



## Important Dates 2018

### November

**Thu 15** Strike Day  
**Fri 16** High School Visits in morning for Year 6  
**Tue 20** BOT Meeting  
**Thu 22** Year 5 & 6 Camp  
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**Fri 23** No Canteen Orders - Heat-ups only  
**Wed 28** PTA Meeting 7pm  
**Fri 30** Middle Disco

### December

**Mon 3** Reports  
**Wed 5** Year 1 Production  
**Thu 6** Year 1 Production  
**Fri 7** Last Day for Canteen Orders  
**Tue 11** BOT Meeting  
**Wed 12** Merit Assembly Junior in morning Mid/Sen in afternoon  
**Thu 13** Year 6 Day Out  
**Thu 13** Year 6 Graduation 7pm  
**Fri 14** Prize Giving 1pm at SBHS  
**Mon 17** Last Day of Term 4  
*School closes at 1pm*

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**Wed 30** First Day of School

School Account Number  
**03 1742 0052461 00**  
 For payment of School Account, Sports and Activity Fees. Remember to include name and activity in the reference

### Assembly

**Fri 16 November**  
 Syndicate  
 Senior/Middle 1.20pm  
 Junior 2.15pm

**Fri 23 November**  
 No Assembly

## 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

Welcome to this issue of our newsletter. This issue is coming out a day early because of tomorrow's strike day across Southland.

At Donovan we want to thank you for supporting our teachers and Principal as they strike to make schooling better for all our learners. Lets hope we can get some traction and sort out our conditions.

Last night was the first night of the Year 2 production of The Lion Kingdom - wow, wow, wow, what an incredible crew of young entertainers. Thank you teachers, I know you go above and beyond to give our learners these great memories. Thanks parents/caregivers for being a great audience.

Next week is another memory maker. Year 5 and 6 in school Camp. It is going to be an amazing fun-filled adventure. Be prepared, look at notices, pay for camp and look at the packing list.

This is another important experience for our young learners, thank teachers and parent helpers for going above and beyond again.

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**Peter Hopwood, Principal**

## Board Talk VACANCIES

The Board will have several vacancies to fill next year. We encourage all parents with any interest in being a Board of Trustee to come to Board meetings between now and elections in May 2019 and check out what we do. Becoming a Board of Trustee is a great way to give back to your community and make sure all our children receive the best possible education. Board meeting dates are in the newsletters. We will also be looking for a new Minute Secretary next year. Our next Board meeting is Tuesday, 20 November at 6pm.

Reminder  
 school is ***closed***  
**Thursday, 15 November for Strike Day**

## Morning Start Time

With the fine mornings we have noticed an increase of children arriving before 8.20am Just a reminder that teachers are not available prior to 8.20am to supervise students. For the safety of the children it is important we adhere to this timeline.

If you are in a position where you require morning supervision for your children; many of the 'after school care' providers also offer morning care.

## School Photos

**\*\*\*last day is Tuesday\*\*\***

All individual photos and envelopes must be returned to the school office by **Tuesday, 20 November.**

The orders and money go direct to the photographer so no late orders will be accepted and no internet payments are available.





## Sunhats

All students are to wear the regulation school hat this term and Term 1 next year.

Sunhats are available from the school office for \$20.

We accept cash and have eftpos available.

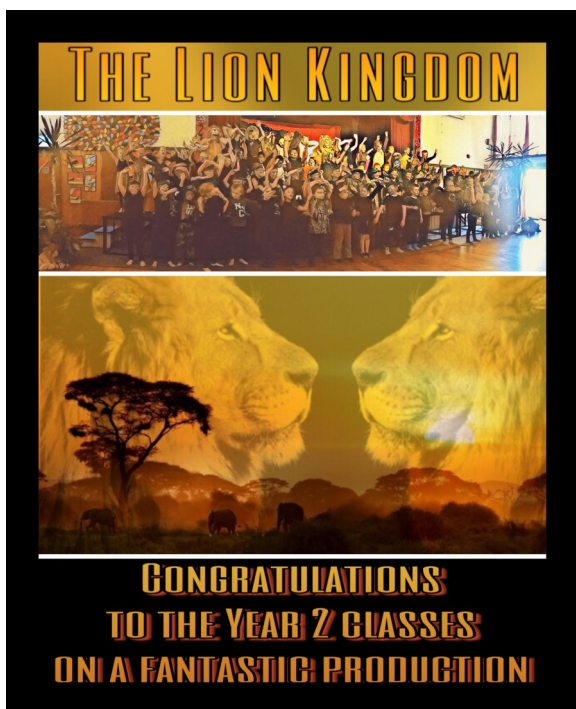


## School Accounts

School Accounts went home with the children a few weeks ago.

