

## Important 2021 Dates



### August

*Mon 9*—Class retells all week

*Tue 10*—John Parsons 6.30pm—Staffroom

*Fri 13* - Middle Disco

*Fri 13*—Wrap fundraiser forms in

*Tue 17*—Syndicate retells

*Fri 20*—Retell Finals

*Mon 23*—1 *Sept*—Dance Workshop all week

*Tue 24*—BOT 6pm

*Wed 25*—Polyfest—Entire school attending

### September

*Tue 7*—School photos

*Wed 8*—Junior Trip

*Fri 17*—Junior Disco

*Tue 21*—BOT 6pm

*Sun 26*—Daylight Saving

### October

*Fri 1*—End Term 3

*Mon 18*—Start Term 4

*Mon 25*—Labour Day

*Tue 26*—BOT 6pm

*Fri 29*—Close off photos

### November

*Mon 1*—*Wed 3*- Rm4 Camp

*Wed 3*-*Fri 5*—Rm20 Camp

*Sun 7*-*Tue 9*—Rm 2 Camp

*Tue 9*—*Thu 11* -Rm3 Camp

*Fri 12*—Yr6 Visit their High School

*Mon 15*—*Wed 17*- Rm1 Camp

*Wed 17* - *Fri 19*-Rm21 Camp

*Tue 23*—BOT 6pm

### December

*Fri 10*—Yr 6 Day out and Graduation

*Mon 13*—Merit Assemblies

*Tue 14*—Prizegiving SBHS

*Wed 15* -Teacher Only Day.

### Assemblies -

**Fri — 6 August**

Whole school assembly  
1.40pm.

**Fri —13 August**

Syndicate assembly—  
Mid/Snrs - 1.20pm  
Juniors - 2pm

## From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora, Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura.

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term Three. As always there is lots to look forward to.

Last Sunday the Aerobics teams participated in a mini festival which was great to see. Thanks Miss Holland and Mrs Nally for organizing this opportunity for the girls.

As you will read in this newsletter, Aaron Kerr is now our BOT Chairperson, we look forward to working with him. We as a staff, would all like to acknowledge Jill Wilkinson for her service and loyalty to Donovan Primary.

John Parson is rescheduled for Tuesday 10 August at 6.30pm to run a Parent Information Evening. These nights are invaluable and free to our school. Make the effort, it normally takes an hour.

We are all looking forward to Polyfest this year. It is our first time doing a whole school item. The children are sounding so good. Lock in August 25 and look out on School Stream for the details.

It won't take long until the class Retell Competition is on. Check your School Stream notices and help those young learners at home.

Inside this newsletter are the Yr5/6 class camp dates. We're giving them to you early so you can look at your work commitments in advance, and see if you could be available to be a parent helper at Oamaru this year.

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood

Principal

### New Students to Donovan Primary:

Welcome to Summer Bogle; Oakley Jefferis; Kina Vaitaiki; Hunter Swain; Brooklyn Edwards; Ollie Ward; Bailey Swain; Rydah Parry; Phoenix Dawson; Lilly-Rose McNaught and Jacob McNaught 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>

## **From the Board**

We are half way through the year already! It is great to have Mr Hopwood back after his sabbatical. His investigation into dealing with anxious behaviour was presented to the board and his insightful findings will be useful as we continue our strategic planning around the well-being of staff and students. A huge thank you to Mrs Fallow and her team who ran the school so smoothly in his absence.

At our last meeting the Board reviewed the mid-year data for our Donovan students. It was great to see programmes implemented by teachers having such a positive impact on student learning. Donovan continues to show strength in student achievement and this is a credit to the management and teaching staff of the school.

Phase 3 of the fitness track on the back field is in preliminary stage. We are hoping to have this completed by the end of the year just as the weather warms up and grounds dry out. It is great to see the community using the fitness equipment and the Baxter St gate entrance and track.

