

Important 2021 Dates



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
Tue 6—Interviews—School closes at 1pm
Wed 7—Interviews after 3.30pm
Wed 7 -Jnr Swimming
Thur 8 -Jnr Swimming
Fri 9—End Term 2
Mon 26 - *Start Term 3*

August

September

Tue 7—School photos

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

Fri —14 May
Whole school assembly
1.20pm.

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora

Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura. Welcome back to school.

It is so good to be back at school. The school has been very well looked after by Mrs Fallow and everyone on the Leadership Team. They have kept the school running smoothly which I am eternally grateful for. It was a big change for me to not come to school everyday but I am fully back in the swing now.

Swimming has started this week for Year 3 to Year 6 students and it has been a great start. The children have been outstanding and so well organized. Ka pai parents. On another note, can you look at all their swimming gear (goggles, towels and togs) and name them so we can get them back to the right person. There is a separate swimming lost property box at school (just beside the normal lost property) if you are missing anything. Swimming continues for the next two weeks and Juniors later in the term.

Term two brings us into school reports and Parent Teacher Interviews. Look out for more detailed information nearer the time. Reports will come home prior to interviews. We will again be booking our interview times through an app and we will give you all the log in details etc when it becomes available.

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood

Principal.

New Students to Donovan Primary:

Welcome Olivia Ronald and Eleni Naitau 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 **Friday 16 April.**



Congratulations to the above children for receiving a R.E.A.L certificate at Fridays assembly.

Back Row: Dylan Forbes Rm3, Zoe Beck Rm1, George Reynolds Rm2, Taylah Hutton Rm4, Ava-Lily Rondon Rm21, Millie-Rose McIntyre Rm20.

Front Row– Karson Sadlier Rm5, Brooklyn Daken Rm11, Towa Pfeifer R14, Tangaroa Waddell Rm18, Rafferty Hyland Rm15, Zion Nicholas Rm13, Vada Tomlinson Rm17, Tearliah Vaeau Rm6, Hudson Garrett Rm9, Charli Mair Rm8, Maddilyn Beaman Rm7, Fletcher Halder Rm16.

Absent: Sophie Armstrong Rm12.



The Southland Swimming Championship:

The Southland School Championships was held at the end of Term 1, Sunday 11 April. We had six Donovan Primary children that attended, and they were stunning competitors. They all competed well and Bernardita came home with a few ribbons. A finalist ribbon for freestyle and a first for backstroke. This was a first-time experience for some of the children.

A special thank you to Linda Evans who managed the team and helped on the pool side on the day.

Photo: DJ Edginton, Xavier Dimmock, Bernardita Llorens, Amelia Duffell, Front: Bradley Evans, Tiger Han

SWIMMING:

Reminder that the middle and senior students will be swimming next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the following week on the same days with the last day being Tuesday 25 May. Please keep an eye out on our lost property as it does grow considerably during our swimming season. Remember to name their clothes, togs and towels. Parents/Caregivers are more than welcome to pop down to the pool to watch their child's progress.

Junior Swimming -Rooms 18,17,16,15,14,13 and 12 will begin their swimming programme on Tuesday 22 June. They will swim on 22,23,24,29 and 30 June as well as 1,6,7 and 8 July. We will be putting out a notice on School Stream very shortly asking for helpers for the juniors. There is a few things that you can do to help prepare your wee ones.

1. Ensure your child can dry and dress themselves.
2. Remind them what clothes they are wearing that day (particularly under garments).
3. Ensure your child can dry their hair, particularly if it is longer.
4. Name their towels togs and clothing
5. Make it easier by having easy clothes to take off and put on and shoes they can put on unaided.

Not too much really, but every bit helps to minimise the confusion that can reign in the changing rooms.

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.

We have been caught trying to find parents when a child is sick or hurt and phone numbers have changed.

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.

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. See how you go. If all else fails, uninstall and reinstall.

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate. *Albert Schweitzer.*

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.

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School Stream Web version	https://donovanprimarieschool.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 –12.20pm, 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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