



Important 2023 Dates

June

Fri 23 Reports home
 Mon 26 Parent Teacher Interviews—School closes 12.20pm
 Tue 27 Parent Teacher Interviews—normal day
 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
 Week starting 31 July—Class Retells

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
 Tue 8 –Syndicate Retell finals
 Wed 9 NE/Yr 1 Swimming
 Thur 10 NE/Yr 1 Swimming
 Fri 11—School Retell finals

Sept

Fri 22 Last day Term 3

Oct

Mon 9—Start Term 4
 Mon 23—Labour Day

Dec

Tue 12 Merit Assemblies
 Thur 14—School Activity Day
 Fri 15 Prizegiving 9.30am Southland Boys High School.
 Fri 15 1pm Flag down - End of Term 4

RETELLS

Included in this newsletter is the guidelines for the Retell Festival. All children participate and it is a great way to get them used to speaking in front of others. Please read through the article and see where you can assist your child at home. The more they practice the more confident they become.

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora, Talofa lava, warm greetings to you all.

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 2. Hard to believe there is only just over a week left until the end of the term.

Next week is Parent teacher Interviews.

Monday 26 June—School will close at 12.20pm so interviews can start at 1pm.

Tuesday 27 June—School will finish at 3pm as normal with interviews starting after school.

Registering for the interviews is now done online and a link was sent through School Stream. Don't forget to allow time to go from one side of the school to another if you have more than one child at school.

Bookings close tomorrow **Friday 23 June at Midday**. If you haven't already got a time, best do this tonight.

When we return to school for Term 3 on 17 July, Junior swimming cranks up. Please refer to the notice on School Stream or further down this newsletter with dates and some helpful suggestions.

This is always a busy time but the young swimmers love it and make so much progress in a short time.

Enjoy a break from making school lunches and hopefully you get quality time with your children during the holidays.

Keep warm.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

SCHOOL CLOSSES 12.20PM MONDAY 26 JUNE FOR INTERVIEWS.

INTERVIEWS

Don't forget to go to the link provided on School Stream to book your child's Teacher interviews. The link will expire at noon on Friday 23. If you make a booking and for some reason you are unable to keep the appointment time, please contact the office and we can try and reschedule for you.

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>

Dear Parents

For our Retell Festival **all** Year 2-6 children will be asked to do a retell of a story or a legend. This must be age appropriate. Every Year 2-6 child will perform a retell in front of their class. The best two retells from each class will perform at a Syndicate Retell Final, on Tuesday 8th August, where we will select 3 children to represent their Syndicate at the School Retell Final. The class retells will be held during Week 3 of Term 3 (beginning Monday 31st July).

In the School Retell Finals there will be three categories; Junior (Year 2), Middle (Year 3/4) and Senior (Year 5/6). There will be a trophy awarded for each category.

Every New Entrant-Year 1 child will recite a poem to their class during Week 3 of Term 3 (beginning Monday 31st July). The best poem from each New Entrant /Year 1 class will perform at the Junior Syndicate Retell Final on Tuesday 8th August, where a trophy will be awarded. The School Retell Finals will be held on Friday 11th August where a trophy will be presented for best Junior, Middle and Senior Retell.

Your job as parents from now until Week 3 Term 3 is to help your child or children, choose a poem/story and help them practise reciting/retelling it. The story needs to be retold **in their own words and not a word by word recital of the book.**

We expect a New Entrant/Year 1 person will be able to:	We expect a Junior (Year 2) person will be able to:	We expect a Middle (Year 3/4) person will be able to:	We expect a Senior (Year 5/6) person will be able to:
Say 'My name is... My poem is ... Speak clearly and look at the audience. Recite the poem with some expression. Recite the poem accurately	Say 'My name is... The story I'm retelling is called..... Speak clearly and look at the audience. Try to hold the audience attention by using clothing or props. Retell the story in sequence with some expression. It should be one to 3 minutes long.	Say 'My name is... The story I'm retelling is called..... Speak clearly and look at the audience with confidence. Retell the main events in correct sequence. Use facial expression to convey meaning. Use expression in their voice. It should be at least 2 to 4 minutes long.	Say 'My name is ... The story I'm retelling is called..... Speak clearly using appropriate pace and expression. Retell in correct sequence with added detail. Use facial expression and gestures to convey meaning. Recognise and handle audience responses. It should be at least 3to 5 minutes long.

