

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora, talofa lava, tena kotou katoa, warm greetings to all.

It is that time of the year when the last newsletter arrives. As I am writing this we are preparing for Prizegiving, Merit Assemblies and another highlight the Year 6 Graduation. Plus all the other things that come with end of year.

This year we say goodbye to 74 Year 6 students, heading off to high school. It is always sad for us but an exciting time for these learners and their families. We also will farewell other families who will be leaving Donovan. We thank you all for your contribution to, and support of, our school.

Our year has been full of events, happenings and a whole lot of new learning. It has certainly been full of change with new initiatives from the Government around cell phones, timetable changes and attendance. The hard changes are still in progress and will continue well into next year with Structured Literacy and Maths Programmes. The staff have worked extremely hard and will need to continue this change process next year.

A school our size is like its own village comprising of many roles.

- Teachers
- Team Leaders
- Associate Principals
- Office administrators
- Librarian
- Sports Co-ordinator
- In School Councillor
- Board of Trustees
- PTA



To each and every group and person we say thank you and rest up over the break so we can continue to provide the best for the children in our community. Ngā Mihi Nui.

Next year we welcome Miss Holland back as a full time class teacher. At the end of this year we sadly farewell Jan Phair from our School Library. Jan came to us 20 years ago from Grasmere School and all together Jan has given 36 years service to education. Jan has set up our library and maintained it right from day one. Jan is retiring and we are excited for her as she starts her next adventure. We have been so lucky to have had Jan as an integral part of our team. It will be strange coming next year without her. Go well Mrs Phair and visit often.

Thinking of Jan also leads us into the celebrations of Donovan's 20 Years Open. It has been said many times, 'where did that go.' Donovan started as a brand new school and was a merger of 3 local existing schools. We have come a long way and grown in size, and structure. I am so grateful that I have been a part of the Donovan story and worked with so many amazing people.

I wish you a wonderful summer, be kind to yourselves and we will be ready to welcome you all back next year.

Mere Kirihimete

Peter Hopwood, Principal





Important Dates

2024

December

6 Dec—Reports home

6 Dec—Last day canteen

Tue 10—Merit Assemblies—

Middle and Seniors 10.30am

Juniors 1.30pm

Tues 10—BOT Meeting

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.

2025

January

Term dates

Tue 28 & Wed 29 Teacher Only Day.

Thur 30 First day Term 1—School Starts

Thur 6 Feb —Waitangi Day—School closed

Fri 7 Feb—Teacher Only Day—School closed for staff to do First Aid certificates.

Term One ends 11 April 2025

Term Two starts 28 April

Mon 2 June—Kings Birthday School closed

Fri 20 June—Matariki—School closed

Term Two ends 27 June

Term Three starts 14 July

Term Three ends 19 September

Term Four starts 6 October

Mon 27 Oct —Labour Day School closed.

Term Four ends—TBA

Public Holidays during term breaks.

Fri 18 Apr—Easter Friday

Mon 21 Apr—Easter Monday

Tue 22 Apr —Easter Tuesday

Fri 25 Apr—Anzac Day

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>

DON'T FORGET.....

- to return all sports uniforms
- to return all Library books
- to return all readers
- to settle outstanding accounts
- that school finishes at 1pm on Friday 13 December
- to contact the school if your child/ren will be absent before or including our last day
- that reports will be emailed home on Friday 6 December (tomorrow). Contact the office on Monday if you have not received it and it is not in your junk/trash folder
- to take their sunhats home
- to check the lost property. Anything left behind will be donated to charity
- to read the instructions for starting 2025 which is included in this newsletter
- to order their stationery in plenty of time. Refer Stationery List further in this newsletter. Order online and it will be delivered to your home. School does not sell any stationery except for new entrant packs. @ \$60 each.
- Replacement hats are \$20 each from the office and these will be compulsory for Term One.



Talofa-lava Donovan community

Where did 2024 go? I can't believe we've almost finished the school year already!

