

Important 2020 Dates



November

Thur 26 & Fri 27 – Overnight camp at school.

December

Thur 3—BIS Concert

Fri 4—Last Day Canteen

Thur 10 -Merit Assemblies

Juniors 11am

Mid/Snrs 1.30pm

Fri 11 Y6 Day out and Graduation at 7pm

Mon 14 -Prize giving SBHS, Herbert Street 1pm

Tue 15 -1pm finish -Last Day of Term

2021

February

Mon 1 Teacher Only Day

Tue 2 Teacher Only Day

Wed 3 First Day of school for Term 1

Mon 8—Waitangi Day

Sat 28—Relay for Life

Apr

Fri 2—Good Friday

Mon 5—Easter Monday

Tue 6—Easter Tuesday

Fri 16 - End Term 1

We welcome Vada Tomlinson; Arlo Gilkison and Oscar Curtis to Donovan Primary. We hope that they and their families enjoy their association with the Donovan Community

Assemblies:

Friday 27 November—No assembly due to camp

Friday 4 December - Final Assembly

From the Principal's Desk



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

Welcome to week 7's newsletter. By the time you get this newsletter Year 5/6 in school camp will be underway. We are hoping for good weather for our cycling and walking. The children have been really looking forward to this.

Our 2020 road patrol children attended the celebrations 'Orange Parade' on Tuesday. This was a thank you for all their service, especially on all those cold wet mornings from the City Council. Well done Mrs Fallow for organizing all the Road Patrol rosters and children.

Our Canteen closes for Christmas on the 4 December, so that will be the last heatup and canteen orders. A special thank you to all our workers and helpers in the Canteen this year.

Please go and look at all your alerts on School Stream. There has been important ones posted this week about our '2020 School Picnic' and 'Pubertal Change Evening' for our older children on Monday 7 December.

At this time of year, please keep checking your School Stream often. It will have everything you need to know at this busy time of the year.

Special congratulations to Miss Keen from Room 3 who gains her Full Teacher Registration this week. Well done from all of us.

In week 9 there will be a short Christmas Newsletter coming out.

Next year in Term 1, I have been awarded a Principals Study Sabbatical. There are about 80 per year given out. I will do some study on a project and have a little 'refresh' time. Then I will be back in Term 2 to do it all again. It will be quite different for me, but the school will continue as normal.

Good luck fitting it all in over the next two weeks.

Kia Kaha
Peter Hopwood
Principal

Canteen—The last day for the canteen will be Friday 4 December. There will be no heatups available from this date onwards, as the canteen has to be cleaned.

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. You can also go to the url on your computer - <https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net>



Well, WOW, is probably the word that best describes 2020. The PTA started with a hiss and a roar with great goals and aims, however some things were just not meant to be!

On behalf of the PTA we are so thankful for your support of the Easter Raffle at the start of the year. Whilst Easter was extended to approximately June, we do thank all our families for supporting the raffle and for getting the raffle tickets back in over such an extended period of time.

Once Covid hit, we simply decided to focus more on the fun than the fundraising. It was tricky planning disco's in 2020, no sooner did we pick a date but the alert levels changed and foiled our plans... but the two free disco's held, were the best in recent history, record turnouts! We have proudly contributed funds for new games and activities for the classrooms and also the cool new fitness track equipment.

The PTA would like to thank the School Counsellor's this year for their help at the disco's and other activities they have helped coordinate, you guys and girls are amazing.

Thanks to Mr Hopwood, the board, the teachers, the office staff and the students for your help and enthusiasm with PTA and events in this really tricky year.

Huge thanks to the Canteen helpers who give their time so willingly, in 2021 and beyond we will need to have families involved in the running of this service, so please, if you do have some spare time please volunteer.

The last day the canteen will operate this year is 4 December.

On behalf of the PTA I'd like to wish you and your families a safe, happy and relaxing Christmas Season.