And finally, all good things must come to an end and, after 7 years at the helm, it was time for me to step down from my role as Chairperson (now called Presiding Member). The Board officially elected Aaron Kerr as its new Presiding Member last week. Aaron is already a capable leader and the Board is in good hands moving forward. I look forward to supporting him and working alongside him until BOT elections next year.

Nga mihi

Jill Wilkinson

## **John Parsons Evening—Cyber Safety.**

John Parsons has been able to reschedule his visit to Donovan to continue his talk to the students about keeping safe on the internet, cyber bullying and other pitfalls to look out for.

He will be running a parent evening on **Tuesday 10 August at 6.30pm**, We encourage as many parents as possible to come and listen to what he has to say. If you are able to come, please go to School Stream and complete the Attendance form.

Last week, in the Southland Times, John Parson had a opinion article called ‘Protecting kids from cyber bullies’. In it is says -

‘Tips for Parents—for younger children turn off all ICT at 7.30pm. Don’t give them social media until they are old enough to be in it. Maintain access to the child’s platforms by creating the passwords for them. Nominate trusted family members to join your children online and form a protective circle around them. Create open lines of communications with your children.

For the first two years at high school look at their mobile phone regularly. You can also contact Netsafe.org.nz for advise and information about cyberbullying. If you believe a child is in immediate danger contact the police. They will know what to do. A question I ask parents to ask their children is: “have you ever bullied anyone?” We are particularly good at teaching our children how to protect themselves from others. We need to be just as committed to protecting other children if we think our own may be harming them. Teachers only have students 11 per cent of the time, and this should not be their burden to carry alone; it belongs to all of us, we are all responsible for the protection of children.’

Winners of R.E.A.L Awards for **Friday 25 June**



**Front Row**

R18 Shantelle Basilisco, R12 Reeve Noble, R13 Harper Bye, R16 Brock Gerrard, R14 Jack Hamilton, R17 Rylan McCleery, R16 Tereapii Kenya, R9 Emily Miller, R7 Lachlan Taylor

**Back Row**

R21 Ryley Hughes, R1 Dustin Rohde, R3 Cayleb Dunick, R4 Samantha Ayers, R5 Carter Keen, R6 Leah Forbes, R11 Persephone Barrett, R8 Jasmine McPherson, R2 Danika Read

**Absent** R20 Jacob Ultee



**August 13**

**Theme:  
Everything  
Bright**

**MIDDLE SYNDICATE**

13 August

School Hall

5.30-6.30pm

\$2.00 entry per child

Or

Purchase a disco pack\* for \$5.00

\*(Includes entry, snacks and drink)

**Retells**—These will start next week with the class retells. Help to encourage your child to practice their chosen poem or story. Remember that they must retell the story in their own words, not recite the book. It is a lot of fun and the children really enjoy it, if they have practiced and are prepared. So keep listening to those stories.



## Senior Students Market Day.

The senior students held their market day on Wednesday 7 July in the school hall.

The seniors had been busy planning, manufacturing and working out their income over expenses to ensure they made a profit. They did very well with a profit of \$2021. They have donated their proceeds to the Southland Community Hospital by purchasing three plaques.



## NZ Gymnastics National Championships.

During the second week of the school holidays, the Southland Gymnastics Team travelled to Auckland to attend the NZ Gymnastics national Championships. Gymnasts start competing in March to qualify for the national event and this year the Southland team was made up of 31 athletes, who competed in four codes.

Southland gymnasts performed well this year with a number of the team winning gold, silver or bronze medals and becoming finalists by placing 4th-8th. Madison Grieve competed in the Women's Artistic Gymnastics and received Bronze= all around, finalist bar, finalist beam, finalist vault. *Well done Madison, we might see you in the Olympics in the future.*

Southland Gymnast Madison Philpot after her medal ceremony at the NZ Gymnastics National Championships.

During the winter terms, could you please consider popping a spare pair of trackies, undies and sox into your child's bag to sit there just in case. If we have lent your child clothing could it please be washed and returned asap.



