

Important 2020 Dates



December

Wed 9—

School Picnic

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

Yr1-Yr2 meet in hall at

8.50am. Yr 3,4,5,6 9.40am

Mon 8 -Waitangi Day

Tue 9—Canteen Heatups

Fri 12 -Canteen Menu

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 Makeeze Ngatai to Donovan Primary. We hope that she and her family enjoy their association with the Donovan Community

From the Principal's Desk



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

The time has come for the last news drop to our community, and hasn't it come fast.

The children have so enjoyed decorating and creating Christmas Trees for our front fence. After a tough year we worked to bring good cheer and joy to our community in the lead up to Christmas. We hope it spread smiles as you pass the school and if you haven't seen them, it is worth a drive by.

At this time of the year we must reflect on all the things we are grateful for and on the top of the list it should be family and friends. My thanks go to everyone at Donovan, Staff and children, for another year of great fun, activities and learning how to be the best we can be. To families and children leaving us, farewell and we wish you all the best for your next stage. Thank you for being part of the Donovan journey.

Over the summer break, keep up reading and encourage lots of resilient opportunities. Keep aware of Covid 19 so we can keep it away from our part of the country.

School closes at 1pm on Tuesday 15 December with the lowering of the school flag.

Next year, the first day of instruction is Wednesday 3 February with a staggered start. Page four of this publication has got all the information for the end of this year and the start of next year.

My personal thanks to our Board of Trustees, our PTA but mostly to my leadership team and office staff. Term one looks very different for me, I will be on Study Sabbatical Leave.

I wish you all well for a great start to 2021. The school is in good heart and as always will be ready to greet and welcome you all back.

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



Welcome to the final newsletter for 2020 and could it have been a more interrupted year? I want to start by commending Peter Hopwood and the Donovan teachers for their tenacity and commitment to ensuring that students at Donovan continued to receive high quality education in what has been an incredibly stressful year for everybody. Good schools don't happen by accident, it takes strong leadership, dedicated staff and excellent planning to make a school great. These are the attributes that make Donovan a great school.

The Board managed to move forward on some outstanding projects in 2020. We were able to implement our road safety plan, employ a counsellor as part of our Well-being project and get our fitness track built. We wish Mr Hopwood all the best for his sabbatical for term one next year and look forward to the knowledge and ideas he will bring back to the school. We are confident leadership in the school will remain strong under the guidance of Mrs Fallow.

From the team that is the Donovan Board of Trustees, a very Meri Kirihimete and a safe and happy holiday. To those families that are leaving us, thank you for your contribution to our school. We wish you all the best for what the future brings for you.

Nga mihi
Jill Wilkinson
Chairperson BOT



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 canteen probably won't reopen until the second week of the new year. The school will let you know through School Stream.

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.

CANTEEN - Heatups available from Tuesday 9 February. Menu available from Friday 12 February.



Got five minutes?

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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.

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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)



Officemax: Office Max now have the ability to offer a WINZ quote for purchases of children's stationery if you are eligible.

Phone 0800 5777 00 or 0800 426473 (Officemax numbers). Explain to the team member that you require a WINZ quote for your child's stationery. While on the phone, Officemax will do the quote and they will tell you a quote number, this can be sent to you, if required, by email or text. Contact WINZ and tell them the quote number. WINZ then contacts Officemax and the quote is processed and the order sent out.

Meningitis is a dangerous bacterial infection that can be life-threatening and deadly in just a few hours. People who survive meningococcal disease often have serious long-term effects.

The Ministry of Health recommends that young people living closely together in places such as halls of residence, be immunised against meningitis. It is free for students 13-25 years of age. For further information please go to <https://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/immunise-against-meningococcal-disease>



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.

School Directory

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Office cell for texting absences only	0273 239281
School Stream Web version	https://donovanprimaryschool.myschoolstream.net
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

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