

Important 2022 Dates



April

Thurs 14—Last day Term 1
Fri 15—Easter Friday—no school

May

Mon 2 Term 2 starts
Tues 3 –Swimming, Snr-Mid
Wed 4-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Thur 5-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Tues 10-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Wed 11-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Thur 12-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Tues 17-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Wed 18-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Thur 19–Swimming, Snr-Mid
Tues 24-Swimming, Snr-Mid
Thur 26—School X Country
Fri 27 –Postponement Day

June

Wed 1—Yr 5/6 Rippa Rugby Festival
Thur 2—Zone X Country
Mon 6 June—Queens Birthday—no school
Tue 21 Swimming, Jnrs
Wed 22 Swimming, Jnrs
Thur 23 Swimming, Jnrs
Fri 24—Matariki—no school
Tue 28 Swimming, Jnrs
Wed 29 Swimming, Jnrs
Thur 30 Swimming, Jnrs

July

Tue 5 Swimming, Jnrs
Wed 6 Swimming, Jnrs
Thur 7 Swimming, Jnrs
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.

New Students:

A special welcome to Chloe Henery. We hope that she and her family enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora, talofa and welcome

Well we have made it to the end of the term. Over the last two weeks we have had large amounts of sickness and or absences. Our covid cases have been slowly but surely increasing. The holidays could break the sickness cycle, so still be careful over the break with hygiene, social distancing and watching out for symptoms.

On the second day of Term two Y3/4/5/6 start swimming. So find those togs over the holidays and if you are a Year 5 or Year 6 you need to be on time to school, especially on swimming days because the bus leaves at 8.50am and won't wait.

Speaking of lateness, there are too many children arriving to school past the start time of 8.50am Attendance is recorded first thing in the morning. Lateness is a form of truancy. This needs to be addressed from the beginning of term. If no improvements to lateness and/or absences occurs for some families, we will need to involve the Truancy Officers.

On a far more positive note, sometime today you will receive the very first School Council Newspaper 'Pūtanga o ngā Tāonga (Publications of Treasures) and what treasures you will find. Our four journalists have set the standard very high for the first newspaper. Congratulations to you all. Can't wait to see the next one, we hope to get two a term out to parents.

The government announced yesterday the changing from Red to Orange in the Traffic Light Framework. This means that the wearing of masks is **strongly encouraged** and visitors on site are **strongly encouraged** to wear a mask while indoors. This will help to keep children and staff safe while we are riding the peak of this outbreak. We have been advised by the Secretary of Education that Year 4/5/6 children continue to carry a mask in their bag or have a mask in their desk at school. They have also recommended that they be used during large gatherings eg assemblies. With the possibility of more outbreaks or even different types of Covid, as a Board we may have to localise mask wearing at Donovan Primary in the future. As always we will keep you informed through School Stream.

End of term is here. I wish you a happy and healthy break with your families and friends. We will be ready to welcome you back to a hopefully more settled and secure Term two.

Ma te wa

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>

Swimming:

Have a look at the swimming dates. It might pay to check your child's togs in case you need to purchase a new set. They can be difficult to find in the shops during winter.



Things could change with regard to the Covid setting, by the time we go swimming. Thank you to those parents who have offered their assistance at the pool. We could not manage without your support. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please contact the office before 8.30 and let us know.

Please check the 'Community Notices' as there are a lot of holiday programmes on offer if you need to do something different with the children during the holiday break.

Helpful Tips for Minimizing Notifications on School Stream.

We understand that everyone is busy and reading the endless notifications we send out on School Stream can be time consuming. So if it would help, you can thin down the notifications you receive to ones that are relevant. Please read the link below.

Please keep the 'Whole School', 'Newsletters', 'Canteen', 'PTA', 'Community Notices', 'Covid' and relevant syndicate levels as essentials. (Sports folders and any others you select can be hidden). Do not panic, you can retrieve the folder again if your child decides to play sport, or change syndicate or has camp etc. I will post everything to the 'Whole School' folder if relevant for the whole school, but reminders etc will go to the respective folder. If you have not kept that folder, you will not see any notifications posted to it. Sports draws will go straight to the respective sports folder.

If you have not set up your account and try to start this process, School Stream will ask you to set this up first. Just follow the steps and once completed you will be able to hide folders. Have a look at the link and see if this would help.

<https://support.schoolstream.com.au/en/articles/2115370-manage-notifications-and-hide-folders>

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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