



Important Dates

2024

Aug

Fri 23 –Retell Final 1.30

Mon 26 –Yr 6 High School Enrolments close

Wed 28 –Polyfest

Sept

Wed 11-PTA 7.30pm

Wed 11—Sing Out

Thur 12 –Bookclub closes 3pm

Sun 22—Gym Festival

Tues 24—School Photos

Fri 27 **End Term 3-School closed two weeks**

Oct

Mon 14 **Term 4 starts**

Fri 25 –**Teacher Only Day School Closed.**

Mon 28 **Labour Day-School closed**

Nov

Thur 21—**Fri 22** **Snr School based Camp**

Dec

Tue 10—Merit Assemblies

Wed 11 –Leavers Day and Graduation

Fri 13 - **Last day of School. Lowering of flag and finish at 1pm**

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 and Greetings

To start with our swimming programme for the year has finished. A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the pool, in the grandstand and especially in the changing rooms. We couldn't have done it without you.

Today some of our classes in Year 0-3 will be sending notes home around some important changes to the teaching of Literacy but especially Reading- commonly called 'Structured Literacy' or the 'Teaching of Phonics'. It is going to take some time to embed this approach. This is one of the Governments mandated requirements.

The second has just arrived- the 'Maths Curriculum'. This is in draft at present and needs feedback over the next four weeks then it will become the curriculum. Another huge change in the way we are expected to teach. It will be mucky, stressful and create other changes downstream, e.g. reports, resources etc. This initiative requires training and Professional Development so there may be more relievers in your child's class during this roll out. We will do our best to keep it seamless.

Now the good news. Congratulations to our Jump Jam teams. They had a great competition last weekend with two teams receiving placings. The school also received a new Jump Jam Kit for having the most students in this years competition. Well done to you all.

Polyfest is next week. Check your notices and come and support our highly talented Kapa Haka and Pasifika group. They are outstanding as are the staff who have worked with them.

Our choir will be participating in the ILT Sing Out at the Civic Theatre on Wednesday 11 September. Ticket information will be out shortly. Hope they all enjoy and experience. Good luck.

Finally our Gymnasts will compete on Sunday 22 September. They are practicing so hard on Fridays after school. We wish them all the best for a great event.

With all the changes we need to have great things to look forward to.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Donovan Primary Jump Jam 2024

What a fantastic day was had at Jump Jam.

The students had an awesome day and manners were impeccable.

Congratulations to all the competitors - you were amazing.

All teams were awarded certificates and there were two teams that received placings.

Donovan Dots - Merit in Presentation

Donovan Divers - Merit in Presentation and 1st place in Year 1-2 Freshman Category.

Donovan Jammers - Merit in Presentation and Merit in Technical Execution

Donovan Jivers - Merit in Presentation

Donovan Dudes - Merit in Presentation, Merit in Technical Execution and 3rd place in Year 1-4 Freshman Category

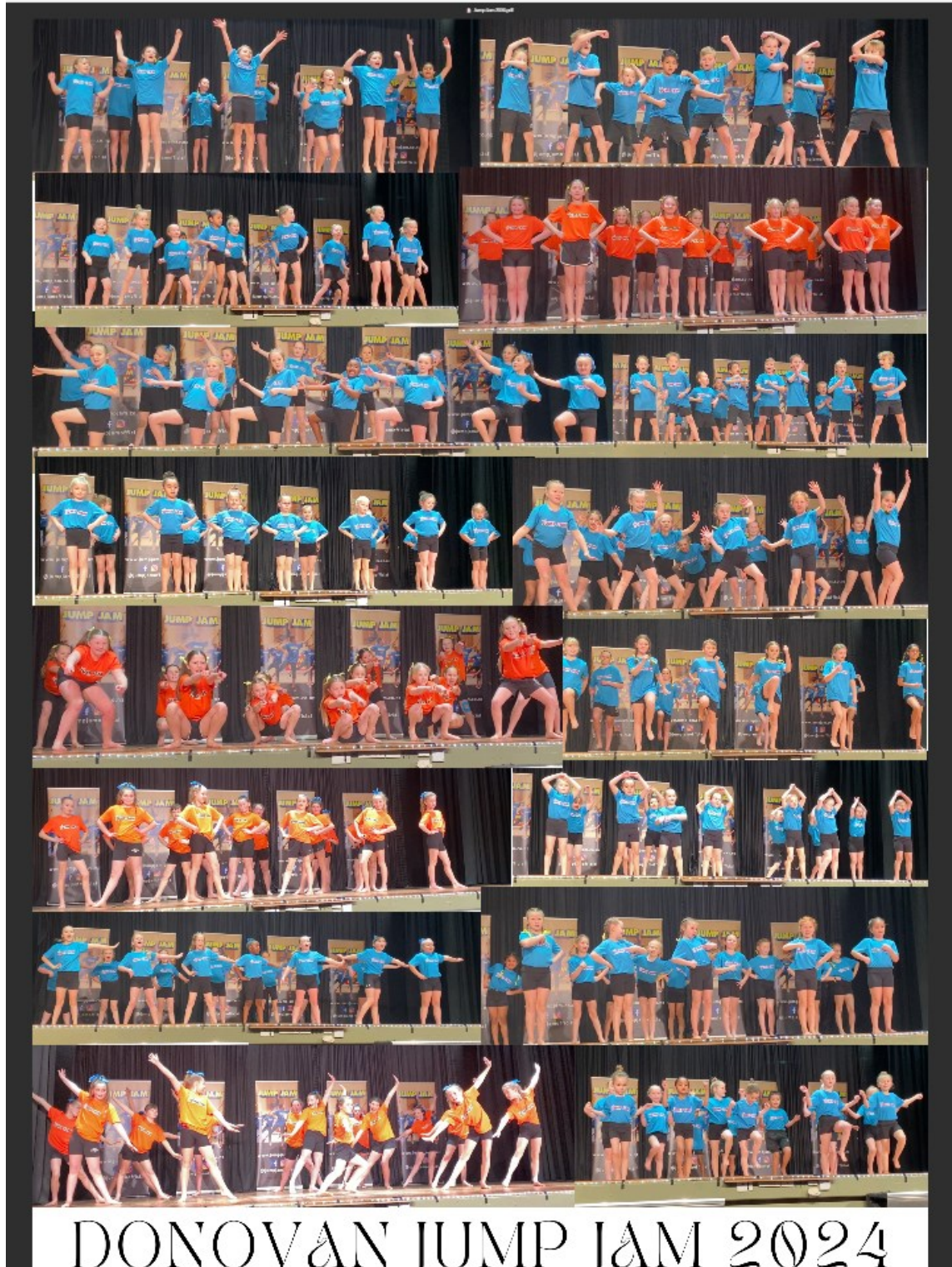
Donovan Steppers - Merit in Presentation and Merit in Technical Execution

