



Important Dates

2024

Sept

Fri 27 End Term 3 -School closed two weeks

Oct

Sun 13 -Tea Towels closes

Mon 14 Term 4 starts

Fri 25 -Teacher Only Day School Closed.

Mon 28 Labour Day-School closed

Nov

Tue 5 Photos close off

Fri 15 -Yr6 High School Visit

Thur 21—Fri 22 Snr School based Camp

Dec

Tue 10—Merit Assemblies

Wed 11 -Leavers Day and Graduation

Fri 13—Prize giving SBHS Last day of School. Upon returning from prizegiving we will lower the 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

We have nearly made it to the end of the term. What a tough term as we navigate curriculum delivery changes. I am very proud of the staff for showing resilience as they grapple with change and watching out for the next planned changes. They are, as always, here to give the best learning opportunities to the akonga (learners) in their care.

While we are acknowledging people working in our community, our PTA has given time and care to many projects. Their latest one you will have seen on School Stream, is the Celebration Tea Towel fundraiser. A great remembrance item to celebrate Donovan being 20 years old! Please support their great work, Grandparents love these for Xmas presents.

Our BOT is involved in several building projects at the moment. Sometime in November our all weather turf is being laid on the basketball court. Walkway roofs are being replaced and one hedge is being removed because the roots are popping up on the tennis court. There are always projects on the go and we continue to appreciate their commitment to our community.

We had our school photos taken on Tuesday, keep your eye out early next term for ordering information.

Term four is always action packed so keep up to date with dates in the calendar and School Stream reminders. There will be quite a lot of things happening involving our Year 5/6 akonga (learners); in school camp; (please ensure you have completed the permission slip on School Stream); Graduation, Year 6 day out and Y6's visiting their new high school (you will receive a letter directly from the high school regarding this day).

One of the first things you will need to look out for is Teacher Only Day on Friday 25 October where the school will be closed for instruction. Staff will be working on the new curriculums.

This weekend is daylight saving on Sunday, clocks go forward one hour. For some children this puts them out of sorts so keep the bedtimes stable so they are rested up to enjoy Term 4.

Nga mihi nui

Peter Hopwood
Principal



POLYFEST



2024



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

KAPAHAKA AND PASIFIKA

Donovan Primary performed at the annual Polyfest Festival on Wednesday 28 August at ILT Stadium.

The students had spent a lot of time practicing for this event and their hard work showed. They looked great and sounded great.

A special thank you to Arieta Kerr who helped with the Pasifika group, and the parents who helped to dress the students on the day.

Thank you also to our teaching staff who have spent many hours working with our students. The day was very successful and the students performing and watching were great Donovan Primary ambassadors.



Community Notice Board

We have had a new addition to the school in the form of a community sport and notice board. It is located in the entranceway from the quad to the hall vestibule.

Here we will put up notices that are relevant to our parents and community.

Another way of trying to keep everyone informed of what's going on.

A special thank you for the PTA for their kind donation.

SING OUT

Our choir led by Mrs Fallow, performed at the Sing Out concert at the Civic Theatre on Wednesday 11 September.