**Red, Black and White Fundraiser**—The children really enjoyed getting dressed up in their Red, Black and White Day on Friday 30 July. They donated \$926.50 to the Southland Community Hospital. The PTA very kindly topped this amount up to \$1000 which enabled the school to purchase two plaques. So if ever you are down that way try and find the two plaques from our dress up day and the three plaques from the Seniors Market Day. Great effort Donovan.



## Don't forget to use the Baxter Street Playground Gate

More people are starting to use this new entrance as a way of getting into school which is great. So many more could enter this way and ease the parking and heavy traffic issues on Drury Lane. Give it a go, the BOT has put a great pathway to get right up to the buildings. If you live on Grasmere side of school this could be perfect for you and much safer for everyone.

## Donovan Primary PTA News

Kia Ora Donovan Whanau and welcome to Term 3. The PTA has been on the down low a bit after a topsy turvy 2020 and a bumpy start to 2021. Hopefully we have now settled down and can enjoy Terms 3 and 4.

### PTA AGM

On 3 August 2021, the PTA had our Annual General Meeting. At the end of 2020 President Megan Dick and Secretary Sonya Gardner resigned from our committee. We are pleased to announce our new office bearers.

Co-Presidents: Julie Manson and Kim Barker

Vice President: Alisha Crow

Secretary: Tracy Boniface

Treasurer: Lena Bekhuis

Canteen Manager: Fiona Andrews

### PTA CANTEEN

Some of you may not know but the PTA runs the canteen. It is run by volunteers, none of whom get paid for helping. Our Friday Canteen team spend 4 -5 hrs at school on Friday, working tirelessly, so our kids can have the joy of ordering lunch. They do it to help the school and the students. The Friday Canteen has on average 120 orders per week, to which all of the profits go to the school.

We love that the students use the heat ups and our pre pay heat up cards are so easy for families. Thank you to those people who have purchased heat up cards this year. Just a wee reminder heat ups are 20c per item per day. We understand that sometimes money can get lost or forgotten which is why we offer the **Heat up cards** \$4 per term for unlimited heat ups per child. You can pay it directly to the **Donovan PTA Account 03 1742 0052744 00** ref Child's Name and Room Number. Also please remember to use a heat proof container for heat ups and make sure we have a name and room number on the container. Making sure there is no glad wrap around the items and if supplying noodles, please make sure you take off any outside packaging and write the name on the noodle container.

### SCHOOL DISCOS

The PTA along with the Donovan Student Council, help organise and run the school discos. The Year 5 and 6's had a wonderful disco at the end of Term 2, with a profit of just over \$500 for the school from just that disco. The disco packs are still a hit as are the glow sticks. We have our **Middle Syndicate Disco on Friday 13 August 2021 and the Junior Syndicate Disco on Friday 17 September 2021**. Notices will be on school stream. Please remember that you must pick your child up from the School Foyer at the end of the night and it is always helpful if they have somewhere to hold any money they might have brought to the disco.

### IT'S A WRAP 2021 FUNDRAISER

After discussion with Mr Hopwood and the BOT, the PTA decided to do a Fundraiser rather than a raffle this year. **It's a WRAP** – is selling Oven Trays, Baking Paper, Cling Film and Tin Foil. The eldest child of each family should have received a Green Order Form which, sold or unsold, needs to be returned to the school office by Friday 13 August. Payments can be made by cash or internet banking. We have information on school stream or if you have any queries, a PTA committee member should be in the school office 3pm – 3.15pm each afternoon during the next two weeks. The Easter Raffle will be back in action in March 2022. Fundraising enables us to provide resources to the school. All of the PTA's profits from the discos, canteen, raffles and our fundraisers go back to the school. During the past 12 months the PTA has paid for the fitness track on the back field; Baxter Street pathway; end of term prizes; pumps for the gear shed; five new laminators; new pie warmers; winter board games for all the classrooms; Year 6 leaver pens; food for the Year 6 graduation day; ice blocks after assemblies and tidy kiwi awards.

If you would like to join our committee, the next meeting is in the staffroom on Tuesday 31 August. We understand that not everyone wants to be on a committee, but there might be some parents out there who are keen to help with discos; canteen; graduation day or with our raffles and fundraising. If this sounds like you, please let either Rachel Fosbender in Room 2 or Maureen in the office know.