Consumables are a compulsory item. Please ensure consumables i.e. reading log (\$3) and Bible in Schools book (\$7.50) are paid in full, otherwise they accumulate year on year. Donations are voluntary so you are able to claim a rebate through your tax return.

Payment can be made electronically to bank account number 031742 0052461 00, eftpos or by automatic payment. If you have any concerns regarding payment please contact Maureen at the school office.



## ‘Share the Road’ Riding with the Stars Winner

Jacob Ultee, Room 9 won this mountain bike and helmet on 29 October at the ‘Share the Road’ Riding with the Stars event at Queens Park. He entered an online competition and is absolutely thrilled with his prize.



## Enrolments for 2019

If you know you will not be returning to Donovan Primary in 2019 please let the office know.

Or, if you know of a new child coming in 2019 who still needs to enrol please advise us as soon as possible. This information assists us with 2019 planning.

## Lost Property

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.



## New Students

We welcome our new students:

Kylah Wilson  
Damian Smith  
Ruby-Lee Murphy

We hope you and your families enjoy your association with Donovan Primary.



**Year 1 Production  
presents  
'Are We There Yet'**

**SESSIONS**

Wednesday  
5 December,  
1.30pm and 6.30pm

Thursday  
6 December 6.30pm

**TICKET SALES**

\$2 Adult and \$1 Child  
available from the hall foyer  
for one week,  
during the following times/days.  
**8.30am-8.50am and 3pm-3.30pm**  
Monday, 26 November until  
Monday, 3 December

**Senior School Camp - Thursday, 22 November  
and Friday, 23 November**

All permission forms should now be completed. If you haven't done this yet please complete the Consent form on School Stream or obtain a paper copy from the office.

Payment of \$35 can be paid in the following ways:

- ⇒ direct to the school bank account 03-1742-0052461-00 using 'camp' and your child's name as reference
- ⇒ eftpos or cash at school office
- ⇒ Or if your school account is in credit and you wish to use this please let the office know

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

**Reports** are going home with students on Monday 3 December. If an additional person requires an extra copy of the report, please let the office know and we can forward an extra copy by email.

**Book Fair** finishes this Friday morning. Thank you to everyone for your support in making this a success.

**Sports Uniform Reminder**

Please return any sports uniforms (in a named bag) promptly after the respective event has finished. These are in very short supply and it is essential we get them back as soon as possible.

**Community Notices**

Family Works There are children and young people in your community who need the support of Foster families. Family Works are seeking people (couples or singles) to welcome children and young people into their homes. Care may be needed for regular respite, temporary short-term or long-term. Family Works will support you with training, ongoing guidance, and foster reimbursement. Please contact Nicky Bode nbode@familyworkssld.nz or phone 03 211 8226, to register your interest.

Badminton Southland Badminton Camp on 17, 18 and 19 December, 1.00pm-4.00pm at the Badminton Southland hall, Surrey Park, \$10.00 per day. Anyone is welcome. For more information please contact Rata Hopa 217 9460 or badmintonsouthland@xtra.co.nz. Registrations close Thursday, 13 December.

Lost Ring platinum/diamond (round stone) at Tuesday night's production in the hall. Please contact Donovan office if found.



**MIDDLE DISCO**

**Friday 30 November**  
**5.30pm-6.15pm**  
**at the School Hall**

\$2 per child or Disco packs \$5  
Disco pack = entry+water+treats



**MIDDLE DISCO theme:**  
**SUMMERTIME**



**BOOK HERE NOW!**

**SPLASH PALACE**

**Holiday Swim School**

Start your learn to swim holiday programme with the Splash Palace Swim School

**\$50.00**  
Includes pool entry, GST & a swim bag

Book before December 10th, 2018 & enter our prize draw.

**BOOK AT RECEPTION OR EMAIL:** swimschool@splashpalace.co.nz  
**CONTACT: Marie McQueen PHONE: 03 217 7506**

Invercargill City Council  
Swim For Life!