



From the Principal's Desk



August

Tue 9-Rms 11,17,18,19 swim
Wed 10-Rms11,17,18,19 swim
Thur 11-Rms11,17,18,19 swim
Mon 15-Fri 19—Class Retells
Tue 16-Rms11,17,18,19 swim
Wed 17-Rms11,17,18,19 swim
Thur 18-Rms11,17,18,19 swim
Tue 23 –Syndicate Retell Finals
Tue 23-BOT meeting 6pm
Fri 26– School Retell Finals

September

Fri 30—End of Term 3

October

Mon 17—Start of Term 4

Mon 24—Labour Day—no school

November

December

Fri 9 Merit Assembly

Mon 12 Yr 6 Day Out

Mon 12 Yr 6 Graduation

Wed 14 Prizegiving

Wed 14—Last Day

2022

First day to be advised.

Kia Ora, talofa and welcome.

Welcome back to Term 3.

It is great to have most of you back. It will be even better when we get everyone back. We have a lot of sickness in the school, 30-40 children per day. The number of Covid cases is small, bit still with us, with flu being the big one at the moment.

Well done on encouraging mask wearing for our older children. We have enough masks for everyone until the end of term.

As always Term 3 is a busy term with Polyfest going ahead this year and Retell Festival not far away. I know you will be helping your child at home practicing their retell. It is such an important skill to speak in front of others.

Good luck navigating the sickness, but at least the days are getting light so we must be getting closer to warmer days and spring!

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood,

Principal

New Students:

A special welcome to:
Thomas Halleux; Jack
Casey; Isla Silke-France
and Kristel Anqui.

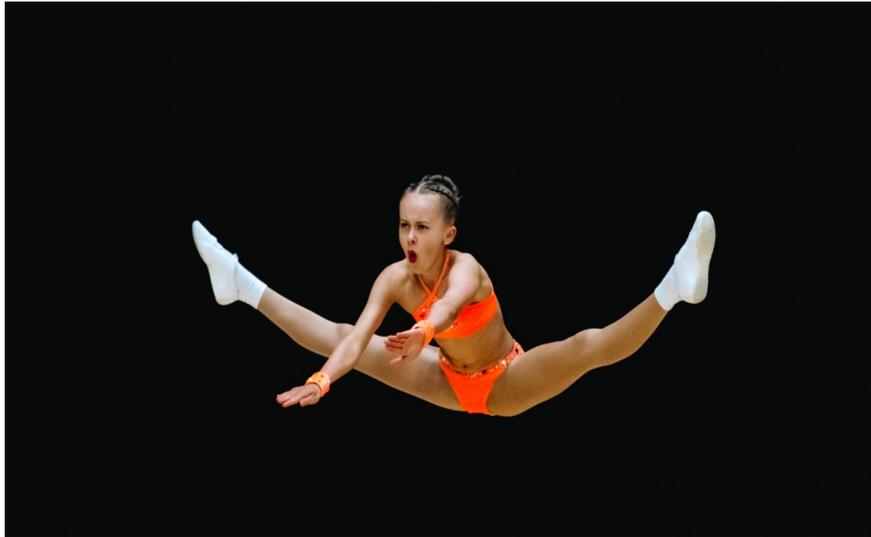
We hope that they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.

Junior Swimming :- Don't forget our junior swimming for Rooms 11, 17, 18 and 19 begin on Tuesday 9 August, (11am-12pm). Keep an eye on the calendar on the left side of this page. Remember to name their togs, towel, goggles and bags. It is also handy to dress them in clothes that are easily put on and taken off.

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>

Celebrating achievements from some of our Donovan Primary's past pupils



As a Year 6 student at Donovan Primary, Dani Kramers, had her first go at sports aerobics through the local 'Push Play Have a Go' NZCAF event. Currently, Dani is a Year 10 student at Southland Girls High School, and has won the National Title at the NZCAF Aerobics Nationals for four years in a row. Dani trains in both Invercargill at La Muse and up in Dunedin at Queens Aerobics as well as training over zoom some weeks too. In 2020, Dani was first selected to represent New Zealand and was due to travel to France for the World Championships until Covid hit and cancelled the event. 2021 continued to have the same Covid issues and the World Championships were moved to an online event where Dani placed 5th overall in her age group. This year, after being selected once again to represent New Zealand, Dani is travelling to the FISAF World Championships in the Czech Republic later this year. (Supplied by her Mum).

All the very best for the world champs Dani, it has been a pleasure watching you work so hard to achieve the highest level within your chosen sport. Good luck.



Dion Wyatt Tualofa has recently competed in the South Island League Tournament for the Southland Rams U14 boys in Christchurch, with an amazing result of 3rd place.

Tatum's competitive sport is marching. She marches for Blue Jay U16 and they placed 1st in their grade last season. As parents, we are so very proud of both of them.

Well done to both of you. It is lovely to see you get the results for your hard work.



FREE MASKS AND RAT TESTS: More masks are being provided in the community to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and to protect people who are at higher risk of more severe illness if they contract COVID-19. You do not need to have COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms to get free masks.

Free medical masks

You can get free medical face masks by:

- picking them up from testing centres and collection points alongside your free rapid antigen tests (RATs)
- visiting a participating pharmacy
- talking to a participating GP or alternative community healthcare provider.

To order RATs online visit the Ministry of Health website. [Rapid antigen testing \(RAT\) – Ministry of Health](#)

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>

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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 –12.20pm, 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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