

## Important 2021 Dates



### September

*Tue 21* -BOT 6pm  
*Tue 23* -School Photos  
*Fri 24* -Retell finals  
*Sun 26* -Daylight Saving  
*Wed 29* -Touch entries close  
*Thur 30* -Futsal entries close

### October

*Fri 1* -End Term 3  
*Mon 18* -Start Term 4  
*Fri 22* -Teacher Only Day  
*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  
*Mon 8*—*Wed 10* - Rm 2 Camp  
*Wed 10*—*Fri 12* -Rm3 Camp  
*Sat 13*-*Mon 15* -Rm1  
*Mon 15*—*Wed 17* -Rm21  
*Thur 18*—Yr6 Visit their High School  
*Tue 23*—BOT 6pm

### December

*Fri 10*—Merit Assemblies  
*Mon 13*—Yr 6 Day Out and Graduation  
*Tue 14* -Prizegiving TBC  
*Tue 14* -Last day of School  
*Wed 15* -Teacher Only Day.

NO  
COMMUNITY  
NOTICES THIS  
WEEK AS  
NOTHING  
MUCH IS ON  
YET.

**Assemblies -  
Under Delta Level Two  
Alert conditions, we will  
be holding all our  
assemblies via ZOOM.**

## From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora, Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura.

Welcome back, its so good to see you all back to school.

A special thank you to families for all the great work you did during Level 4 and Level 3. Not easy for anyone but well done on your efforts.

A big thank you to the staff for working through Level 4 and for some through Level 3 as well.

So many things have moved and/or been postponed that the diary/calendar looks like a piece of twink art! Please recheck the calendar of events, there have been changes to Y6 Graduation and Merit assemblies and camp dates.

Good luck to the ski trip people tomorrow, hope the weather plays ball and it's a great day. Thanks Miss Holland and Mrs Butt for taking the children.

You will be please to know that a huge proportion of our children are back and just getting on with it. Great resilience shown by many, ka pai!

There will be another newsletter before the end of term in two weeks. Look after yourselves and keep calm, we will be back to Level 1 before we know it.

Ma te wa  
Peter Hopwood

### New Students to Donovan Primary:

Welcome to seven new students to our Donovan community, amongst these are Aiden Watson, Kaivalya Gogate and Lexis Trainor, Mannix Shephard Keen, Bronson Ayres and Mia Templeton. We hope they and their families enjoy their 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>

**Donovan Heat Ups Reminder** Thank you to those people who have purchased heat up cards this year. Just a wee reminder that 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**. They cost - \$4 per term for unlimited heat ups per child. You can pay it directly to the **Donovan PTA Account 03 1742 0052744 00 ref Childs Name ref 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. Please make sure there is no Glad wrap around the food items and if supplying noodles please make sure you take off any outside packaging and write the name on the noodle container.

Many thanks  
Donovan Primary PTA

### **Alert Levels—Impact on School Life.**

Thank you to everyone for being so accommodating and patient while we work with these new restrictions. It is not easy for any of us and we are all trying to make school as normal an environment as possible. It is a shame that we have had to cancel/postpone so many of our planned events.

- Retell Finals—Postponed until 24 September
- Dance programme—postponed until Term 4.
- Polyfest - It was postponed but we could still not attend under Level 2 so we have decided not to go this year.
- School Photos—these have been postponed to 23 September.
- Crazy Hair Day—Cancelled
- Junior Library Trip– Cancelled
- Junior Disco - Cancelled
- Extra Swimming –Cancelled
- Sing Out Concert –Cancelled
- Canteen closed

It was going to be a busy few weeks but now we will sit back and take a breath. Lookout for Term 4, it will be hectic.

### **Admin and Staff Toilet Upgrade -**

The Ministry of Education have allocated funding for Donovan Primary to upgrade the staff toilets and admin area. We are working through the process with our project manager. Because of the disruption that this project will cause, we will temporarily relocate the admin area to the Annex across from the Library. The shift will take place on the last day of this term 1 October and we will probably be in the Annex until sometime in Term One of 2022.

We have been planning ahead to try and have our phone system, computers, eftpos etc all transition as smoothly as possible (but you never know), so please bare this in mind if you are wanting children early or having to deliver any messages. There will be a bit of disruption during the move. There will be no access to the existing Admin area and the carpark will probably be blocked off as well, so access will be through the front gate on Drury Lane.

