

**Important Dates 2017****April**

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 7 Apr - Syndicate

1:20pm Senior

2:15pm Junior

Thur 13 Apr - Full School

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

**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,

Can you believe it, the last newsletter of the term. Where did that go. Newsletters are such important things to help keep you informed and up to date.

Coming in the near future will be the first Boardtalk Newsletter. This is a way the Board can talk directly to you about what work they are involved in. Currently the playground is nearly finished and looking amazing. The third classroom on the Drury Lane side is in and being completed as we speak.

As a school there are times that we just can't do without your help and goodwill. Swimming is one of the big ones. Please sign up if you can help. We are also looking for some helpers for Sunday morning 9am till 1ish to help put down matting on the new playground. If you can help just ring the office and let them know if you can come.

On Wednesday, 12 April the school hall is going to be transformed into an amazing display of work to showcase this terms learning. Call in and have a look. It will be a great way to celebrate and value our children's learning. Open all day from 8.30am till 5pm. See you there.

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**Peter Hopwood**  
Principal

**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.

**PTA Meeting**

Reminder about the PTA meeting tonight in the School Staffroom at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Responsible Children's Award, Week 9, Term 1**

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.

**Senior:** Rm1 Symphony-Mei Maxwell  
Wyatt Durham Rm3 Hannah Miller  
Stevens

**Middle:** Rm8

Kyra Savory

Rm11 Hayden

Russell Rm 7

Peyton Harris

**Junior:** Rm16

Annabelle Smart

Jackson O'Kane

(absent) Rm 13

Tamsin Carr

**New Students**

We welcome our new students: Samara McCullum, Tahi Reed-Tuuta, Amélie Halleux and Olivia Davidson.

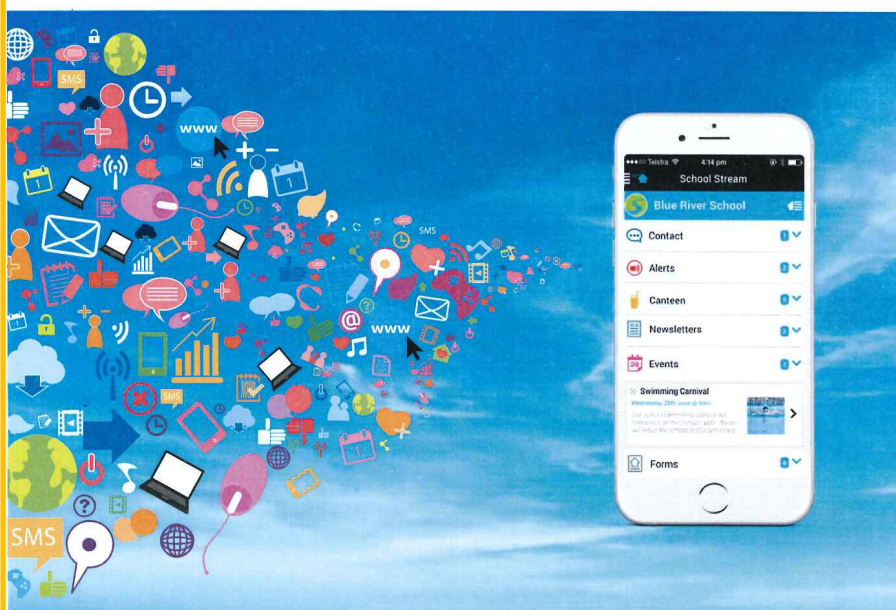
We hope they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

## School Stream is A Hit—Download it Today

The new School Stream App is proving to be a real hit with everyone who has downloaded it so far. We hear you are loving that information from the school comes straight to your Smart Phone. We encourage everyone to join in and receive information from/to the school using this handy tool and get the benefit from immediate information as it comes to hand—alerts about chip day, athletics day, choir and other activities, as well as, cancellations, newsletters, and you can even fill in absences and other forms and send them electronically, making it quicker and easier for everyone (also saving a few trees in the process).

### 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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## 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 it could be returned to the student. If it is still here at the end of the term it will be donated to charity.





# friends & family deals



**Donovan Primary School**

**Offer is available Monday 8 May  
- Sunday 14 May 2017**

Offer only available at Noel Leeming Invercargill

**get  
cost\*  
+10%**

**on all  
televisions • computers • whiteware • mobile phones**

**excludes IT accessories, PC Software,  
AV Accessories, & PC Consumables**

**+2.5%**

**of total sales  
will go towards**

**Donovan  
Primary School**



***hurry in store and make the most of this offer!***

**Print and present this flyer or show it on your device in store**



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Pricing only available in store

**Price  
Promise**  
We'll match any competitor's  
price\* plus give you  
**FlyBuys**

**noel leeming**

## Canteen Notices

Please, clearly label heat-ups and orders with name and correct room number.

Please, do not use whiteboard marker—it rubs off.

All Moosies are \$1.

We are still in need of some helpers in the canteen.

