



Important 2023 Dates

February

Tue 28 School Athletics

March

Wed 1 –Collect children
12.30pm—Paid Union Meeting

Tue 7—Junior Athletics pm

Tue 7 Zone Athletics—Otatara

Wed 22—PTA 7pm & AGM
7.30pm

Tue 28—BOT Meeting

April

Thur 6 Last day Term 1 (Easter
Thursday)

Mon 24 Teacher Only Day—
School Closed—Curriculum
Refresh Training day

Tue 25—Anzac Day—School
Closed

Wed 26 April Term 2 begins

June

Fri 30 Last day Term 2

July

Fri 14 July—Matariki

Mon 17 Start Term 3

Sept

Fri 22 Last day Term 3

Oct

Mon 9—Start Term 4

Mon 23—Labour Day

Dec

Fri 15 End of Term 4

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora, talofa and welcome.

It was great to see so many of you at our meet the teacher last week.

What a great turnout. We all enjoyed welcoming you back to the 2023 school year.

Teachers will be attending paid union meetings to vote on the governments offer and possible strike action. Invercargill's meeting is on Wednesday 1 March at 1.30pm. I will only have some teacher aides and myself on site. So I ask you to help us out by picking your children up at **12.30pm on Wednesday 1 March.**

Across all of New Zealand there will be Teacher Only Days in a schools early in Term 2. Donovan will be **closed for instruction on Monday 24 April**, (day before ANZAC day). This will mean Term 2 will start on Wednesday 26 April (the day after ANZAC day). This day will be used as a Curriculum Refresh Training Day for Teachers.

At the Meet the Teacher, we asked for more helpers to help in the school canteen. If you can help out please leave your name and details at the office and this will be past on to the Canteen Manager.

Can't wait to see you all on athletics day and Junior athletics afternoon. It is a great chance to come along and cheer the children on.

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood,

Principal

Price increase for School Sunhats

Unfortunately from **2023**, the price of sunhats will increase to **\$25** each. Cost of school purchasing sunhats and screen printing have increased, so we have had to pass this cost on.



Absences

School Stream App—go to Forms then Absentee Form and complete absence and submit or **text** your absences on 0273 727070—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>

A special welcome to all our new students who have started at Donovan Primary for 2023. We have listed them below. We hope that they and their families enjoy their time in the Donovan Community.

Blaire McPherson
Vavega Saimoni
Willow Letham
Lyla Wilton
Hunter Emerson
Harper Dempster
Bella Kean
Hunter Lloyd
Ariana Pennicott
Lydia-Rose Twizell
Calim Scott
Tipene Heke
Mya Pennicott
Ellie Gutsell
Muhammad Usman
Zak Aitken
Kayden Goomes
Marley Allison
Jordis Murray
Indie Wilson
Marshall Todd
Maggie Nally
Natalie Ellison
Theo Nally
Connor Fraser
Chloe Murdoch
Astar Zwertbroek
Rosa Cowan
Isa Ferreira Michel
Lotte Cowan
Shehanna Soliven
Nevaeh Tagomoa-Kaa
Maria Tiglao

SOME HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS

1. Please do not drop off children in the school park or up the side of the hall. It is extremely dangerous as these are high foot traffic areas for students.
2. Please encourage your children to wait in front of Room 4&5 (which face onto Drury Lane by the entrance gate), as we have a duty teacher at this gate.
3. If in the P2 area, please keep moving forward to allow people to park in behind you. As you should still be in your vehicle this should be an easy thing to do.
4. Reminder that there is to be no u-turns on Drury Lane. We have put out the cones to discourage this, but some people are still trying to u-turn. There have been some close calls so please refrain from u-turning and drive around the block.
5. Please don't double park in any of the parking zones.
6. No parking on the yellow lines as this is blocking the view of the Road Patrol team.

We know it sounds a lot, but it is all for the safety of your children. If you don't think it is a big deal and it won't matter, then we hope that your child never gets hurt or you are the cause of hurting someone else's child.