## Winners of R.E.A.L Awards for **Friday 6 August**



### **Front**

R13 Thor McCreath, R19 Levi Megee, R14 Hunter Swain, R17 Olivia Black, R18 Eleni Naitau, R16 Annabelle Claridge, R15 Nico Lee-Tapu, R12 Lucy Hibbs, R11 Georgia Bean, R9 Coral Shute

### **Back**

R8 Reece Kempton, R7 Bree Bugden, R3 Amelia Sutherland, R1 Manix Symon, R2 Nevayah Musson, R4 Zac Jamieson, R5 Zenith Karena, R6 Harley Holder, R21 Sasha Savage, R20 Hunter Reynolds

Absent: Marco Savory R13,

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. We have had a few children slip over on the tennis courts as well as our grass areas, and at this time of the year it usually results in a complete wardrobe change. So spare clothes would be great and save a phone call home. If we have lent your child clothing, could it please be washed and returned asap.

**Retells**—The retells have progressed really well with our syndicate finalists having been chosen for the finals on Friday 24 September starting at 1.30pm. We have had some outstanding renditions and some very talented people. It has been great to see everyone have a go.

Thank you to our judges for giving up their time and working so hard to come up with the finalists. Not an easy job. The standard is very high.

Congratulations to Kieran Ogilvy the winner of the Poetry Recital.

The syndicate finalists are:-

**Junior Syndicate**—Arthur Donnelly; Hunter Hoffman and Marco Savory.

**Middle Syndicate**—Eden Gilkison, Abbey Faithful and Ruby Duffell

**Senior Syndicate**—Keira Popham, Andrew Tytler and Haze de Lange-Crow.

We look forward to the finals on Friday afternoon.



## Chess Tournament

On Tuesday 17 August the Donovan senior chess team competed in a chess tournament at Waihopai School. There were 6 southland schools competing and a total of 70 students in 2 categories. Donovan was represented by a team of 5 boys - The Donovan Kings, all of which were competing for their first time and in the rookie category. All competitors played a total of 7 games over the day, and were awarded points depending on wins, draws and losses. Everyone competed both as teams and individuals.

The Donovan Kings had an absolutely stand out day and even against teams with three times more members, the boys came first in the rookie division.

Individually all the boys did a fantastic job and represented Donovan amazingly, they also managed to take out all 5 top placings in the rookie division as follows -

1st place: Luke Jarvie - 6 points

2nd place: Mateo Tsui - 6 points

3rd place: Haze De Lange - Crow - 6 points

4th place: Misha Zernov - 6 points

5th place: Anthony Perren - 5 1/2 points

Misha was also awarded a badge for making a check mate in under 30 seconds, and Luke and Haze were the only two players to not lose a single game all day. The boys had a wonderful time and are all looking forward to their next tournament.



If you had any school reading books in the hard copy pack during lockdown, could these please be returned to the class teacher asap.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note the change of date for our school photos. They will be here on Thursday 23 September. After the school holidays we should have the class photos back and we will let you know when they go on display. We will let you know next newsletter of the exact prices and when the orders are to be back in.

### **Retell Finals—**

The finalists for the Syndicate Retell Festival have all received a letter outlining how we are running the finals under Level 2. It will all look a bit different. So please check your child's bag if you haven't seen the letter yet.

### **Sports Fee's and Accounts**

Don't forget to pay any outstanding accounts and sports fees. Next term is only eight weeks long (four pays). We would appreciate all accounts settled as soon as possible. Accounts will be emailed home in the next couple of weeks. If there is any problems please come and see Maureen in the office.

## **Teacher Only Day—School Closed.**

School will be closed on Friday 22 October for a Teacher Only Day, and Monday 25 October is Labour Day. Nice long weekend for everyone. (Not that we can probably go far)

**Year 5/6 Camp at Omaui—**We have locked in the classes for camp at Omaui this year. Please be aware that the dates are slightly different to previously advertised, due to High Schools changing their New Entrant day for the year six students. Please note that Room 1 will be going in to camp on Saturday so be aware that this may impact on sports etc.

We will be sending out the permission slips next week through School Stream, for both the students and the parent helpers.

We will require parent helpers to be at camp for the entire three days.

Camp is compulsory for all Yr5/6 students. If you have concerns please speak with the teacher.

**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 Monday 8 November and back on Wednesday 10 November

**Rm 3—** Go down on Wednesday 10 November and back on Friday 12 November.

**Rm 1-** Go down Saturday 13 November and back on Monday 15 November

**Rm 21—**Go down Monday 15 November and back on Wednesday 17 November

**THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER YEAR 6 STUDENTS VISIT THEIR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS**

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 are having some issues please either do an update or uninstall and reinstall. Also check the power saving settings. Sometimes if you have this setting activated to save battery life, it can impact on how an app will work. It usually does not offer the full available service and you could be missing out on notifications etc. or have trouble completing forms.

What really matters is what you do with what you have  
*Shirley Lord*

### 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

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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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