Megan
PTA

**2021 PREPARATIONS : Start date for 2021 Wednesday 3 February.
Year 1 and Year 2 students - 8.50am. Meet in the hall.
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 9.40am. Meet in the hall.**

END OF YEAR PREPARATIONS

We are starting to think about our end of year events. There are a few things that parents can keep their eye on. Library books, resources and instructional readers should already be returned to school. If you find some at home, please send them along a.s.a.p. All sports uniforms should be washed and returned back to school a.s.a.p after your last game.

Reports will go home on **Friday, 4 December**.

Merit Assembly will be on **Thursday, 10 December in the Donovan hall**. Juniors will start at **11am** and the Middle and Senior students will start at **1.30pm** on this day. This is where children are recognised for great work throughout the year. Parents will be notified if their child is a recipient.

Graduation Day and Evening will be on **Friday, 11 December**. The Year 6 students enjoy a day out and have a **formal** graduation at **7pm** that evening, for themselves and their families. Invites are going home soon so keep a lookout for this.

Prize Giving Assembly will be held at Southland Boys High School on Herbert Street, on **Monday, 14 December, at 1pm** (we will have an early lunch) and this is a time to celebrate the children who are being recognised for outstanding effort and achievement within the school. Parents will be notified if their child is a recipient. Two deserving students will be awarded our PTA and BOT trophies for Citizenship and we will also be naming our School Leaders for next year. School will finish at the normal time of 3.00pm. Children will be bused to and from Southland Boys' High School. Please collect children from Donovan Primary rather than SBHS.

Last Day will be finishing at **1pm** on **Tuesday, 15 December** with the lowering of the school flag. There will be no lunch break, so maybe send a bigger morning tea.

2021 PREPARATIONS

Start date for 2021 –Wednesday 3 February 2020 - all students are to meet in the hall.

Year 1 and Year 2 students - **8.50am**

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - **9.40am**

Their new classes will be announced then and children will be taken with their new teachers to their room.

If you know that your child, or children are not returning to Donovan for 2021, could you please let the office know immediately, as we are currently working on classes for next year.

The 2021 school day commences at 8.50am. Morning tea is from 10am to 10.20am. Brainbreak is from 11.20am to 11.30am and lunch is from 12.30pm until 1.15pm, and school finishes at 3pm.

2021 Term Dates

Term 1—Wednesday 3 February to Friday 16 April

Term 2—Monday 3 May to Friday, 9 July

Term 3—Monday, 26 July to Friday, 1 October

Term 4—Monday, 18 October end date TBA

Waitangi Day-will be observed on Monday 8 February

Easter Friday 2 April, Easter Monday 5 April

Easter Tuesday 6 April

Anzac Day-25 April (School Holidays)

Queens Birthday-Monday, 7 June

Labour Day-Monday, 25 October

STATIONERY

Stationery lists are included with this newsletter. If you require another copy it will be on School Stream. Remember that Office Max are offering an online ordering service at www.myschool.co.nz.

The school office will be open from Thursday 28 January.



R.E.A.L Award winners were presented with their certificates at assembly on Friday 13 November. Congratulations to all these students on being Resilient, Empathetic and Adaptable Lifelong Learners

Back Row: Mateo Tsui Rm21; Matilda Colyer Rm1; Carter Jenkins Rm9; Maria Clark Rm9; Toby Gibb Rm1; Wolfgang Hall Rm11; Lennox Grant Rm5; Cayleb Dunick Rm5; Grace Buchanan Rm8; Jake Garrick Rm20; Sonny Huang Rm2; Dustin Rhode Rm8; Lily Turnbull Rm20; Neveah Symon Rm3; Meg Ferguson Rm3; Lola Gane Rm2; Tiger Han Rm21