Our Board has had a busy year and in July we were lucky enough to welcome Shannel Jarvie to help us with school Finances. From a Board perspective a few of the highlights include:

- Seeing our tamariki proudly representing Donovan out and about in the community. As usual we had plenty of energy and smiles on show at Polyfest with several kapa haka and pasifika groups. On the sports and activities front, Donovan remained over-represented on all the local sports draws.
- Being part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of our wonderful school. It has been great to see the community, past and present staff and supporters all come out in support of this milestone.
- Seeing the ongoing improvements in and around the school. The hall foyer, hall floor and walkways were all given a new lease of life and obviously the vibrant colours appearing on the tiger turf on the basketball court will ensure our School is ready for the next 20 years of learning and fun.

A personal highlight for me was going to year 5/6 camp and seeing how much our students have grown over their time at Donovan. You don't need to look far to see the Donovan values: Resilience, Empathy, Adaptability, and Life-long Learning. It really reinforced the great work that the support staff, teachers, management, and community do guiding our tamariki through their time at Donovan Primary. Thank you!
From the Donovan Board of Trustees, have a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Nga mihi

Aaron Kerr

Presiding Member BOT





Kia ora from the Donovan Primary PTA,

Another year is almost over, and the silly season is well upon us. The 2024 year has given the Donovan children some great memories for them to take away as the school year wraps up.

In Term 1 we had our Colour Fun Run, and it was a great success with lots of colourful children and the funds going towards the upcoming new turfs at school. We held another successful Disco in Term 2 and lots of fun was had by the children.

Recently we held an Ice Cream day and our annual famous Christmas Raffle. We thank our school community for the wonderful donations and the huge amount of raffles sold. Thank you to everyone who has supported our school with all our fundraising events this year.

We also had a fabulous fundraiser to mark the 20 year anniversary of Donovan Primary. Our PTA team made Tea Towels for each syndicate with every child's name was on it. The PTA also gifted each student a limited edition coin, which they can treasure to remember being a current student during the 20th year of Donovan Primary.

We would like to take a moment to thank all the parents, caregivers, students and the community of Donovan Primary, for your ongoing support and making 2024 another great year. Your efforts with contributing to all these wonderful fundraisers throughout the year have seen funds go towards the turf, Kapa Haka uniforms, beanies, Road Patrol gloves, community and sports notice board and \$100 to each class for winter activities and games.

Our amazing canteen team have kept the food hot and orders flowing for our children and we appreciate all the hard work and time they have given this year. The canteen does not run without the wonderful help of our volunteers.

To our Year 6 leavers of Donovan, we wish you all the best in your future.

**Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.
Looking forward to 2025.**

Donovan Primary PTA



R1 Bintang Wahyono
 R15 Charlotte Batt
 R16 Lachie Fraser
 R20 Lydia-Rose Twizell
 R21 Macy ?

R5 Tangaroa Waddell
 R6 Sarah Jenkins
 R7 Rosa Cowan
 R8 Angel Houpapa-McIntosh
 R9 Harper Buchan

R11 Yaqeen Brink
 R12 Cooper Mahon-Lamb
 R13 Cooper Unahi
 R14 Tommy Savell
 R17 Rieko Tagomoa , Ella Dawson,
 Sophie Dawson
 R18 Charlotte Milne
 R19 Eli Douds

Congratulations to the above recipients of our R.E.A.L certificates at the assembly on 8 November 2024.

2025 Start

School Starts at 8.50am on Thursday 30 January 2025. Children are to go straight to their new classes. The teachers will make contact with all their students before the start date. If you know your child is not returning can you please let the office know.

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.

Toa Hufanga, Helena Baros, Jordan Joubert and June Ormond.



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.

Stationery Requirements for 2025



New Entrants

New Entrant packs are available from the office for \$60.00

This includes a **Donovan sunhat**.

