

Important 2021 Dates



March

Thu 11—

Athletics (if fine)

Wed 17—Zone Athletics

Thur 25—Bookclub closes

Sat 27—Sthld Athletics

April

Fri 2—Good Friday

Mon 5—Easter Monday

Tue 6—Easter Tuesday

Fri 16—End Term 1

May

Mon 3—Start Term 2

Tue 4—Mid/Snr swimming

Wed 5—Mid/Snr swimming

Thur 6—Mid/Snr swimming

Tue 11—Mid/Snr swimming

Wed 12—Mid/Snr swimming

Thur 13—Mid/Snr swimming

Tue 18—Mid/Snr swimming

Wed 19—Mid/Snr swimming

Thur 20—Mid/Snr swimming

Tue 25—Mid/Snr swimming

June

Mon 7—Queens Birthday

Tue 22—Jnr Swimming

Wed 23—Jnr Swimming

Thur 24—Jnr Swimming

Tue 29—Jnr Swimming

Wed 30—Jnr Swimming

July

Thur 1—Jnr Swimming

Tue 6—Jnr Swimming

Wed 7—Jnr Swimming

Thur 8—Jnr Swimming

Fri 9—End Term 2

Mon 26—Start Term 3

August

September

October

Fri 1—End Term 3

Mon 18—Start Term 4

Mon 25—Labour Day

November

Mon 1—Sun 21 Senior Camp

December

Assemblies -

Fri 12 Mar—

Syndicate assembly —
Mid/Sen 1.20pm;
Juniors 2pm.

Fri 19 Mar—Whole
school assembly
1.20pm

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora and welcome to this week's newsletter

Once again a big thank you to all our school community for the seamless way you followed the school guidelines for Alert Level 2 last week. It was disappointing that we had to cancel 'Meet the Teacher' evening once again. We will not be organizing another date for this event. If you would like to speak to your child's teachers regarding class programmes or routines, please contact them to arrange a suitable time. Many of our teachers are busy after school with sport teams and also need to be in their classrooms teaching when the bell goes at 8.50am.

At time of writing, our Senior Athletics has been postponed and we are hoping that the weather will be fine enough for it to go ahead tomorrow (Thursday). The teachers certainly appreciate the support given to them by all the parents and the ANZ staff who volunteered to help on this day. It would not be possible to run Athletics Day without this support. We will be hosting the Zone Athletics next Wednesday, I know the children from Donovan, who qualify for this event, will represent our school with pride.

Some of you would have noticed the new pathway in our back field from the shared Baxter Street playground fence. Keep an eye out for a gate that will be going in soon so children can come into school via the Baxter Street playground. We hope this will help reduce the congestion outside our main gates at the busy times in the morning and afternoon.

If your child requires medication to be administered at school, please bring it into the office. There is a form that needs to be completed and signed by the parent/caregiver and we keep all medication secure in the Medical Room (this includes inhalers, throat lozenges and cough lollies).

If you wish to report an absence could you please either ring us on 2159664, or send a text on 0273727070 or use the absence form on the School Stream App. School Stream is our preferred method if possible. We would prefer that you do not email through your absence as this is sometimes not checked in time, depending on the busyness of the office.

Noho ora mai

Helen Fallow
Acting Principal

New Students to Donovan Primary:

Welcome Lucy Shaw and Natalie Chapman to Donovan Primary. We hope you and your family enjoy your association with the Donovan Community.

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>



On Tuesday 9th March the Year 4's got a free dictionary. We were given the dictionaries by the Rotary Club Invercargill North. Bowmont Meats and Mainfreight sponsored the dictionaries. We had to write our names and today's date inside the front cover. We also had to shake their hands and say thank you. We are very lucky to get one of the dictionaries.

By Leah Forbes and Grace Buchan Room 6.



SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB:

The flyers have gone home today. Money and orders are to be back at school by Thursday 25 March.

You can order directly online and the books will be delivered to your home. If you are wanting the order to be kept from your children, please write on the order form that you want it to be held at the office and make sure you have your phone number on it, and we will ring you when they arrive.

Bicycle Mixup: If your child rides a red mountain bike 'Milazo' brand, could you please check to see if it is their bike. We had a child go to ride their red Milazo bike home, only to find that her bike was gone and a very similar bike was left in its place. Could you please check your child's bike and if you find you have the wrong one, can you please either let the office know, or bring it back to school and we will contact the other family. Easy mistake.



Please 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.

Winners of R.E.A.L Awards for Friday 5 March.



Back Row -Helena Davis Rm20; Elijah Harris Rm1; Luke Jarvie Rm3; Phoenix Shrimpton Rm4; Konnor Hogg Rm21; Lucianna Perkins Rm2.

Middle Row– Blake Fenton Rm14; Ruby Murphy Rm9; Persephone Barrett Rm11; Caitlin Blair Rm5; Amelia Murphy Rm7; Charlotte Claridge Rm8

Front Row –Callum Horne Rm18; Corey Cox Rm16; Benjamin Walker Rm12; Freya Todd Rm15; Lily Peterson Rm17; Jhon Rosso Rm13.

Absent—Jack Davidson Rm6

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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Donovan Primary Website	www.donovanprimary.ac.nz
Principal's email	principal@donovanprimary.ac.nz
School Hours	8.50am –12.20pm, 1.00pm-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.

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