Donovan Funk - Excellence in Presentation and Merit in Technical Execution

Donovan Dollars - Excellence in Presentation and Merit in Technical Execution

The school also received a new Jump Jam Kit to the value of \$700.00 for having the most students in this year's competition.

Thank you to all the parents who supported this event.



OUR VISION: The Donovan way celebrates uniqueness where learning is encouraged through personal growth and engagement to create resilient, empathetic and adaptable lifelong learners.



Congratulations to these children who received R.E.A.L certificates at assembly on Friday 5 July.

- R1 Ahliynah Gibbs
- R15 Raumyn Stuck-Campbell
- R16 London McCleery
- R20 Lydia-Rose Twizell
- R21 Ruby Murphy
- R5 Olivia Black
- R6 Elsie Buchanan
- R7 Libby Dawson
- R8 Vada Tomlinson
- R9 Evie Bye
- R11 Luke Goddard
- R12 Lilly McLaren
- R13 Evie Vosloo
- R14 Kayden Goomes
- R17 Nico Nally
- R18 Charles Varma
- R19 Noah Dias



Congratulations to these children who received R.E.A.L certificates at assembly on Friday 2 August.

- Rm 1 Lilly Murphy
- Rm15 Bennie Savage
- R16 Alexie Blair
- R20 Ryekin Bower
- R21 Charlotte Main
- R5 Marlee Moore
- R6 Brooklynn Armour
- R7 Fletcher Halder
- R8 Kieran Ogilvy
- R9 Stella Burns
- R11 Nevaeh Te Raki
- R12 Zak Aiken
- R13 Arlo Andrew
- R14 Phoebe Shaw
- R17 Ellie McIntyre
- R18 Henrique Michel
- R19 Lucas Finn

IS YOUR HOME FIRE SAFE?

FREE FIRE-SAFE HOME CHECK

The purpose of a Home Fire Safety Check is to provide you with information and tips to prevent fires and minimise risks, ensuring the safety of everyone in your home



Request a visit
via the QR Code

or phone
0800 65 65 61



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.

Alex Bound, Olivia Hogue; Tevita Hufanga; Addie Sowman; Sophie Chatfield;

Ardie Dawson; Ava Tupou; Krome Amohanga; Queen Blessing Teta; Heidi McRae; Archie Davies; McKenzie Morton; Nate McCorkindale; and Cooper Wilson.



Canteen Heatups.

Just a reminder that it costs 20c per heatup per student to have your child's lunch nice and hot for lunchtime.

The PTA have tried to make it as easy as possible by charging 20c per heatup or \$4 per term or \$10 per year per child.

You can send the money along to either the office or the canteen anytime or pay for it with the Friday Menu through School Stream.



The heatup service may become unavailable to families who make no effort to pay for this service. The canteen would like arrears to be settled as soon as possible please. A note will come home as a reminder. The easiest way is to pay for a year subs of \$10 per child for the entire year and you don't have to hunt out 20c every time you wish to have a nice warm lunch for your child/ren.

Community Notices.

Please read the Community Notices that is sent with this newsletter. It has lots of information for the upcoming holidays and other events that may be of interest to the students as well as the parents/caregivers.

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://donovanprimarieschool.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
Policies and Procedures	https://donovanprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/ Username: donovanprimary Password: drurylane

Community Notices: Keep an eye on the separate Community Notices for upcoming community events.