

Important 2021 Dates



February

Mon 7—Waitangi Day

March

April

Thurs 13—Last day Term 1

Fri 14—Easter Friday—no school

May

Mon 2 Term 2 starts

June

Mon 6 June—Queens Birthday—no school

Fri 24—Matariki—no school

July

Fri 8—Last day Term 2

Mon 25—Start Term 3

August

September

Fri 30—End of Term 3

October

Mon 17—Start of Term 4

Mon 24—Labour Day—no school

November

December

Last day to be confirmed.

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora and welcome to the first newsletter of 2022

Welcome back to another busy and exciting year at Donovan Primary. Everyone looks happy and keen to find out what the year ahead has in store for us all.

A warm welcome to all new families and children to Donovan Primary, we look forward to getting to know you. We hope that your time with us will be a happy one.

At the beginning of most years we start with "Meet the Teacher" evening, which is a great way to get to know us and to get to know your child. Unfortunately this won't be happening this year but rest assured we are working out another way that we can pass information to each other.

Donovan Primary is not open for learners until 8.20am. The time before 8.20am is valuable time in the classroom for teachers as they prepare for the school day, so please drop your child off after 8.20am.

We will be sending home a homework sheet for all our caregivers. This is a sheet to help your child's teacher's get to know your child better (please look for it in your child's school bag). Please send back to school once completed.

Don't forget to send a named drink bottle of water as the fountains are not available. Sunhats are required for term one and can be purchased from the office.

This week

Noho ora mai

Peter Hopwood
Principal

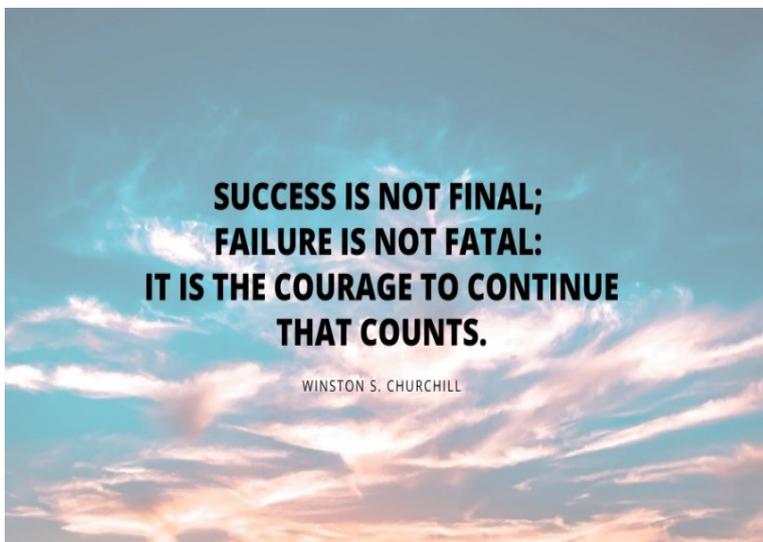
Absences

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>

Rooms	Teachers for 2022	Year
Rm1	Miss Liz Kennedy	Yr5/6
Rm2	Miss Tracy Wheeler	Yr5/6
Rm3	Miss Juliet Keen	Yr5/6
Rm5	Miss Karyn Duncan	Yr3/4
Rm6	Miss Ormond	Yr3/4
Rm7	Mrs Kellie Ronald	Yr3/4
Rm8	Mrs Karen Leadley	Yr3/4
Rm9	Mrs Robyn Wilson	Yr3/4
Rm12	Miss Amanda Klemick	Yr1/2
Rm13	Miss Aisha Williams	Yr2
Rm14	Miss Maddy Grant	Yr2
Rm15	Miss Olivia Hall	Yr5/6
Rm16	Miss Racheal Fosbender	Yr5/6
Rm17	Mrs Julie Hopwood	NE
Rm18	Miss Paulette Crengle	Yr1/2
Rm19	Mrs Melissa Edwards	NE
Rm20	Mr Brett Ryan	Yr5/6
Rm21	Miss Jacqui Holland	Yr5/6

Friday Canteen Menu:

The Friday Menu will be available from Friday - 11 February. There is no change to the menu and the order forms are on School Stream. Heatups are available from Tuesday 8 February.



Sports: Keep an eye out on Schoolstream for all the upcoming sports permission slips. Cricket are asking you to register directly with them. If you miss the cut off, your child will miss out.



UNIFORMS: If you have any sports uniforms at home that are not being used, can they please be laundered and returned asap as we need them for this terms sports. Can all other uniforms please be returned as soon as you have finished the sport.

Don't forget to 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. This might solve some of the notification issues.

Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, tēnā koutou katoa i roto i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whānau.

Our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2022 year and can't wait to welcome everyone back onsite.

In regard to COVID-19 we have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school and kura activities and events this year. You will be familiar with all the health measures we will have in place and it is good to know that at Red setting, we are able to support everyone learning onsite.

Events and activities

Large hui and gatherings especially when indoors continue to be one of the riskier activities we can undertake. We have therefore reviewed all our events and activities for the upcoming term to ensure we meet the health guidance for Red.

Ventilation

We have used the Ministry of Education self-assessment tool to review all our ventilation in readiness for the start of the year. Providing good old fashioned fresh air remains the most important thing we can do in our learning spaces to minimise risk for ākonga and kaiako (and the same goes for you at home). We will also be receiving a CO₂ monitor in the coming weeks to further support our ventilation plan

Omicron and testing

We have all seen the very large numbers of cases overseas and we will very likely see much larger numbers of cases in Aotearoa than we have previously experienced in the last two years. While Omicron is more transmissible than previous strains, most people who get COVID-19 will have a mild to moderate illness and will fully recover in their own home.

