



Important 2024 Dates

2024

Feb

Wed 14 Meet the Teacher

Tues 20 Jnr School Athletics

Tues 27 School Athletics

Mar

Tues 5 March Zone Athletics

Sun 24 March Sthd Athletics

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.schoolstream.net>

From the Principal's Desk



Haere Mai, welcome back to the 2024 school year.

It is great to have everyone back and starting to get back into routines.

A special welcome to all our families and look forward to working with you and your learners.

Next week on the 14 February, 7pm we will be holding our 'Meet the teacher' at school. We start in the hall to welcome you all back and then you go to your children's rooms and meet the teacher. Hear about the routines of class and start your new connection for the year. With all of us working as a team we will get the mahi done.

The big news in NZ schools is the start of 'Away for the day' cell phone plan introduced by the Government. This has a huge impact, especially in high schools. For us at Donovan it is the same as last year, no cell phones at school, if you need one for after school care or sports it is to go to the office and placed in basket (turned off please). Phone can be collected at 3pm. Smart watches can also be used pretty much like a cell phone, either leave them at home or put the parent app on and disable them from 9am-3pm. This is not a major change for us, but please work with your child around the rules.

Unfortunately Covid is showing up again in our absences. Please test if you think there might be a chance, best to know. If positive keep your child home for the required length of time. We seem to be seeing waves of Covid, so hopefully it will settle down soon.

The whole staff wish you a great 2024 and as always we are all here for the same reason, to grow great kids

See you on the 14 February.

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.

Anelize Churr, Mia Churr, Maci-Jay Stephens, Neiki Crookes, Ava Peterson, Grace McCullough, Aura Tuhi, Summer Johnson, Nihaal Bhandal, Zion Nicholas, Ames Pradhan, Yana Patel, Madi Duffy, Cooper McCullough, Willow Timaloa, Theo Del Moral, Abi Kim, Ace Antonio, Ryekin Bower, Ryan Murdoch, Ella Haines, Kaia Masters, Kaesha-Bella Ramsay, Magnus Donnelly, Amaleigha-Rose Bower, Arian Valenzuela, Aleesha Singh, Oscar Holland



Congratulations to our R.E.A.L winners on Friday 1 December.

R1 Brodie Goddard
R3 Coral Shute
R15 Hudson Garrett
R16 Georgia Bean
R20 Tyce Bell
R21 Waimarino Tau
R5 Towa Pfeifer
R6 Tangaroa Waddell
R7 Levi Megee
R8 Chloe England
R9 Jack Hamilton
R11 Hunter Emerson
R12 Nico Hillis
R13 Pippa Vaughan
R14 Brooklyn Edwards,
Evan Rhodes
R17 Liam Burns
R18 Leah Flannery
R19 Mareikura Goodwin



Sunhats

A reminder that sunhats are required to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. If your child does not have or has lost their sunhat, these can be purchased from the office at a cost of \$25.00

Sports Registration Reminder

Please keep an eye on School Stream to see when sports registrations close so you child does not miss out.
Waterpolo closes—
Mon 12 Feb
Cricket & Touch close —
Wed 14 Feb
Kaparaka—
Mon 1 March

Covid 19 Update

Please be aware that we do have Covid 19 within the school. The Ministry of Health guidelines are now saying that the infected person must isolate for five days. Isolation means not going to work or school. Your household contacts do not need to isolate. If you are a Household Contact of someone who has COVID-19, the Ministry of Health recommend that you do a RAT test each day for five days. Masks are not compulsory but can be worn if you wish.



We need your help please. We have a number of children coming in to the office wanting spoons to eat their yoghurts etc. We would appreciate your help by ensuring that spoons are packed in your child's lunchbox when needed.

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.

Important Notes.

Every newsletter we have the same messages which explains important things for you as parents/caregivers. So let's highlight them for you and see if it's easier to read, remember and follow.

- 1. Come in to the office with medication so you can complete the form.**
- 2. Cross Drury Lane at the Road Crossing.**
- 3. Let the office know if collecting children during school hours.**
- 4. Don't leave your car while parked in P2 parking area (in front of school on Drury Lane).**
- 5. Contact the office by 8.50am for absences or lateness (School Stream, txt, phone, email.)**

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.