Year 1: (Only replace items if completely used otherwise last year's books can be used)

- 1 x Large journal bag Velcro
- 4 x Amos glue sticks 35gm
- 4 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- 6 x JWB/LWB junior writing 14mm ruled 40lf exercise book
- 6 x Whiteboard marker bullet black
- 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- 1 x Red Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 5 x Black Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 2 x Permanent Marker – black (fine tip)

Year 2



- 4 x Large Amos Glue Sticks
- 1 x Warwick My Maths Book 1 Quad 10mm
- 1 x My Maths Book 1 unruled
- 4 x My Everyday Book 1 Warwick unruled
- 2 x My Literacy Book 1 Warwick
- 4 x Whiteboard markers (Black) - fine
- 6 x JWB/LWB 14mm Ruled
- 1 x Colouring pencils (12)
- 1 x Large book bag (if required)
- 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- 2 x Red Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 5 x Black Pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 2 x Permanent Markers – black (fine tip)

Please name all stationery. Items can be purchased online and delivered to your door. Order at www.myschool.co.nz (Office Max) or <https://schoolpacks.co.nz/> (Qizzle)

Year 3 & 4

- 8 x 1B5
- 2 x 1E5 with Margins or Warwick quad 7mm
- 1 x 9B5 Warwick School Pad
- 5 x Red Pens, Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 5 x Black Pens, Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 1 x Whiteboard Marker (fine, Black)
- 4 x Large Amos Gluesticks
- 1 x Colouring Pencils (12) –no felts
- 1 x Rubbers
- 1 x 30cm Ruler (non flexi)
- 1 x Large Book Bag (if required)
- 1 x Pencil case
- 1 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)
- 4 x HB Pencils and pencil sharpener
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 x Black fine tip permanent marker



Year 5 & 6

- 9 x 1B5
- 2 x 1E5 .7mm quad
- 2 x 9B5 Warwick School Pad
- 2 x Warwick #24 Project Book
- 5 x HB Pencils
- 1 x 4b Art Pencil
- 2 x Sharpie Black fine tip permanent marker
- 1 x Pencil Sharpener
- Non flexi Ruler 30cm
- Scissors
- Colouring Pencils (24)
- 3 x Red pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 10 x Black pens – Papermate Ink Joy 100RT
- 3 x Large Glue Sticks
- 1 x Black Whiteboard Marker
- 1 x box facial tissues (100 sheets)



2025 PREPARATIONS : Start date for 2025 Thursday 30 January. Everyone will know their class so please go directly to the new class before 8.50am. If unsure, please meet in the hall and we will help you out.

END OF YEAR PREPARATIONS

- **Reports** will be emailed on **Friday 6 December**.
- **Merit Assemblies** will be on **Tuesday 10 December in the Donovan Primary Hall**. This is where we recognise children who work hard all year. Middles and Seniors will be at 10.30am and Juniors at 1.30pm.
- **Graduation Day and Evening** will be on **Wednesday 11 December**. The Year 6 students enjoy a day out and have a **formal** graduation in the Donovan Primary Hall, starting at **6.15pm**. You will be advised when the day programme is confirmed. Family invites have gone home.
- **Prize Giving Assembly** will be held at Southland Boys High School, Herbert Street on **Friday, 13 December at 9.30am**. The children will be bused to and from SBHS. This is a time to celebrate the children who are being recognised for outstanding effort and achievement within the school. Parents will be notified if their child is a recipient. Two deserving students will be awarded our PTA and BOT trophies for Citizenship and we will be presenting our Kia Koha trophy as well as naming our School Leaders for next year.
- This will also be our last day and will finish at 1pm with the lowering of the school flag. Please collect children from Donovan Primary rather than SBHS.

2025 PREPARATIONS

Start date for 2025 –Thursday 30 January 8.50am. Everyone will know their class so please go directly to the new class before 8.50am. If unsure, please meet in the hall and we will help you out.

If you know that your child, or children are not returning to Donovan for 2025, could you please let the office know immediately, as we are currently working on classes for next year.

The 2025 school day commences at 8.50am. Morning tea is from 10am to 10.20am. Brainbreak is from 11.20am to 11.30am and lunch is from 12.30pm until 1.00pm where they come inside to eat, and school finishes at 3pm.

Next year's holidays and term breaks are all on the second page on the left hand side of this newsletter.

STATIONERY

Stationery lists are included with this newsletter. We will also tape them to the office door.

Office Max and Qizzle are both offering online ordering and if ordered early they will delivery to your home.

The school office will be open from Tuesday 28 January.

CANTEEN - it will not be open immediately but we will notify you as soon as it is ready for heat ups.

Teachers will contact their students via email a few days before starting school, to introduce themselves and let you know what room they will be in for 2025.

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
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.