



From the Principal's Desk

Talofa, Kia Ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

I hope you had a great Easter break with your families and friends. Our Teacher Only Day was very successful, we are all up to date and refreshed in First Aid and ready when we might need it. Fingers crossed we just stick to doing the odd band aid.

This is the last newsletter for the term. So please look at all the repeat notices for next term, especially swimming. We start swimming straight up, in the first week of Term 2. Find those togs and swimming bags over the holidays.

Good luck to all our athletes competing at the Southland Athletics on Saturday. Have fun and break some records.

Congratulations to one of our past pupils, Bradley Knipe, who was named in the New Zealand Commonwealth team for cycling. Fingers crossed for great results.

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Peter Hopwood
Principal

PTA Easter Raffle

A huge thanks from the Donovan PTA for your efforts in the Easter raffle this year. We raised just over \$5,000 for resources for the school. We received donations to make a whopping 36 Easter hampers and we gave out a prize to each class for selling tickets and spot prizes. A fantastic effort by the whole school community.

With the end of term coming up we hope you will all have a relaxing break and we are looking forward to disco's hot chip days and lots of other exciting PTA events in the coming terms.

Thanks, Megan Dick, PTA Chairperson

Last Day of Term

Term 1

finishes at **3.00pm** on Friday 13 April.

Term 2

begins at **8.50am** on Monday 30 April.

Assembly

Fri 6 April - Syndicate
1:20pm Senior/Middle
2:15pm Junior
Fri 13 April—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.)

School Stream

Consent Form Payment

Please ensure, if you complete a consent form on School Stream, that payment for the activity is made as soon as possible.

Payment can be made to account number 03 1742 0052461 00 or at the school office by cash or eftpos.

If you have not made a payment for a consent form you have filled previously in please pay this immediately.

School Accounts

Thank you to everyone who has paid their school account that was sent out earlier this term. 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.

Lucky Book Club—Issue 2

Please return your orders and money in a named envelope to the office by **Tuesday, 10 April**.

OR

- ◇ Have you thought of ordering your Book Club books online?
- ◇ Register with LOOP online at scholastic.co.nz/loop. Your orders are then sent with the whole school order, or if the school order has been dispatched, it will go to home for a small delivery fee.
- ◇ LOOP—the easiest way for parents to order and pay for Book Club.
- ◇ When you register with LOOP you receive emails for Special Bonus Books.

New Student

We welcome our new student: Tearliah Vaeau. We hope she and her family enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

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Consultation Focus Group on Curriculum Development

An exciting opportunity!

I am looking for a small group of families to be part of discussions around curriculum design, and our vision for education into the future. It's time to refocus our thoughts around the New Zealand curriculum; especially since National Standards have been removed.

If you are interested in being part of this group please fill in the form below and return to school.

Our meetings will be Tuesday, 15 May and Tuesday, 12 June from 7pm-8.30pm at the school.

We will stick to time so you know where you are with childcare. We will carry on into Term 3 and set dates later.

This will be informative, but we want your ideas and thoughts.

Peter Hopwood

Expression of Interest for Consultation Focus Group on Curriculum Development

Please return by Friday 13 April

Name _____

Parent of _____ in Rm _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Swimming – Term 2

On Tuesday, 1 May (first week of Term 2) swimming will begin (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) finishing Tuesday, 22 May.

Time to name the swimming togs (check if they still fit), goggles and a suitable bag for towel and togs, even a plastic grocery bag is fine. 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! Swimming Helper Form is below or on School Stream, please complete one of these if you are able to assist on swimming days.

Junior syndicate will be swimming later in the term so keep an eye out for helper notice in the newsletters next term.

Term 2

Swimming Helper Form (Senior/Middle)

Please return by Friday 6 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 _____

Phone Number _____

ICAS Educational Assessment

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

Writing is on Thursday 14 June cost \$20.50

English is on Tuesday 31 June cost \$9.50

Maths is on Tuesday 14 August cost \$9.50

If you wish your child to participate please complete the enrolment form on School Stream by **Wednesday 11 April**. A paper form is available from the office if you do not have our school app.