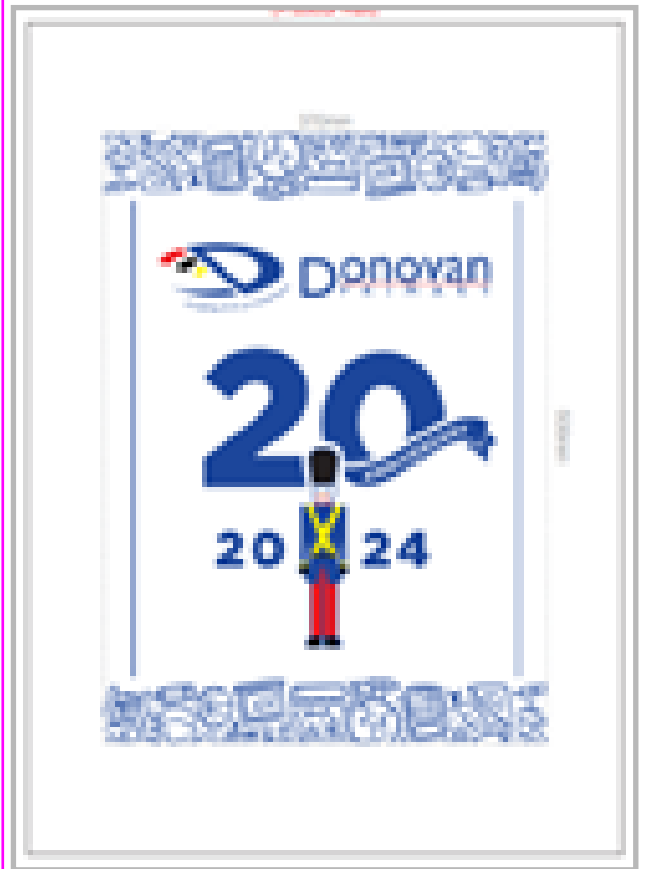
They were part of the massed choir and also sang a couple of individual songs. They looked and sounded amazing.

Thank you to Mrs Fallow for working with these talented students. Thank you also to the Mums who helped with the hair on the afternoon. Ribbons looked great and finished off the polished look. Sorry there was a 'No

20 Year Celebration

Can you believe it..... Donovan Primary will be celebrating its 20th birthday at the end of this year. 20 years ago we were grieving the loss of our three community schools, anxious about day one and hoping like heck that we had got the formula right for a new school. Skip forward 20 years and those memories, for some of us, are just a blur. The present and past boards, staff and students have all worked hard to make Donovan Primary what it is today. A school to be proud of, a school that holds its head high in the city and a school our past and present students have fond memories of.

So to help celebrate this achievement, the PTA are offering commemorative tea towels for sale. The students have signed a tea towel for their respective syndicate and there is also one representing Donovan Primary. Orders can be done through School Stream or pop into the office and fill in an order form. Please pass this information on to any past pupils or families that might like to purchase a commemorative tea towel.



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.

Tahlia Broadmore, Sayon Hapugoda, Olive Robertson, Willow Black and Willa Sinclair





Red, White and Black Day.

Thank you to all those who supported the fundraising for our community hospital. You all raised \$434.20.

Some children went down with Mr Ryan and Ms Fosbender and handed over the money. They were given a tour through the hospital and located some of our previous plaques and bricks.



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.



Congratulations to the above recipients of our R.E.A.L certificates at the assembly on Friday 30 August.

Piper MacLean (1)
 Leonard Dela Llana (15)
 Calim Scott (16)
 Emily Gutsell (20)
 William Stevenson (21)
 Hunter Townson (5)
 King-Blaise Ndayambaje (6)
 Onkardeep Singh (7)
 Olivia Bean (8)
 Eden McLean (9)
 Ava Peterson (11)
 Ethan Murphy (12)
 Ryan Murdoch (13)
 Corbin Jenkins (14)
 Aria Snodgrass (17)
 Mareikura Goodwin-Tawaroa (18)
 Heidi McRae (19)



Congratulations to the above recipients of our R.E.A.L certificates at the assembly on Friday 13 September.

Rm1 Bintang Wahyono
 Rm15 Aubrey-May Moore
 R16 Gabriel Refamonte
 R20 Kaisala Lemamea
 R21 Aleesha Singh

R5 Aiden Murphy
 R6 Niah O'Connell
 R7 Scarlet Hamlin
 R8 Muhammad Usma
 R9 Pippa Vaughan

R12 Arlo Fenton'
 R13 Mali Fraser
 R14 Grayson Keen
 R17 Amania Powell
 R18 Lucas Phillips
 R19 Theo Butler

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.