All children can use props, visuals etc to enhance their retell. If you want any of these points clarified, please contact your child's teacher well before Week 3. Children are **not** to use cue cards for the retell, as it inhibits the flow of their speech.

Ideas to help with retells

Preparation – Choose a story that suits you. Is it suitable to retell? Organise your retell so it has an introduction, a middle and a conclusion. Ideas must be in sequence. A picture book, fairy tale, fable, legend or narrative are the best to retell. **A chapter book is not suitable.**

Rehearsal – Try to visualise scene and characters. Practise in front of a mirror aloud. Do not memorise the author's words, use your own. Show enthusiasm in voice, body and eyes.

Delivery – Take a deep breath and look at your audience. Stand up straight. Grab the attention of your audience with opening lines. Remember pause, pace, volume, pitch and eye contact. Having an exciting start and end is important. The audience must hear every word.

Southland Cross Country Results 2023

Below are the placings for Kiwi Zone runners from each race at the Southland Cross Country.

10 Year old Boys	School	Placing	10 Year old Girls	School	Placing
George Ramsay	Otatara	12	Lacey Ridder	Donovan	9
George Forbes	Donovan	14	Freya Gilmour	Otatara	16
Dan Tanner	Makarewa	32	Eilidh Dawson	Makarewa	Absent
Jimmy Ophius	Donovan	26	Rae MacKereth	Makarewa	42
Lucas Dimmock	Donovan	27	Grace Nyhof	Otatara	36
Javi Nicol	Donovan	31	Jess Spence	Makarewa	39
11 Year old Boys	School	Placing	11 Year old Girls	School	Placing
Max Packham	Otatara	7	Annabelle Clinton	Makarewa	4
Zack Goddard	Donovan	6	Maddison Sinclair	Otatara	22
Izaak Bekhuis	Donovan	12	Emma Hancock	Makarewa	Absent
Arthur Holmes	Otatara	46	Leah Forbes	Donovan	15
Mason Woodcock	Otatara	49	Ruby Duffell	Donovan	16
Saul Sutherland	Otatara	Absent	Liv Gardner	Donovan	46

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Remember to clean and drop off all sports uniforms no longer needed, to the office by the last day of term. (Friday 30 June). If your child's sport is continuing into Term 3, please hang onto your uniform.

CANTEEN PRICE INCREASE: As of next term, there is a slight price increase on some items on the Friday Menu. The PTA have worked hard to keep the price increases to a minimum but unfortunately they have had to pass on some costs. The new menu will become available after Friday 30 June.

SCHOOL ROAD PATROL CROSSING

We provide a patrolled road crossing on Drury Lane, to assist people crossing the road safely. We can stop traffic allowing pedestrians to cross. Please encourage your child/ren to use this and remember to set good examples and modelling by using the crossing as well. Many parents are taking their children across the road or waiting for them to cross anywhere other than at the crossing. We are trying to keep our tamariki safe while crossing the road and we would appreciate your support by reinforcing the use of the patrolled road crossing.

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 association with Donovan Primary.

Hunter Millan, Cooper Cabrera, Adelaide Checketts, Addy Little, Chloe Leader, Kaia Newton, Onkardeep Singh.



