



Important 2020 Dates

August

September

Tue 1—PTA meeting 7pm
Week of 7th—Book Week
Thur 10—Parent Evening
 Second Steps—7pm
Fri 11 - Dress up as book character
Fri 18—Ski Trip
Tue 22—School photos
Fri 25 End of Term Three

October

Mon 12 Start of Term 4
Sat 17—Election Day
Fri 23 Teacher Only Day
Mon 26 Labour Day

December

Thur 10—Merit Assemblies
Fri 11 Y6 Graduation and Day Out
Mon 14—Prize giving SBHS
Tue 15 -Last Day of Term

We welcome Lennox Grant, Jake Holder and Mateo Tsui to Donovan Primary. We hope that they and their families enjoy their association with the Donovan Community

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From the Principal's Desk



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

Yesterday's Government announcement means for us at Donovan that we will be in Alert Level 2 restrictions for a little longer. What does this mean for us? We still can't have Friday assemblies, because it is more than 100 people, but we will be doing them by Zoom, this way things can continue as normal as possible. Keep up the good work on the gates and signing in at the office. We really appreciate your effort with this. We will continue to have staff welcoming children at the gate and farewelling them at 3pm.

We don't want to ever go to any higher alert levels, but in case we do in the future, we always need to have up to date emails and contact details. If you have changed your emails, cellphones, landlines, employment numbers etc, please update your details at the office. You can do this also through School Stream through the 'Contact Form'.

As talked about in the last newsletter we are having a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 10 September at 7pm in the hall. Hope you can make it. We will have teachers talking about the different levels of lessons.

Over the last week we had the semi finals and finals of the Retell Festival. The children were amazing and we want to thank the judges and parents for all their input. Special thanks to Mrs Fallow and Mrs Wilson for co-ordinating this event and making it still happen under Level 2.

Our whole school wants to acknowledge the passing of Liz Miller (Dreamweaver—Storyteller). Liz was meant to be with us at our finals to judge the overall winners, but this wasn't to be. Liz had brought joy to 1000's of children in Southland schools over the years. As parents you may remember her from the old Don Street Library when she was the Children's Librarian. Our thoughts go out to her family and close friends.



Kia Kaha
 Peter Hopwood
 Principal

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.)

Bookclub:

The bookclub has gone out with this newsletter. It will close off on **Friday 18 September**. You can also order online and have the order delivered to school. If you wish to keep the books as a surprise, please write on the order form that you want them held at the office and we will call you when they come in.

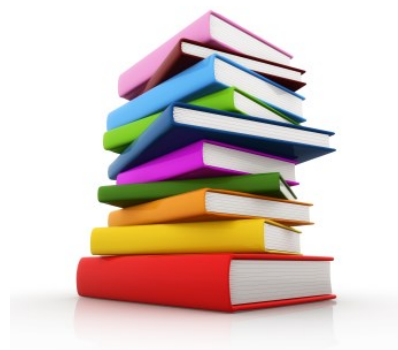
We have some children at school that have quite severe allergies and to assist us in managing this, can you please let us know if your child is taking an antibiotic even if only at home. Also if anyone has, or had contact with, any of the childhood diseases, eg mumps, measles, chickenpox or school sores.

Donovan Primary Book Week.

Monday 7 - 11 September.

There will be many fun and engaging activities held over the week and it's all about BOOKS.

On Friday 11 September we are going to hold a Book Character or Author dress up day as a fun way to end the week.



Donovan Primary Bank Account

Recently there have been payments that have been paid directly into the PTA bank account which should have been paid into the school account.

If you have our bank accounts loaded into your banking system, can you please check the account number you have for the school. **Donovan Primary BOT 03 1742 0052461 00**, Donovan PTA 03 1742 0052744 00

Did you know you can select the categories in **School Stream** that you want notifications for? This is a handy tool if you do not want all the sports notices, or notices not related to your child's year level etc. Just remember to change it if your child should change circumstances. To do this just go to the 'D' symbol at the bottom of the page, find the folder that you do not want notifications for and swipe left. Tap the notifications button to deselect. We suggest that you keep 'Whole School' 'Newsletters' 'PTA' and 'Covid 19' as the bare minimum.

School Stream:

Just a reminder, that if you can't get School Stream on your phone or you are having issues you can also go to the web version by typing in the following

url: <https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net>

You can also go to the Donovan Primary website and there is a link there as well. Remember this is the main form of communication and this is more important than ever during these uncertain times.



Mobile Dental Clinic:

The mobile dental clinic is at Donovan Primary for the next few months. They will be contacting parents/caregivers to arrange appointments for your child(ren). Alternatively, please pop into the clinic and make an appointment or give them a call on 0275557062.

From the PTA

2020 School discos

At this stage as we are still under Alert Level 2 we are unable to hold our school disco's We will look at this again for next term.

Congratulations

The PTA would like to congratulate all of the children and the teachers for the amazing art displays that were on show at the exhibition in the hall at the Parent Teacher meetings last term – phenomenal job everyone!!

Canteen Helpers

You must have been excited to have the canteen back and we are excited to offer this service again to the children. **The increased demand is great but we could do with some spare hands in the kitchens on a Friday!! If you know of anyone who is reliable and willing to help out on a Friday (8.50am-10.00am and/or 12-1pm)** Please get in touch with the canteen manager via the school office. WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!

Book Week Milk & Cookies Fundraiser

We are working with the staff to put together a Milk and Cookie Mini Fundraiser to take place during the Book Week, this will be done on a pre-order via school stream. All profits from this fundraiser will be donated to the school library. Keep an eye out

**Next Meeting 1 September 2020 at 7pm
in the school staffroom, all welcome.**

Retell Finals

Congratulations to the winners of each section of the whole School Retells that was held on Friday 21 August: Hannah Dick (Senior Syndicate), Clark Manson (Middle Syndicate), Emily Gutsell (Junior Syndicate) and Rafferty Hyland (Poetry Recital). Thank you to your parents for all their support and encouragement. Thanks also to the other finalists who made the judges job that much harder to decide on an overall winner for each Syndicate. We were pleased that we were able to Zoom the finals to the rest of the school so that the finalists still had their classmates support.

Left: Rafferty Hyland, Clark Manson and Emily Gutsell.
Insert: Hannah Dick



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