can stay healthy and safe. The students will be displaying in a variety of ways, what they have learnt in a Health and Safety Expo. This is being held on Wednesday 12 April 8.30am-5pm in the school hall. All welcome to come and see your children's work.

## Room Three, Wrapped in Metaphors

Room Three is a space ship, we are out of this world.

Room Three is a circus train, full of clowns.

Room Three is an airplane, soaring to great heights.

Room Three is a Lego building, each block is important to hold it together.

Room Three is the White House, we all have power.

Room Three is an avengers tower, we are all super heroes.

Room Three is a tree, growing daily.

Room Three is a radio station, full of music and voices.

Room Three is paper, you can fold into anything as long as you try hard enough.

Room Three is a laptop, full of information if you press the right buttons.

Room Three is a cycle helmet, looking after brains.

Room Three is a high vis vest, bright and easy to see coming.

Room Three is a leather jacket—cool on the spot.

Room Three is a stuffed roast chicken dinner, more inside than expected.

Room Three is a large Fries, many of us in one box.

Room Three is a feast, sometimes a little too much!

## Swimming– Term 2

On Tuesday, 2 May (first week of Term 2) swimming will begin (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) finishing Tuesday, 23 May. Time to dust off the swimming togs (check if they still fit) and goggles, rename the faded name tags and find a suitable named bag for towel and togs, even a plastic grocery bag is suitable. We would appreciate if the girls either tie their hair back or wear a swimming cap (available for purchase at the pool).

The children will be transported, by bus, to and from the pool. Seniors will be leaving sharp at 8.50am and swim between 9am and 10:30am. The middle syndicate will be leaving about 10.10am to be swimming between 10:30am-12pm. Buses don't wait, so don't be late! Junior syndicate will be swimming later in the term so keep an eye out for helper notice in the newsletters next term.

**Please return by Friday 7 April. Please tick or circle your options.**

I am able to assist with swimming on ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesdays ☐ Thursdays

☐ To supervise the stands ☐ To assist in the changing rooms ☐ To assist in the pool

I can assist the ☐ Senior group ☐ Middle group

Name..... Parent of.....in Rm .....

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 \_\_\_\_\_