However, some of our community who are immune compromised, are ill or have other vulnerabilities, even when they are fully vaccinated, could be more affected by Omicron. So, we all need to continue to play our part to minimise the spread of the virus.

In regard to testing, the health system currently has capacity to process 40,000 PCR tests a day. PCR testing is the most accurate test for COVID-19 and will continue to be used while New Zealand is in the stamp-it-out phase.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will begin to be used more widely over time. They are not as accurate as PCR tests and this means that some people who do have COVID-19 will get a negative test result back. There are currently 4.6 million RATs in the country and 10s of millions ordered.

If you are symptomatic or need to be tested to access a workplace or service, you will be guided at the time on which test is best for you.

Face coverings

Staff and children in Years 4 – 13 must wear face coverings when inside at school when we are at Red.

Public health advice is that an appropriate face covering will fit snugly and seal well around facial contours. This can include single use, disposable masks (medical masks) and re-usable fabric masks with three layers.

Don't worry if you don't have these specific types of face coverings, as public health experts also say that any face covering is better than no face covering.

The Unite Against COVID-19 website also has information on [how to make a face covering](#).

For those of you with children who might be reluctant to wear a face covering, there is some [helpful advice from Michigan Health](#), including using simple, specific explanations about why they need to wear a face covering, adults being the role models, providing small rewards for wearing them, bringing face coverings into play such as drawing face coverings on characters in colouring books, or letting them choose/make the mask.

Vaccination for five- to 11-year-olds

Vaccination including a booster shot, remains an important tool to help prevent the most serious harm from the COVID-19 virus. If children and young adults who have been vaccinated do develop COVID-19, they are far less likely to get seriously ill and less likely to transmit the virus to others.

The free five- to 11-year-old vaccination programme is now underway and more than 100,000 children in New Zealand have had their first dose.

There is some helpful information available to support you on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](#) including [How to book a vaccine for your five – 11 year old](#) and [some great videos](#) on the Kids Health page that can support you to talk to your tamariki about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Managing cases in our school

We have a good contact tracing system in place so that if there is a confirmed case who has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify who was a close contact of that person. We will then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do.

Only if the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education advises to do so, would we consider closing a physical onsite school and moving to distance learning for everyone. At Red we will keep everyone learning onsite for as long as we can.

Please make sure your contact details we have on file are up to date, so we can get in touch with you if needed.

Preparing for COVID-19

You can also prepare for COVID-19, making sure you and your household have a plan and know what to do. This will mean your whānau and community can help each other if needed. Find out more here:

[Be prepared for COVID-19](#)

[Download the COVID-19 Readiness Checklist \[PDF, 121 KB\]](#)

[What to expect when self-isolating at home](#)

Self-isolating at home because of COVID-19

Many people will be able to manage self-isolation with help from friends and whānau, but there is help available if you need it – both with health support and access to food and other essentials.

[What to expect when self-isolating at home | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

[Getting extra support if you have COVID-19 or are self-isolating | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

[COVID-19 positive – managing your symptoms | Health Navigator NZ](#)

If you know anyone in your community affected by COVID-19 and who may need help, such as food and other financial assistance, Work and Income has a range of [supports available for individuals, families, employers and self-employed people affected by COVID-19](#).

Work and Income support

The beginning of the year can be a tough time for parents who are faced with many costs and it is important you are aware of what assistance you may be able to get from Work and Income. These are available to people on a low income as well as those on a benefit.

Check what you might get here

[School costs](#)

[Out of School Care and Recreation \(OSCAR\) Subsidy](#)

[Other Childcare Assistance](#)

[School and Year Start-up Payment \(for people getting Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit\)](#)

[Help with living costs \(including food and rent/mortgage\)](#)

Use the links above or call 0800 559 009 to find out more, or to apply.

MoneyTalks can assist with [free budgeting and debt help](#)

You can also contact your local community provider. [Please find more information here.](#)

Getting ready to return to school

The Ministry of Education has some helpful information on their [Parents and Whānau website](#) to support your tamariki to get back to school. There is also a very important reminder about how you can [take care of yourself](#).

While this might all feel a little overwhelming at times, we know that all these measures will help our children return to school, reconnect with whānau and friends and do what they enjoy.

We are also here to help. Please get in touch if you have any concerns or need help in any way on 03 2159664 or office@donovanprimary.ac.nz

See you soon!

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Housekeeping Matters:

The office is open from 8am until 4pm daily. Please keep the office informed of appointments during school time for the students. If your child is absent, you can either phone us, text, or send through an absence on Schoolstream, all of which need to be done before school starts at 8.50am. All the contact details are listed below. If your child arrives late, please come through the office to collect a late slip to take to the teacher. This slip lets the teacher know, that the office knows your child is here and that no further action needs to be taken to locate them.

Our lost property is already starting to pile up. It can be seen anytime in the office area, but will be out on display every Friday outside the hall. Please keep checking it.

School hats are compulsory for Term One. If you require a replacement, they can be purchased from the office for \$20. We do have eftpos or we can take cash.

The newsletter will be posted on Schoolstream every second week and will stay in the Newsletter folder for future reference. If you would prefer an email copy, please let the office know and we can add you to the email list.

Sports for 2022

Please keep an eye on School Stream for all the sports that we are offering for term 1. All the permission slips will be on school stream so please fill them in by the cut-off date.

School Directory	
Office phone	03 2159664
Office email	office@donovanprimary.ac.nz
Office cell for texting absences only	0273 239281 (Text only)
School Stream Web version	https://donovanprimaryschool.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 –12.30pm, 1.15pm-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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