



## Important 2020 Dates

### June

Tue 2—Wed 10 Life Education Bus

Tue 30—Interviews

### July

Wed 1—Interviews

Thur 2 End of Term Two

Friday 3 July—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

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

Kieran Ogilvy  
Nico Lee-Tapu  
Cody Curtis

### Assembly:

We are currently not holding any assemblies until further notice.

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## From the Principal's Desk



Greetings and Welcome back.

Welcome to this weeks newsletter. I hope you all enjoyed the 3 day weekend. We are currently in week 6, so there are 4 more weeks till Term 2 ends on Thursday 2 July. Prior to lockdown we advertised a Teacher Only Day on Friday 3 July. This day will go ahead so we can update all staff's First Aid qualifications.

As you will have realized, swimming is not possible at this time, so it looks like there will be no school swimming in 2020.

We have made a decision that our mid year reports will be replaced this year with a slightly longer Parent/Teacher/Child Conference (Interview). Please check out the notice on the next page with further details. During the interview times we will have an Art Attack exhibition in the hall. What a great way to welcome you all back into the school. There will be details in the next newsletter, currently our learners are preparing art work to display in the Art Attack Exhibition. Can't wait to see it all.

Even though we have missed your presence in the school during Level 2, many of our children have grown so much in independence and confidence while getting themselves into the school on their own or with their siblings. Lets not lose the gains we have made so try and keep them being strong and independent. The gates are working so much better with the separating of groups between the gates. Lets not lose these gains as well. The roads are so much safer. We will continue to greet and meet at the gates because we are finding it is creating lovely relationships with children that we may not teach. We have to look for all the positives in the changes. We are pretty proud of our Resilient Children.

Kia Kaha  
Peter Hopwood  
Principal

## From the Board of Trustees:

A warm welcome back from the Board of Trustees to the students and their families, and a special welcome to our new families. The Board met on May 19. We heard of the tremendous effort that was made by the staff of Donovan to keep students and their families supported and engaged during the period of home learning. Managing an institution through a national crisis is no easy feat and it is important to acknowledge the strength of Peter Hopwood's leadership during this time.

**"ma mua ka kite a muri, ma mura ka ora a mua - those who lead give sight to those who follow; those who follow give life to those who lead."**

The Boards focus for the remainder of the year will be on staff and student well-being. We also have two projects in the wings. These involve creating a student entrance to Donovan via the Baxter Street playground and a fitness track on the back field. We will keep you up to date as these projects evolve.

Nga mihi  
Jill Wilkinson  
Chairperson

## 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.)

## DONOVAN PRIMARY PTA EASTER RAFFLE UPDATE

Hi everyone, as you know the return date and draw date of the PTA Easter raffle has now passed. Through no fault of anyone (except a tricky global pandemic) there was not opportunity to have all tickets returned to the office or draw the raffle before School closed.

**The good news is the PTA do intend to draw the Easter raffle – but perhaps more of a “YAHOO WE ARE OUT OF LOCKDOWN” twist to it – who doesn’t love Easter Eggs in June!!!**

To be able to draw the raffle though we need to account for the outstanding tickets.

**All tickets and hamper donations are to be returned to school by 19 June 2020 at the latest**

Your class teacher has an updated list of all the children in the class who have not yet returned their tickets.

Anyway, if you can take the time to hunt out the tickets and pop them back in the kids school bags, that would be much appreciated they can then be returned to the classroom once school is back.

If the ticket is lost, that is ok, just write a note and send that back

If the ticket is unsold also fine – we just need them back

If you haven’t yet made a hamper donation, The PTA would still accept those also, be it chocolate, Easter related or just a donation for a grocery hamper all is still very welcome – send it along to school with the kids.

Remember each of the tickets returned to school put each child into a draw to win mystery prizes and the first class in each syndicate with all their tickets return will win a treat for the class.

**The proceeds of the raffles are being donated to the school to assist with the cost of the new fitness track and the PTA and you as Donovan Families should be so proud of your efforts in the Christmas and Easter Raffles in the past couple of years that have made this possible.**

Stay safe and warm and we hope to see everyone again soon!

The Donovan PTA

### Scholastic Bookclub

The order forms have gone home for the latest Scholastic Books. It is a combination of Issue 3 and 4. We will be closing it off at 3pm on Friday 19 June. You can either complete the order form and return it, with the money, in a named envelope to the teacher. The teacher will pass it on to the office. Another alternative is to order your books online. If you complete your online order before the close off date, the books will be sent to school with the rest of the orders. If you miss the deadline, you can pay an extra fee and the books will be delivered to your door.

### Parent/Teacher/Child Interviews:

These interviews will be on **Tuesday 30 June from 1.30pm—7.30pm and Wednesday 1 July from 3.15pm—7.30pm**. School will close early on Tuesday 30 June at 1pm. You will receive details in the next newsletter on how to book a an interview time online. If you do not have access to the internet, we will have a laptop setup in the office for you to come in and book your time. We are assuming we will be at Level 1, and we will be all good to go.

### Mobile Dental Bus:

We are expecting the Mobile Dental Bus to be back on site about 11 June. They will gradually work through all our students. Once they are here, they will advise us of their contact details.

### School Closed:

**We will be closed on Tuesday 30 June at 1pm for parent interviews and Friday 3 July for Teacher Only Day. Please diary these dates.**

**There will be no Swimming for 2020 due to Covid-19. Keep an eye out on School Stream as some of the sports are planning their restarts, and as soon as we hear, we will let you know.**

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