



Important Dates

2025

FEB

Wed 12 Meet the Teacher 7pm

Wed 19—PTA 7pm

MARCH

Tue 4—Athletics

Term One ends 11 April 2025

Term Two starts 28 April

June

Mon 2 —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

Assemblies

Feb

Fri 1 -Whole School 1.30pm

Fri 21 —Syndicate Mid/Sen

1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm

Fri 28 -Whole School 1.30pm

March

Fri 7- Syndicate Mid/Sen

1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.

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

Welcome back to the 2025 school year. What a great start we have had with settled and 'pleased to be back' learners.

This year in NZ school is a big one in relation to implementing the New Curriculum. There is a new Maths and English Curriculum. Both of these curriculums require structured approaches. During the next two or so weeks we will be starting Y0-Y4 on 'Prime Maths Learning' and the staff will be working on learning the context and sequence and how to use the right workbooks with the right groups. English will have some changes which started last year with training in Structured Literacy approaches. The changes are going well as we try to embed these.

All NZ teachers from this year, require one day classroom release time per fortnight. To provide a seamless system for the children we have started two classroom release teaching spaces. These are staffed by Ms Gerken and Mrs Nally (with Ms Hughes doing 1 day per week). The programme being delivered this term is based around Science, PE skills and our Second Steps Programme. The children's own teacher meets them in the morning and takes them to classroom release teaching space one day per fortnights. The children will have the same teacher so we have minimal disruptions.

Important reminders that lateness to school is a form of truancy and will be monitored. The Government is placing greater importance this year on attendance at school. If your details have changed over the last few months eg, cellphone number; email address; postal address; custody arrangements, please contact the office as soon as possible to update your records.

As we start the new year, it's the right time to get the right routines in place; starting with drop offs and pick ups on Drury Lane. Please do not walk your children across Drury Lane unless it is on the Road Patrol Crossing, we need to all model this for our children.

We hope you have had a great start to the year and we look forward to a year full of new learning and developing **R**esilient, **E**mpathetic, **A**daptable, **L**ifelong Learners.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal

Teachers for 2025	Principal—Peter Hopwood Associate Principals -Helen Fallow, Brett Ryan
Senior Syndicate	Liz Kennedy Rm2, Jacqui Holland, Rm15, Racheal Fosbender Rm16, Brett Ryan and Emma Nally Rm20, Tracy Wheeler Rm21
Middle Syndicate	Karyn Duncan Rm5, Honey Ormond Rm6, Kellie Ronald Rm7, Juliet Keen Rm8, Robyn Wilson Rm9,
Junior Syndicate	Amanda Klemick Rm12, Aisha Williams Rm13, Olivia Hall Rm14, Paulette Crengle Rm18, Julie Hopwood Rm17 (NE) and Melissa Edwards Rm19 (NE)
CRT Teachers	Emma Nally Rm1, Lisa Gerken Rm10, Debbie Hughes (Fridays Only)

REMINDERS—

- Sports fees are to be paid to school as soon as possible.
- Cellphones to be handed into the office
- All medicines are to be handed into the office for safe keeping and an Administer Medical Form completed
- Office to be notified of lateness or early pickup as students must be checked in or out through the office.
- Keep the office up to date with any changes to personal information already held.

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.

Samaira Bhangra, Adelaide Ellison, Yashee Barangot, Harper Millan, Emily Tretheway, Oaklyn Sharpin, Breacan Mackay, Luna Kim, Meer Patel, Chelsea Tretheway, Lynsey Baucke, Hayley Lloyd, Hudson Baucke, Mikaere Moeke-Messell, Jett McMaster, Kyson Brown, Mason Brown, Freya Turner, Prabhnoor Kaur, Liam Savell and Mya Lord



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	Donovan Primary B O T 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.