



Important 2020 Dates

April

Sun 5—Daylight savings ends
Mon 27—Anzac day commemorated
Tue 28—Term Two Starts ?
Tue 28—Mid/Sen Swimming
Wed 29—Mid/Sen Swimming
Thur 30—Mid/Sen Swimming

May

Tue 5—Mid/Sen Swimming
Wed 6—Mid/Sen Swimming
Thu 7—Mid/Sen Swimming
Tue 12—Mid/Sen Swimming
Wed 13—Mid/Sen Swimming
Thur 14—Mid/Sen Swimming
Tue 19—Mid/Sen Swimming
Fri 29—Life Education bus

June

Tue 2—Wed 10—Life Education Bus
Tue 16—Jnr Swimming
Wed 17—Jnr Swimming
Thur 18—Jnr swimming
Tue 23—Jnr Swimming
Wed 24—Jnr Swimming
Thur 25—Jnr Swimming
Tue 30—Jnr Swimming

July

Wed 1—Jnr Swimming
Thur 2—End of Term Two
Friday 3—Teacher Only Day
Mon 20—Jul Term 3 Starts

September

Fri 25—End of Term Three

October

Mon 12—Start of Term 4
Fri 23—Teacher Only Day
Mon 26—Labour Day

December

Last Day of Term—TBA

Assembly:

We are currently not holding any assemblies until further notice.

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

From the Principal's Desk



Talofa, kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Well who would have thought! I suppose we know it could come to this and now it is very real. We will be putting important notes in this newsletter that have also been on School Stream. This will be our last newsletter for a while.

At this stage we believe we will be starting again on Tuesday 28 April (because we are observing ANZAC day on Monday 27 April). This will depend on when the Government feels it is safe to reopen NZ schools.

We have provided learning opportunities to the best of our ability to Donovan families. As families there are so many other ways to learn with your young learners.

Games; make and do; reading; art and craft; talking; writing; baking; housework; gardening (a whole heap of life skills).

Be patient with your children and each other. We have never experienced anything of this magnitude, and we will all react differently, just breath and pace yourself and keep to routines, especially around bedtimes and physical exercise.

I must acknowledge my staff who have looked after our children till the last minute. Remember children never stop learning whether in a classroom or with their family, and we will be here when you all get back. Keep strong, well and happy

E noho ra
Peter Hopwood,
Principal

We welcome the following children to Donovan Primary. We hope that they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

Noor Gill; Morgan Garrick; Cohen Robinson; Olive McLean; Abbey Faithful

PTA NOTICES

Easter Raffle

If you have not dropped off your tickets yet, please keep them in a safe place and we will get them at the start of next term. The raffle will be drawn next term.

Canteen

We are unsure of what it will be like when we come back in Term 2, we will keep you informed through School Stream if the canteen is operating for its Friday menu.



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.)

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With yesterday's announcement by the Government, we are implementing a plan to support your child's learning from home. We appreciate this is a sudden and significant change for everybody.

Our current plan consists of the following:

1. Close until 28 April (longer if we are directed by the Government).
2. On line learning opportunities have been provided to families through School Stream and Newsletter.

Be in touch with families with updates on re-opening.

The Ministry of Education has instructed that the two week Easter Holiday Break will now be **Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April** (inclusive.) Term 2 will begin on 15 April but schools will remain closed. Staff will continue to work remotely to offer as much online service as possible. Teachers will remain working from home until the Government declares schools may reopen.

The ministry has provided the following wording regarding the care of your children by other people

'If you need to have your child cared for by someone else you will need to identify that person or people as part of your self-isolated group. This will need to be done by midnight Wednesday and the group must remain the same for the whole 4 week period. The caregiver's own group (eg, their partner and children), your child and your own group (eg, your parents and other children) become one group. This group needs to be limited to minimise any risk of spread and should be no more than 20 people.'

This is an unprecedented event that relies heavily on our community to adhere to all Government advice. Our community has always been exceptional at stepping up when required. We are here to support you and your children as much as we can within the restrictions imposed.

We will continue to communicate with you over the coming days as we come to terms with the situation we face. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support. Together we will get through this."

Nga mihi

Jill Wilkinson
Chairperson

Peter Hopwood
Principal

On-Line Learning

The staff have been very busy putting together programmes that are suitable for your child to continue their learning (with your help). All the information has been sent out on School Stream. The staff have emailed where you with the students username and log in. If you have not received an email, can you please email the office - **office@donovanprimary.ac.nz** with your child's name and room and I will pass your email onto the teacher so they can resend you the information you need.

If you find that the information on School Stream is a bit small on the phone you can access the website on your tablet or PC. <https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net>

Or you can click [here](#) to access the information for the children to work on during this difficult time.

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