Front Row: Scarlett Hamlin Rm17; Harper Birchfield Rm17; Cooper Allan Rm16; Paige Grant Rm16; Aaron Lee Rm14; Patrick Begg Rm14; Kayla McLean Rm13; Emilie McManaway Rm13; Ava Wilson Rm11; Eden Gilkison Rm6; Darcy McDowall Rm6; Freya Todd Rm18; Bailee Buchan Rm18; Jen Hyland Rm12; Joel Bell Rm12; Charlotte Batt Rm15; Theo Ramage Rm15; Eloise Aicken Rm7; Absent Hunter Allan Rm7

Accounts: These have gone home with your children. If you have paid your account in the last few weeks, your payment may not show on your account. Camp this year is \$35 per student. Some students had credit balances on their accounts so we have used this to offset the cost of camp.

Outstanding sports fees will also be on your account so we would appreciate it being settled as soon as possible. Touch \$20, Miniball \$40; Waterpolo \$12; Netball \$40; Gymnastics \$5; Futsal (Soccer) \$80, \$66 and \$40; Ukulele \$25; Cricket \$20; UC Exams



We had the opportunity to send six senior boys to Putaiao Tamariki.

Putaiao Tamariki is an engaging science discovery, hands-on programme for senior boys delivered by the Methodist Mission and the Community Trust of Southland. The boys studied some pests and habitats at the Community Nursery. They also looked at how healthy our fresh waterways were. They also went to Queens Park looking at solids, liquids and gases followed up by a day at the playground looking at physics, forces and energy. It was a great experience for the boys and they enjoyed their time.

George Reynolds, Chaise Keen, Taylor Parry, Kahu Eastwood, Harpur Buchanan and Ben Hargest.



Got five minutes?

Your child's back to school class list is ready to shop now at myschool.co.nz or call us Mon to Fri, 8.30am - 5pm.

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We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster! Our back to school stationery lists are already loaded and ready to go on the [OfficeMax MySchool website](https://myschool.co.nz).

This year OfficeMax have introduced Laybuy*, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free instalments - and still get your order right away.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January when the 'team of 5 million' get home from holiday - order now and avoid the back to school rush.

It's easy to shop online at myschool.co.nz. Just search for our school, select your child's class and/or subject lists and follow the instructions on the easy-to-use website.

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about OfficeMax MySchool. We look forward to your child having a successful start to the new school year!

UNIFORMS: If you have any sports uniforms at home that are not being used, can they please be laundered and returned asap as we need them for this terms sports. Can all other uniforms please be returned as soon as you have finished the sport.

Don't forget to let the school know of any changes in addresses, phone numbers, emails or work details. You can either email, phone or send through the 'contact us' form on School Stream.

School Stream. Don't forget to check to see if you have the latest version of Schoolstream. If you wish to check, then open up the programme, select the three horizontal bars in the top left corner of Schoolstream and down at the bottom of the screen it should show version 2.1.115 (Android) or 2.1.41 (Apple). If you do not have this latest version then you can either do an update or uninstall and reinstall to get the latest version. To do an update on androids, go to the Play Store and type School Stream in the search bar. The app and the update will show. Select the update and it should download for you. It worked for me, so see how you go. If all else fails, uninstall and reinstall. This might solve some of the notification issues.

Stationery Requirements for 2021

New Entrants

New Entrant packs are available from the office for \$50.00
This includes a Donovan sunhat.

Year 1: (Only replace items if completely used
otherwise last year's books can be used)

- ◇ 1 x Large journal bag Velcro
- ◇ 6 x Amos glue sticks 35gm
- ◇ 4 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- ◇ 1 x 20 pocketbook display
- ◇ 8 x JWB junior writing 14mm ruled 40lf exercise book
- ◇ 6 x Whiteboard marker bullet black.
- ◇ 1x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ◇ 1x Red Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 5 x Black Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 4x Vivid – black (fine tip)

Year 2



- ◇ 6 x Large Amos Glue Sticks
- ◇ 2 x Warwick My Maths Book 2 Quad 64
- ◇ 1 x My Maths Book 1 unruled 64
- ◇ 4 x My Everyday Book 1
- ◇ 3 x My Literacy Book
- ◇ 6 x Whiteboard markers (Black) - fine
- ◇ 4 x JWB 14mm Ruled Junior Book *
- ◇ 1 x Colouring pencils (12)
- ◇ 1 x Large book bag (if required)
- ◇ 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ◇ 2 x Red Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 5 x Black Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 1 x 30cm ruler (non flexi) Plastic
- ◇ 4 x Vivid – black (fine tip)

Please name all stationery. Items can be purchased online at www.myschool.co.nz and delivered to your door.