Sport 2023

Here at Donovan we are lucky enough to have a Sports Coordinator to help teachers organise teams, hand out uniforms and take practices for sports teams all year round. It is always great to see so many students wanting to participate in all we have to offer. With such a large number of students playing sport we sometimes find it hard getting coaches to help out with teams. As a coach you would manage/sub and sometimes ref at games. With it being Primary School level, everybody is learning the ways of the games and are happy to lend a helping hand if you are a little unsure. Our Sports Coordinator is also happy to give you a run down of the sport you may wish to help out with. We understand life is busy but to have whanau to help coach sports teams means we are able to make and manage more teams here at Donovan.

Many thanks

Athletics

It is school athletics sports time once again. The children have been making the most of the fine weather and have been out most days practicing their running, jumping and throwing skills. We are all looking forward to our sports day on Tuesday 28 February (postponement next fine day), and especially being able to have parents and family members come and support our children. Some of you might even want to join the hard working staff in assisting with an event, please sign up on School Stream if you can help. You can assist for either the full day or part of the day. We cannot run this large event without some parental support.

Some information to help on the day.

- Children to bring a water bottle, sun screen and wear the school sun hat.
- We will not be stopping for interval and no food to be carried around so have a good breakfast
- Encourage children to wear light coloured – T Shirt and shorts
- Make sure all clothing is named in case it is misplaced
- Children can have bare feet during the day (**no socks**)

To calculate the age group they will be competing in, it is how old they were as at 31 December 2022

We hope to see you there.

	9.20	9.30 10.15	10.15 10.50	10.50 11.20	11.20 11.50	11.50 12.20		12.50 1.20	1.20 1.50	1.50 2.20	2.20 2.50
7 Yr Girls	Meet and get into age groups	60 Metres	High Jump	Game	Long Jump	400 Metres		Shot	100m	Discus	Finals 60M 7G 7B 8B 8G 100 M 9G 9B 6B 8G 7B 7G 10G 10B
7 Yr Boys		Discus	60 Metres	High Jump	Game	Long Jump		400 Metres	Shot	100m	
8 Yr Girls		100m	Discus	60 Metres	High Jump	Game		Long Jump	400 Metres	Shot	
8 Yr Boys		Shot	100m	Discus	60 Metres	High Jump		Game	Long Jump	400 Metres	
9 Yr Girls		800 Metres	Shot	200m	Discus	100 Metres		High Jump	Game	Long Jump	
9 Yr Boys		Long Jump	800 Metres	Shot	200m	Discus		100 Metres	High Jump	Game	
10 Yr Girls		Game	Long Jump	800 Metres	Shot	200m		Discus	100 Metres	High Jump	
10 Yr Boys		High Jump	Game	Long Jump	800 Metres	Shot		200m	Discus	100 Metres	

CANTEEN SUPERSTAR WANTED!

**THE PTA ARE LOOKING FOR AN AMAZING
VOLUNTEER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
RUNNING OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN**

- Approximately 9 hours per week
- Must be available on a Friday between 8.50am and 1.30pm
- The role includes coordination of rosters, ordering food, compiling receipts
- This is a great way to give back to Donovan Primary
- If we cannot find someone for this position, the canteen will not be able to operate
- Money generated from the canteen, goes back to the school and children

To express your interest, or for a copy of the job description, contact Maureen in the office office@donovanprimary.ac.nz
03 215 9664



Medication

Just a reminder that if you are requiring your child to have any medication administered during school hours, there are a few things we need. (This includes inhalers)

- All medication must be handed into the office for safe keeping
- If it is a prescription medication, we do require it to be in a container showing the name and dosage on the script label.
- A medical consent form needs to be signed by the caregiver.

We do have a fridge in the medical room if medication needs to be kept cool. If your child has to take medication home each day, perhaps talk with the chemist and they may split the medicine into two containers, one for school and one for home. If medication does need to be taken home after school each day, it is the responsibility of the child to remember to come and collect it.

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 727070 (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 –12.20pm, 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.