MASON MARSHALL

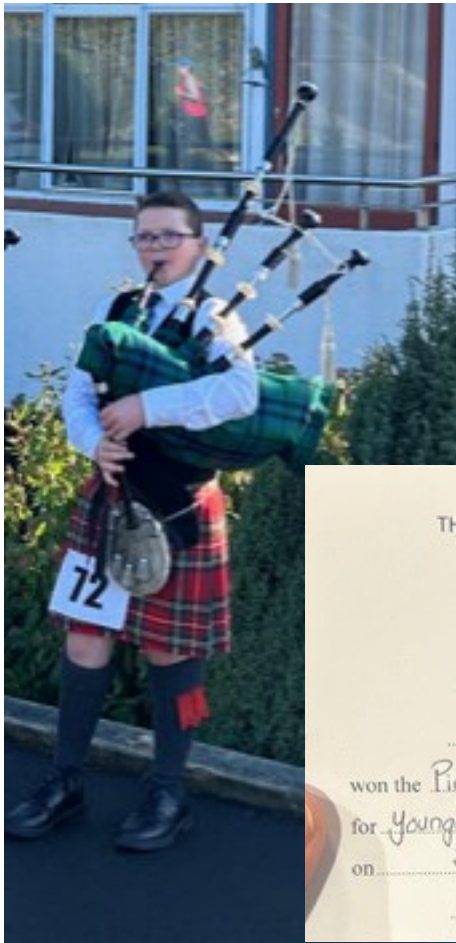
Mason competed in the Otago Solo Piping competition this year at Kings Birthday weekend. This is a one day event where pipers of all ages and experience levels can enter in different categories against other pipers from all over the country. The larger groups coming from the South Island.

This was Mason's second year competing, but he competed in many more categories this year as he has developed his skill-set and becoming a very confident piper. Mason competed in a section called the 2/4 Novice March, placing third was a great result with only one point between each placing, showing how close the competition was! This was a very proud moment for Mason, for this there was a small amount of prize money. Mason also entered in a section for a Piobaireachd, this is a hard tune to play as it has no beat, just phrasing – Mason won a trophy for the youngest player to compete – again making his family extremely proud of him!

This year Mason was competing against his Dad, after each category, we checked the results and Mason had beaten his Dad in all sections except 1. No better person to lose to than your own talented son!

Next on Mason's agenda was the Piping Hot Festival held at the Civic theatre on Friday 16 June, where he was playing with the ILT Pipeband, Piping with his Dad again with sister Pyper on the Snare Drum – a lot of hard work and effort goes into this and the night was absolutely amazing!

(Article supplied by his Mum)



Congratulations Marshall. We know how much hard work and practice goes into being able to compete nationally in any event. Well done.





SWIMMING for Junior syndicate students.

Swimming will begin for our junior syndicate students at the beginning of term 3. **Dates are: Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 July for Rooms 12, 13 and 14.**

Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2, Thursday 3, Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 August for Rooms 17,18,19 and 11.

The children will need to bring named swimming togs, towels and goggles (if required) in a waterproof bag. Most children benefit from the use of goggles and they can be named along the elastic strap. Children with long hair may need a cap or hair tie while swimming and either a brush or comb and they should be able to dry their hair. You can also help from home by teaching children to get themselves dried and dressed unaided. Also ensure that they take note of what they are wearing on their swimming days. Some children get themselves quite confused in the changing rooms as they have no idea what they wore to school that day and if you show them clothing, they don't always recognise it as theirs. So naming their clothes is very helpful to the staff and helpers in the changing rooms.

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

FREE MINOR AILMENT SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE FROM WAIKIWI PHARMACY

Māori and Pacific, children under the age of 14 and their whānau, and Community Service Card (CSC) holders will be able to get **free** consultation and receive **funded** treatment for certain minor ailments this winter.

The minor ailments initiative looks to increase access to pharmacist consultations, reduce pressure on primary and hospital services in areas recognised as consistently and persistently experiencing system pressure.

This service is available now from **WAIKIWI PHARMACY** between 12 June and end of September 2023.

To make a booking ring us on 03 215-7422 to make a time that suits. **Walk-ins are welcome.**

Eligible Conditions are:

- Acute vomiting, diarrhoea and dehydration.
- Eye infections and inflammation (we need to see the eye)
- Minor Skin Conditions
- Scabies
- Head Lice
- Pain and Fever
- Eczema and Dermatitis (including Nappy Rash)



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.

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.