Year 3 & 4

- ◇ 8 x 1B5
- ◇ 2 x 1E5 with Margins
- ◇ 1 x 9B5
- ◇ 5 x Red Named Pens, Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 5 x Black Named Pens, Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 1 x Whiteboard Marker (fine, Black)
- ◇ 4 x Large Amos Gluesticks
- ◇ 1 x Colouring Pencils (12) –no felts
- ◇ 1 x Rubber
- ◇ 1 x 30cm Ruler (non flexi)
- ◇ 1 x Large Book Bag
- ◇ 1 x Pencil case
- ◇ 1 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- ◇ 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- ◇ 4 x HB Pencils and pencil sharpener
- ◇ 1 Highlighter
- ◇ 1 x Black fine tip permanent marker



Year 5 & 6

- ◇ 10 x 1B5
- ◇ 4 x 1E5 with Margins
- ◇ 1 x 200pg A4 Lined Refill
- ◇ 1 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- ◇ 3 x HB Pencils
- ◇ 1 x 4b Art Pencil
- ◇ 1 x Black fine tip permanent marker
- ◇ 1 x Pencil Sharpener, Non flexi Ruler, Scissors and Colouring Pencils (24)
- ◇ 2 x Red pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 5 x Black pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- ◇ 3 x Large Glue Sticks
- ◇ 2 x Black Whiteboard Markers
- ◇ 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)



We would appreciate settlement of all school accounts before the last day of term. We will be sending reminders out shortly. Payments made in the past three weeks may not show on your account yet. Any problems please contact the office.



Southland A&P Show: The Southland A&P show will be held at Donovan Park, Bainfield Road, on 6 March 2021. They have lots of activities for young people to participate in (ie rock painting, scarecrow making, baking, photography or artwork. Have a look on their website www.southlandapshow.co.nz and see if there is anything your children might be interested in competing in.

We would love to know about any new children coming to Donovan Primary for 2021.

Please pop into our office to collect an enrolment form. It would be great to hear from you, as soon as possible.

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| School Bank account | 03 1742 0052461 00 |
| PTA Bank account | 03 1742 0052744 00 |
| Donovan Primary Website | www.donovanprimary.ac.nz |
| Principal's email | principal@donovanprimary.ac.nz |
| School Hours | 8.50am –12.30pm, 1.15pm-3.00pm |
| Entry/Departure times | No entry before 8.20am, collected by 3.15pm |

Community Notices: Keep an eye on the Community Notices for upcoming events. It will be sent out separately.



Orange Parade: The children that had been doing Road Patrol for the year, attended the Orange Parade in town, sponsored by Road Safety Southland. The children, along with other schools, met at Invercargill Middle School to listen to speeches thanking the children for their service. They marched down Esk Street to the Council Chambers. Donovan was asked to lead the march because they looked such an awesome group . (Thank you to Mrs Dick for the signs and balloons). Their day ended at Splash Palace for a swim and fun time. Thank you to Mrs Fallow for organising the Road Patrol children throughout the year.



Our two summer futsal teams—Donovan Strikers and Donovan Terminators had a great season learning new skills and teamwork.



Water Polo

A huge thank you goes out to Julie Welsh and Tilly Vi who have given up their time to coach and support our students this year. Well done to all our teams and a big congratulations goes out to the Donovan Divers who were placed third in the Water Polo finals competition last week.





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