As a committee we are really looking forward to the rest of the year and we hope you all support our 2021 Fundraiser. We look forward to seeing you around our wonderful school.

Many thanks

The Donovan Primary PTA

## IT'S A WRAP 2021 FUNDRAISER

This year the PTA's Fundraiser is **It's A WRAP**. The last time we did this fundraiser it was very successful for the school. **It's A WRAP** – will be selling four items this year.

### PRODUCTS FOR SALE

**Oven Trays** – these will be made locally from Sheet Metalcraft. We have two sizes of oven trays available for purchase.

370mm x 370mm and 380 x 290mm, both sizes \$15 each.

**Baking Paper** – 300mm x 100 metres. \$30

**Catering Food Wrap (Cling Film)** – 330mm x 300 metres. \$23

**Tin Foil (Aluminium)** – 330mm x 150metres. \$22

All pricing includes GST

Our green fundraiser forms have been given to the eldest child of each family, so please look out for these in their school bag. If you do not wish to buy or sell any items please return the fundraiser form back to the school office asap.

### ORDER AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill in your order form and return with any cash payments to the School Office by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Collection of orders will be from Donovan Primary – Dates to be advised in the newsletter and on School Stream

PAYMENTS can be made by correct cash amount or internet banking to

**DONOVAN PRIMARY P T A Bank Account 03 – 1742 – 0052744 – 00** (different to the School Bank Account)

*Internet Banking - Please use your Name and the Order Form Number as References*

Thank you so much for supporting our 2021 PTA Donovan Primary fundraiser.

**Year 5/6 Camp at Omaui**—We have locked in the classes for camp at Omaui this year.

**Rm4**—Go down on Monday 1 November and back on Wednesday 3 November

**Rm 20**—Go down on Wednesday 3 November and back on Friday 5 November

**Rm 2-** Go down on Sunday 7 November and back on Tuesday 9 November

**Rm 3**— Go down on Tuesday 9 November and back on Thursday 11 November.

**FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER YEAR 6 STUDENTS VISIT THEIR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS**

**Rm 1-** Go down Monday 15 November and back on Wednesday 17 November

**Rm 21**—Go down Wednesday 17 November and back on Friday 19 November

Nearer the time we will put up more details on School Stream with the cost , gear list and all the permission slips necessary for both students and parent helpers. Camp is compulsory for all Yr5/6 students. If you have concerns please speak with the teacher.

On Sunday, 28 July, Donovan children competed in our Donovan Have-A-Go Athletics Festival. They worked hard all of last term practising their routines and their hard work paid off! They all did an amazing job in front of a large audience and Miss Holland and Mrs Nally are really proud of their efforts.

### TEAM AWARDS

Best Smiles - Donovan Stars (Hailey, Ella, Bernadita, Emily)

Best Energy - Team Loe (Lauren, Grayce, Pyper, Zoe)

Best High Kicks - Team Sparkle (Leah, Jenna, Olivia, Grace)

Best Push Ups - Donovan Dancers (Ashleigh, Millie, Ivy, Amelia)

Year 4 Champion Team - Donovan Prancers (Namika, Scarlett, Ruby, Maddilyn)

Year 5 Champion Team - Star Dancers (Amera, Keira D, Millie-Rose, Miah)

Year 6 Champion Team - Donovan Ferns (Keira P, Madison, Kaylee, Ashley)

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best Stage Presence - Keira Daken

Most Courage - Emily Donaldson

Best Timing - Maddilyn Beaman

Most Promising - Keira Popham



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.

*Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up.*  
Reverend Jesse Jackson

### 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
Office email	office@donovanprimary.ac.nz
Office cell for texting absences only	0273 727070
School Stream Web version	<a href="https://donovanprimarieschool.myschoolstream.net">https://donovanprimarieschool.myschoolstream.net</a>
School Bank account	03 1742 0052461 00
PTA Bank account	03 1742 0052744 00
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

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

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