



Important 2023 Dates

May

Tue 2 Snr/Mid Swimming
Wed 3 Snr/Mid Swimming
Wed 3 Maths Night
Thur 4 Snr/Mid Swimming
Tue 9 Snr/Mid Swimming
Wed 10 Snr/Mid Swimming
Thur 11 Snr/Mid Swimming
Tue 16 Snr/Mid Swimming
Wed 17 Snr/Mid Swimming
Fri 19 Jnr/ Snr disco

June

Fri 9 Middle disco
Fri 23 Reports home
26-27 Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 30 Last day Term 2

July

Fri 14 July—Matariki
Mon 17 Start Term 3
Tue 18 Yr 2 Swimming
Wed 19 Yr 2 Swimming
Thur 20 Yr 2 Swimming
Tue 25 Yr 2 Swimming
Wed 26 Yr2 Swimming
Thur 27 Yr 2 Swimming

August

Tue 1 NE/Yr 1 Swimming
Wed 2 NE/Yr 1 Swimming
Thur 3 NE/Yr 1 Swimming
Tue 8 NE/Yr 1 Swimming
Wed 9 NE/Yr 1 Swimming
Thur 10 NE/Yr 1 Swimming

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.

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 2. While the weather continues to spoil us, we must think of families in the far north who keep experiencing adverse weather conditions. I hope they continue to be safe.

Education seems to be in a constant pattern of change as well. As you will no doubt be aware there is still industrial action looming or already upon us. For those with secondary aged children you will know what I mean. We are still hoping the Ministry of Education will be able to sort out the raft of issues in our Primary sector. We do not take lightly the thought of action and disruption but what else can we do. Like many other areas in NZ, we have been chronically under funded and ignored for so long. We will continue to do our best for our learners as we navigate the next few weeks and months.

Anyway, back to the important stuff at Donovan. Swimming has started for Year 3 through to Year 5 and we are more than grateful for the parents helping us at the pool.

There is lots to look forward to this term with Cross Country coming up soon, Parent Teacher Interviews, reports and many other things

Keep watching and reading those School Stream notices. Reminders about Road Safety. Please drive carefully and with consideration outside our schools. We ask again for cars not to drive through our car park or down the back of hall. It is not safe for our bikers/people on scooters and pedestrians.

As we hit the term please continue to support your children at home with reading and homework, it makes such a difference.

Getting children to school on time also makes a huge difference for learners. Coming in late always puts the learner on the back foot. To get the best for our learners we need them at school on time and ready to go.

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood,

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>



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. 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.
4. Please don't double park in any of the parking zones.
5. 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.
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.

Cross Country

We will once again be running the school cross country at Donovan Park on Bainfield Road on **Tuesday 23 May** with Wednesday 24 May as our postponement day.

The Junior school (ages 5,6 and 7) will head to the park to do their pond run and will then bus back to school (9.20 – 11.00). Ages—**5,6 AND 7 YEAR OLDS WILL RUN AT THEIR AGE ON 23 MAY**

The rest of the school will be running their races around our normal lunch time, so parents can come and watch. (11.30 – 1.30) **8,9 AND 10 YEAR OLDS WILL RUN AT THEIR AGE ON 31 DEC 2023**

(note: this is different to the Athletic Sports ages)

Can all spectators/helpers please park their cars in the Waikiwi Rugby Club car park and walk into the park

The races will be organized in age groups (Boys and Girls) and after an age group has finished, they will move off to the WRC car park to catch the shuttle bus back to school. WE WILL NEED PARENT HELPERS TO WALK WITH THE CHILDREN AND BE MARSHALLS. If you can help please fill in the form on school stream.

Children will need in their bags, coat, something warm to layer up with, a change of shoes (if they wish) and their drink bottle.

Timetable- Junior School

9.00 Class roll – organize clothing etc

9.20 Assemble outside hall

9.30 Start *walking children with school leaders*

Children will walk to Donovan Park via – Drury Lane - Gloucester St- Durham St- Bainfield Rd

10.10 5 year old Boys will run around the duck pond once.

10.15 5 year old Girls will run around the duck pond once

10.20 6 year old Boys will run around the duck pond once.

10.25 6 year old Girls will run around the duck pond once.

10.30 7 year old Boys will run around the duck pond twice.

10.35 7 year old Girls will run around the duck pond twice.

Timetable– Middle/Senior School

10.00 Morning Tea as per normal

10.30 Back to class - staff to have checked bags in class

10.40 Assemble outside hall

10.50 Start *walking middle children with seniors*

Children will walk to Donovan Park via – Drury Lane - Gloucester St- Durham St- Bainfield Rd

12.00 8 year old Boys will run around the duck pond twice

12.05 8 year old Girls will run around the duck pond twice

12.15 9 years Boy will run from the back of Rugby grounds and around pond

12.25 9 years Girls will run from the back of Rugby grounds and around pond

12.35 10 years Boy will run around rugby grounds and then around pond

12.45 10 years Girls will run around rugby grounds and then around pond

12.55 11 years Boy will run around rugby grounds and then around pond

1.05 11 years Girls will run around rugby grounds and then around pond

1.25 Last of pupils back return to school

2.00 Seniors back into classes



At assembly on Friday 31 March the R.E.A.L certificates were presented. Congratulations to the above children who received a **R.E.A.L** certificate for being **Resilient, Empathetic, Adaptable, Lifelong** learners.

Rm1 Ethan Thomson, Rm3 Jacks Henry, Rm15 Olivia Davidson, Rm16 Jimmy Ophuis, Rm20 Loki Wharf, Rm21 Lotte Cowan, Rm5 Natalie Chapman, Rm6 Noel Wedge, Rm7 Mason Dunick, Rm8 Zareah Pou, Rm9 Leonne Morales, Rm12 Kristel Angui, Rm13 Theo Garrett, Rm14 Lucas Trethaway, Rm17 Natalie Ellison, Rm18, Sophie Stevens, Rm 19 Ryder Blair.

NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to our new families to the Donovan Community. The children below started with us since our last newsletter. We hope that they and their families enjoy their time at Donovan Primary.

Evie Vosloo, Van Horrell, Charlotte Milne, Liam Burns, Ryker Sharp, Rylan Fryer.





SWIMMING for Senior and Middle students.

Swimming has begun for our senior and middle syndicate students at the beginning of term 2. Junior swimming will be at the start of term three and we will send out more information nearer the time.

Dates are: Wed 26 and Thur 27 April, Tue 2, Wed 3, Thur 4, Tue 9, Wed 10, Thur 11, Tue 16 and Wed 17 May.

If children have an upset stomach, vomited or diarrhoea, they cannot swim for 48 hours. (Splash Palace guidelines).

Coming up:

*Middle Syndicate disco
Friday 9th June
5.30 - 6.30*

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JUNIOR DISCO

Friday May 19th

5.30 - 6.30

Wacky hair & dress up
\$2 entry or \$5 disco pack
including entry.

Please pick up and drop off your child INSIDE the school foyer or hall.

PIC•COLLAGE

\$5 disco pack contains, snacks and drink and includes entry.

Remember to collect your children from the safety of the hall.

These disco's are only available to Donovan Students and they can only attend their relevant syndicate disco.

10 Reasons Why English is Weird

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the buses.
10. I did not object to the object.

Senior disco

Friday May 19th

7 - 8.15pm

Bright and neon 80's
\$2 entry or
\$5 disco pack including entry.

Please pick up and drop off your child
INSIDE the school foyer or hall.

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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.