



Important 2023 Dates

August

Fri 11—1.30pm School Retell finals

Sat 19—Jump Jam

Wed 23—Polyfest

Sept

Tue 19—School Photos

Fri 22 Last day Term 3

Oct

Mon 9—Start Term 4

Mon 23—Labour Day

Nov

Mon 6—Wed 8 Rm 16 Camp

Wed 8—Fri 10 Rm 21 Camp

Fri 10—Sun 12 Rm 1 Camp

Sun 12—Tue 14 Rm 3 Camp

Tue 14—Thu 16 Rm 15 Camp

Thu 16—Sat 18 Rm 20 Camp

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

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>

From the Principal's Desk



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

Here we are with only a week to go till we are half way through the term. The weeks are passing by so quickly. Sickness is rife in the school at the moment. General flu, cold and chickenpox are doing the rounds. Please look out for symptoms with your children.

The school is preparing for Polyfest which is just over a week away. It is going to be fantastic, the groups have worked so hard with their performances. Good luck to everyone.

We have a large group of children involved in the Jump Jam competitions which is great to see. They will be in the competition on 19 August at James Hargest Senior Campus. They have made so much progress, good luck and have fun.

In the near future you will receive a ski trip notice for Year 6 students. The trip will be on Monday 11 September. All details will be on School Stream soon.

Our building projects at school are moving ahead with great speed. Rm 8/9/10 and 11 cloakbay areas are in the middle of linking and starting to look great. Most of our planned roofing replacement has been completed. Our next big project will be upgrading all the covered walkways. This will be a huge one.

Thanks to all the families who filled in our Parent Survey from the BOT, also to the parents who joined our PE/Health consultation. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Keep warm.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

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.

Addy Little, Bao Nguyen, Marina Stopford, Sydney Lee-Tapu, Lucas Phillips, Beauden Armour, Malithya Kalubowila, Janu Kalubowila, Keziah Corpuz, Blair Dackers, Kavaeus Auckram, Isla McLean, Johan Homan, Anna and Cherry Thieu, Henrique Michel, Lexy Birchfield, Hadley Hughes.



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.



Congratulations to the following children for winning their R.E.A.L certificates pm Friday 28 July.

R1 George Forbes
R3 Phoenix Shaw
R15 Charlotte Main
R16 Ivy Murphy
R20 Scarlett McDowall
R21 Chloe Murdoch
R5 Kade Short
R6 Raff Hyland
R7 Imogen Holden
R8 Marco Savory
R9 Harper Birchfield
R11 Cooper Mahon-Lamb
R12 Mackenzie McNaught
R13 Keir Sinclair
R14 Lucy Shaw
R17 Chloe Leader
R18 Jackson Reynolds
R19 Adalyn Little

CANTEEN HELPERS: We require some help with the canteen especially on Fridays. Any offer of assistance would be appreciated. Please contact the office if you can spare some time to help.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Kelk Photography will be at school on Tuesday 19 September to take the school photos. There will be a class photo and an individual photo taken. We will not be doing family photos.

In term four we will have the class proof for you to preview and the thumbnail individual photo will be sent home with an envelope for ordering the photos.

The prices will be \$20 for a named class photo and \$15 for the individual photos. Sizes and prices will be on the envelope. Please leave the thumbnail photo on the envelope when you order, as the photographer uses this as a reference.



CALENDAR ART: Keep an eye on School Stream as we will be sending you through the details and link for ordering your child's calendar. This company will send a link for you to view the art and order online directly. Great idea for Christmas presents for Grandparents etc. and should be early enough if needed to be posted overseas.

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.