If you are able to help please contact Tracy on 027 330 7207.

## Noel Leeming Special Offer

Included with this newsletter is a flyer from Noel Leeming offering cost plus 10% on all television, computers, whiteware and mobile phones. From Monday, 8 May to Sunday, 14 May. All anyone needs to do is mention Donovan Primary and you will get the discount and the school will get 2.5% rebate.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Casting Call Talent Wanted

We are looking for Young Māori Female Age 9-12, Māori male Age 50+ and heaps of Extras of all ages. Contact Arpita Bose email [quixotic.contact@gmail.com](mailto:quixotic.contact@gmail.com) or phone 0212955301

### Out of School Art Classes for 2017

Enrolments are now being taken for Term 2, 2017. Classes are available for Year 1—8 pupils. For information and enrolments please contact Helen, co-ordinator, phone 217 7482.

### Hope Resources

‘How We Move Through Grief’ workshop, an in-depth, interactive workshop that discusses the theories around grief—9 May 2017, 3pm-5pm, \$50pp held at Loss and Grief Centre, 49 Tay Street, Invercargill. Limited Spaces. RSVP before 2 May—Caroline Loo 021 210 1523, [www.hope-resources-nz.com](http://www.hope-resources-nz.com) or [hoperesourcesnz@gmail.com](mailto:hoperesourcesnz@gmail.com).

### The Southland Brick Show 2017

Southland’s biggest Lego display, 10am to 5pm, Saturday, 22 April and 10am to 4pm, Sunday, 23 April. Children \$2, Adults \$3, Under 2’s Free, Family Pass \$10 (2 adults & up to 3 kids) Ascot Park Hotel Invercargill, Cnr Tay St and Racecourse Rd. For competition details see ‘LUG South Brick Events’ Facebook page.

### STS Student Travel Schools Exchange Host Families

STS Student Travel Schools are seeking typical Kiwi families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. New Zealand families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our exchange students are keen to live in a typical Kiwi family and join in your family lifestyle while going to the local high school. Therefore, we welcome all families willing to offer one of our exchange students a bed to sleep in, their meals each day and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about New Zealand culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country. Contact Rachel McKeay 027 454 4160, email [mckeay@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:mckeay@yahoo.co.nz) or [www.sts-education.co.nz](http://www.sts-education.co.nz).

### Wanaka Trail Ride 2017

Make it a family weekend at the 3rd Annual Wanaka Trail Ride on Sunday, 23 April - a unique trailbike ride that caters for all ages and abilities and attracts over 500 enthusiasts from across the South Island. The course covers the stunning hill country of Deep Creek, Long Gully and Lindis Peak Stations, near Tarras. This joint fundraiser for Wanaka Primary School and Montessori Children’s House Wanaka, raised \$28,000 last year, benefitting many young families in the community. Pre-register online now for discounted entry fees and a chance to win fantastic prizes! Visit [www.wanakatrailride.org](http://www.wanakatrailride.org) or contact Nicolle on 022 139 3021 for general enquiries.

### Experience a New Culture, Make New Friends and Learn a New Language at Home

In July students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local high schools for 3-10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in New Zealand. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programmes out of New Zealand—call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student).

### Learn to Ride Track – ‘Building Track Champions’

Do you want to be the next track champion? First you need to learn the basics, join us and we will teach you everything you need to know. Term 2, 9 weeks, Wednesday or Friday 4-5pm, session \$85.00 incl. gst. Includes track hire, bike hire, coach, water bottle and certificate. Book your spot by calling or emailing Cycling Southland (03) 219 9325 – [office@cyclingsouth.org.nz](mailto:office@cyclingsouth.org.nz)

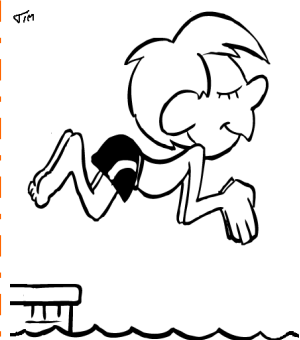
### Pink Mad Gear Scooter Found

Pink mad gear scooter found on Baxter Street path, after school on 4 April. If anyone is missing one contact 021 143 0779 or Splash Palace 03 217 7506, thanks.

**URGENT—URGENT—  
URGENT—URGENT—**

We desperately require swimming helpers for our middle and senior swimming sessions next term. Without parent helpers we may not be able to proceed. Five teachers per syndicate, cannot provide supervision for the stands, assist in the changing rooms and teach more than five swimming groups in the pool at the same time. So if you are

able to help, please complete the form below and send it back to school asap.



## DONOVAN PTA EASTER RAFFLE

**THANK YOU** for all your support with the EASTER RAFFLE!



With all the generosity shown by our families we have been able to double the prize pool.

There are now at least 20 prizes and the donations have been AMAZING.



Please make sure all money and tickets are returned to the school office by

**FRIDAY 7 APRIL.**

**THANK YOU**

### 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 .....