

## Important 2021 Dates



### April

*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

*Tue 1* - Cross Country

*Mon 7*—Queens Birthday

*Wed 9*—Zone Cross Country

*Fri 18*—Sthld Cross Country

*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 Camps

### December

**Last day of term TBA**

### Assemblies -

**Fri 9 Apr** —

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

**Fri 16 April**—

Whole school assembly  
1.20pm.

## From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora to our Donovan Community

I hope you all had a safe and happy Easter weekend. The students certainly enjoyed our whanau morning of Easter activities last Thursday, not many of the iced biscuits went home. It was so nice to see a number of parents join the children for lunch that day and stay for our whole school assembly.

Congratulations to the Donovan children who represented Kiwi Zone at the Southland Primary School Athletics Championship, you represented Donovan and Kiwi Zone with pride with a special mention to Amelie Halleux: 8 yr girls Long Jump 3<sup>rd</sup>. Blaze Ridder 9yr boys 800m 1<sup>st</sup>, 200m 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mannix Symon 9yr boys Shotput 1<sup>st</sup>. Keira Popham 10 yr girls 100m 3<sup>rd</sup>, 200m 2<sup>nd</sup>, 800m 2<sup>nd</sup> and High Jump 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kiwi Zone also won 4 of the 6 relays. Thank you to Brett Ryan, Tracy Wheeler, Jan Phair, Janene Butt and Jacqui Holland who gave up their Saturday to support this event by being Zone Managers, event supervisors and being in the Control Room recording event results.

Another gentle reminder that the Senior and Middle Syndicate will be swimming at the beginning of Term 2 with the Juniors at the end of the Term 2. Check that togs still fit and if they don't take advantage of any sales of swimming gear.

This is my last newsletter as Acting Principal, as Peter Hopwood is back next term. We have managed to keep the 'ship afloat' while he has been on Sabbatical Leave. I wish to thank the Donovan community for the support you have given me, the kind words and asking how things are going. The staff have been amazing and the way everyone has worked together has proven what a kind, supportive, caring place Donovan Primary is.

Noho ora mai

Helen Fallow

Acting Principal

### New Students to Donovan Primary:

Welcome Poppy McLaren, Roka Pfeifer, and Isabella Skellon, to Donovan Primary. We hope you and your families 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>

## Winners of R.E.A.L Awards for **Thursday 1 April.**

Front Row - Natalie Chapman R18, Amelia Thomas R16, Theo Ramage R14, Lucy Townson R12, Chloe Sutherland R15, Skyla Taylor R17, Harper Cook R13.

Back Row - Jen Hyland R9, Ruby Duffell R8, Angus Mackereth R6, Caitlin Blair R5, McKenzie Fraser R1, Javi Nicoll R7, Jacks Henry R11, Pyper Marshall R20.

Absent - Liam Nielson R2, Cayleb Dunick R3, Tiger Han R4, Haylee Springford R21.



**Swimming:** Reminder that swimming will be starting the first week back in term 2 for our Middle and Senior students. Look at the calendar on the left hand side of the first page of this newsletter for the dates. The Seniors will be leaving from Donovan Primary by bus, at 8.50am and it will not wait if you are late. They will be swimming between 9am-10.30am. The middle syndicate will be bused to Splash Palace at about 10.10am to swim between 10.30am-12noon. They will be returned to school just after 12noon. There are a couple of things that you could do at home that would assist in the changing rooms. Make sure your children know what they are wearing to school, name their clothing and ensure that your child can easily tie up their hair. Swimming caps are available for purchase at the pool. We also recommend children have named swimming goggles. Due to the changing areas being public domain, we will need male assistance in the changing rooms if anyone is available. Like all school based activities we do rely on parental help, so if you are able to assist can you please complete the swimming helpers form that is on Schoolstream.

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.

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<https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/whanau/opportunities/tahua-taunaki-akonga-learner-support-fund/>

Keep an eye on our calendar on the left hand side of the first page. This is changing all the time and it will give you a heads up with what is coming up, if you need to plan your diaries.

### **Lost Property.**

Don't forget to keep checking the lost property. The pile is getting quite large. Any items left at the end of term, will be donated to a worthy cause. They go on display every Friday.

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**

Office phone	03 2159664
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School Bank account	03 1742 0052461 00
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Donovan Primary Website	<a href="http://www.donovanprimary.ac.nz">www.donovanprimary.ac.nz</a>
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

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