



Important 2023 Dates

Nov

Mon 6—Wed 8 Rm 16 Camp
 Tue 7—Close Photos
 Tue 8—PTA 7pm
 Wed 8—Fri 10 Rm 21 Camp
 Fri 10—Sun 12 Rm 1 Camp
 Sun 12—Tue 14 Rm 3 Camp
 Mon 13 Scholastic Online Open
 Tue 14—Thu 16 Rm 15 Camp
 Thu 16—Sat 18 Rm 20 Camp
 Fri 17 Y6 New entrant day
 Fri 24 Nov—MOE Teacher Only Day—
School Closed
 Wed 29—Mitre 10 Tough Kids

Dec

Tue 12 Merit Assemblies
 Tue 12 BOT meeting 6pm
 Wed 13 Y6 Day out
 Wed 13 Graduation Evening SBHS
 Fri 15 Prizegiving 9.30am Southland Boys High School.
 Fri 15 1pm Flag down - End of Term 4

2024

January

Mon 29 Staggered Start

Feb

Tue 6 Waitangi Day

Mar

Fri 29 Easter Friday

Apr

Mon 1 Easter Monday
 Tue 2 Easter Tuesday
 Fri 12—Last Day term
 Thur 25 Anzac Day
 Mon 29 Term Two starts

May

June

Mon 3 Queens Birthday
 Fri 28 Matariki

July

Fri 5 End Term two
 Mon 22 Term 3 starts

Aug

Sept

Fri 27 End Term 3

Oct

Mon 14 Term 4 starts
 Mon 28 Labour Day

Nov

Dec

End of year TBA

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, tena kotou katoa, warm greetings to you all.

This newsletter is our second last one for 2023. Hard to believe we are now in November and nearly half way through the term. Next week the first of the Y5/6 classes leave for Camp Omaui. Please check your equipment lists and cross those fingers for good weather.

- 17 November—Our Year 6 students have their New Entrant morning at their chosen High School. The information has been sent to you directly from your high school. Any enquiries please contact your respective school. We have a class at camp on this day, Room 20, so we have arranged a van to bring the children out to their visit and take them back to camp.
- 24 November—Most important to note is that Donovan Primary is closed for a nationwide Teacher Only day where all schools are closed around that date. Please make arrangements to have your children looked after and please notify any after school services you might belong to.
- 8 December—Look out for the End of Year school reports. If you have changed your email address let the office know ASAP (like now!) We have emailed reports for the past 2 years. If you have had issues getting them please check in with the office to update your email.
- 13 December is 'Year 6 Day Out'. Look out for notices for this event. (Lunch will be provided that day for the Year 6 leavers.) Year 6 Graduation will be held at Southland Boys High School on Herbert Street. Please be seated and ready to go by 6.30pm. Children are to be there by 6.15pm to be put in order of going on stage.
- 14 December—Merit Assemblies will be on this day. Juniors at 11am in the Donovan Primary Hall, Year 3/4/5/6 will be 1.30pm also in the Donovan Primary Hall.
- Friday 15 December is Prizegiving day, please note it takes place in the morning at 9.30am at Southland Boys High School. This is different from the afternoon slot we normally have. Children will be taken by bus to and from Southland Boys. School will finish at 1pm on this day when the flag goes down.
- Keep an eye on the important dates (on the left). We have posted next years dates as well for your records.

Now that's a big list! Keep up with School Stream and all will go well.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to keep checking the lost property. It will be on display in front of the canteen every Friday. With the warmer weather coming there will be a lot of discarded clothing left behind. Any clothing left at the end of the year will be donated to a charity.

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Thu 16—Sat 18 Rm 20 Camp

Don't forget to complete the enrolments forms on School Stream. Camp is part of the curriculum and we expect all students to attend.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN THE FORMS FOR YEAR 5&6 SCHOOL CAMP ON SCHOOL STREAM.

We will also need some parent helpers and there is a separate form to complete. Camp is a compulsory component of the school curriculum and we expect every senior student to attend. If you have any concerns please see the class teacher or speak with Mr Hopwood.

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

Reminder that these are all due back on Tuesday 7 November. Any late orders will have to be sent directly to the photographer in Dunedin.



COMMUNICATION:

If you are collecting children early from school or they will be late due to appointments, sleeping in or any other reason, please advise the office. We are required to sign in late children and sign out children leaving school early. These students should come through the office and not wait out on the street or have parents come directly to the class. This is all put in place to ensure the safety of your children.

If you know you have an appointment coming up or your child/ren will be away, you can fill in a School Stream absence form anytime, or ring the office or send an email, with the relevant dates and we can hold it here for when that date rolls around. That way when life gets busy you are less likely to forget to notify us which will result in a phone call. If we cannot contact you regarding an absent child, we must by law, mark your child as Truant. Our attendance data is sent to Ministry of Education regularly and too many trancies, unexplained absences or unjustified absences could result in the Truancy Office becoming involved. Holidays during school time are not a justified absence. So please keep the office informed of any activity that is not the norm.



Congratulations to our R.E.A.L certificate winners on Friday 20 October.

R1 Mia Kerr
 R3 Malithya Kalubowila
 R15 Caitlin Blair
 R16 Darcy McDowall
 R20 Ruby Murphy
 R21 Kahurangi Tuau-Tengu

R5 Kaydin Dunick
 R6 Morgan Garrick
 R7 Lucy Williamson
 R8 Marco Savory
 R9 Hunter Swain

R11 Keanu Roderique
 R12 Stella Burns
 R13 Sophie Butt
 R14 Muhammad Usman
 R17 Blair Dackers/Keziah Corpuz
 R18 Jack Casey
 R19 Sienna-Lily Parry

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.

Olivia Stronach, Mareikura Goodwin-Tawaroa; Kaia Hill; Tatum Schiller; May Ngo; Corbin Jenkins; Harper Black and Luke Goddard.

Scholastic Book Club

The final campaign for the year will be out shortly. We will send home the flyers when they arrive and orders will only be open for a week. We will let you know through School Stream.

We are looking at trying to minimise money at the school and encouraging all future orders to be completed online. If you order within the timeframe we set, the books will come to school as one order and we will distribute as normal. Any special instructions can be still done through the online system. If you should happen to miss our timeframe, you can still place an order but there will be a delivery charge as it will be delivered to your home.

We will still send home the flyers for you to look through and advise the closing date, and leave it up to you.

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.