Thank you
Julie Hopwood

Responsible Student Award - Term 1, Week 7

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

Tyler Hatherley
Aurora Hatherley
Samantha Nelson

Back Row

Haze De Lange
Neveah Symon
Ava Barker

Middle Row

Bree Bugden
Jett Hatherley

Southland Primary School Athletic Sports

Congratulations to the following children who competed well at Zone Athletics and qualified for Southland Athletics.

7 Years

Sam Walker - 100m, 60m Relay
Aaron Russell - 100m, 60m Relay
Keira Popham - Relay

8 Years

Jay Samson - Long Jump, 60m, 100m, Relay
Carly Nicholls - 60m, Relay
Sophie Flay - 100m, Relay
Brooklynn Turnbull - Relay
Jayden Dawson - Relay

9 Years

Kyra Savory - 100m, 200m, 800m, High Jump, Relay
Tate Forbes-Murch - 200m, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot, Put, Relay
Latoya Wise - Long Jump, High Jump
Cairo McDonald - 100m, 800m, Relay
Hemi Wright - High Jump, Discus

10 Years

Molly Ronald - 800m, 1500m, Discus
Corban Crosswell - 800m, 1500m
Bailee-Rose Cardoso - Shot Put
Dom Hodgkinson-Harris - 1500m
Jade Russell - 1500m
Jaziah Smith - Relay
Blake Witbrock - Relay

Lost Property

Please keep checking our lost property, which will be on display outside the hall on Friday's. Any items remaining at the end of term will be given to charity.

If your clothing is named, then it can be returned to the student.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Jack and Jill \$10 Portrait Fundraiser. James Hargest College Spain Fundraising Group have arranged for a professional photographer from Jack 'n' Jill to take photos of children, families and friends. James Hargest College, Saturday, 14 April. Book online <http://jjportal.com/book/10577> or contact Rosemary on 027 752 4890.

Out of School Art Classes enrolments are now being taken for Term 2, 2018. Classes are available for Year 1—8 pupils. For information and enrolments please contact Helen, Co-Ordinator on phone number 217 7482.

Southland Life Education Community Trust AGM to be held Tuesday, 10 April 2018, 7.00pm at Windsor North School, Chelmsford Street, Invercargill. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee please make an effort to attend and support the Trust - it's for the children's benefit! All welcome. Any queries to Val 03 235 8910.

Wanaka Trail Ride 2018 to be held Sunday, 22 April (Anzac weekend). A fundraiser for Montessori children's house and Wanaka Primary School. Pre-registration wanakatrailride.org.

ILT Stadium Southland Holiday Programme is back for the April Holidays! We have a lot of fun new games and activities planned for these holidays to keep everyone involved and entertained in all areas of the Holiday Programme even more than January. These holidays we will be running three days in the first week and two in the second week. These days are - Monday 16 April, Wednesday 18 April, Friday 20 April, Monday 23 April and Friday 27 April. Contact our main reception on (03) 219 9310 for further information.

M.A.D. Day Out—Daffodil Bay, 8 April 2018 from 12 noon to 3pm. There is something for everyone. Best of all its free. For details go to www.maddayout.co.nz.

Whack n Run Squash—Squash Southland are excited to offer you our fun after school squash programme, Whack n Run. This will run for a total of 6 weeks and is an individual event. ILT Stadium, Isabella Street, Invercargill. Balls, racquets and eye wear supplied—\$25.00. Contact Bruce Thirkell 027 319 4169 or email bruce@squashsouthland.co.nz.

GO Hockey will be starting its 2018 South Island Road Show in Invercargill this Saturday, 7 April. GO Hockey will be at the Invercargill Clubrooms Camden Street from 10am to 4pm. There will extensive range sticks, bags, shoes, GK gear and accessories, all with massive savings, so don't miss out. in Invercargill on the weekend 14- 15 April 2018 at Gala St Reserve, Gala Street, Invercargill.

The **Gypsy Fair** is a great day out for the family and it is free entry. The fair has something for everyone, handmade crafts of all types, many being made before your eyes, Clothing, a unique obstacle bounce for the kids, awesome coffee, food, face painting, candy floss, music, which you can come up and have a go too, if you feel so inclined and lots of good old fashioned toys and entertainment in the green. So come along for a couple of hours or even the day and soak up the atmosphere of the Gypsy Fair.