

# Pūtanga o ngā Tāonga

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### SCHOOL HAPPENINGS TERM 2!

Cross Country was great this year, lots of mud and a great effort put in by all. A huge amount of kids got into Zones and some even got into the Southland Cross Country! The Juniors had their turn at school. The weather was horrible, but the Juniors did very well despite the freezing weather.

The Life Education Bus came to see us. Harold was fun and informative, teaching us valuable information about life.

Swimming went well. Everyone I spoke to said they learnt lots and grew more confident in the water. The Middles and Seniors were well behaved which put a good look on our fantastic school. The Juniors will have their turn in Term 3.

The 'Sing Thing' was great. The Middles and Seniors sang so well. It was heartwarming to hear them sing, 'you are my sunshine' with the James Hargest band playing along the whole time.

The Sandman, Marcus Winter, is this amazing guy who makes art with sand. It was unbelievable to watch. Everyone was amazed by his talent. He made landmarks from around the world and also did a thing called, 'speed art.'

Room 11 has opened up. Mrs Keast and Miss Grant are the teachers in that room. A group of kids from Room 17 and Room 19 have moved in, with everything running smoothly so far.

**By Hudson Garrett (School Leader)**



School Council did an amazing job at the School Disco



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### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Kia ora koutou,

What a busy time it has been!

Hi I'm Astar and I'm part of the amazing School Council team. There are 12 awesome council members. The meetings are pretty boring but it is worth all the effort.

We (the councillors) have been taking turns at running syndicate assemblies. Its pretty special seeing them get their certificates up close!

During the week we take turns looking for a classroom to win the Tidy Kiwi Award. (Sometimes the rooms could be very messy!) It's always fun to announce the winner.

They get a treat for their whole class plus the Tidy Kiwi himself.

Another role we have is at lunch times is we take turns being Kaitiaki. Kaitiaki means a guardian. we wear special vests and we look for responsible and kind kids. We put their names in a special draw with a reason why we spotted them. Over the fortnight there can be 48 people in the draw! Mr Hopwood presents this at the whole school assembly. The lucky winner gets a Kinder Surprise and a special pencil.

On Thursday June the 13th it was the Junior Cross Country and did I mention we got wet? Because we got WET! We all helped set up the course carrying hay bales and pushing wheel barrows. We all had a position to help the Juniors through the course on a very cold rainy day. They all tried so hard and we loved helping them climb the hay bales and make it to the end. Miss Fosbender gave us a hot drink after we finished packing up.

Friday the 21 of June was time to party! It was the night of the school disco. Our first job was going around the classrooms to pick the songs. Next was to making the goody bags and Amelia needed help. We had to make over 200! The Junior Disco theme was Super Heroes and Princesses. I dressed up as Mario. They all looked pretty fantastic! Then Senior and Middle Disco, the theme was (drum roll please) Someone Special. We even saw TWO Mr Hopwoods! I was Renee from The Southern Steel Netball Team. We danced on the stage the whole night till 8 o'clock keeping the energy level high. We picked best dressed and best dance winners and invited kids (and teachers) to dance on the stage with us. It was so much fun and we all slept well that night.

Thank you to Miss Fosbender for all your help leading the team and making everything so awesome. What an exciting time it has been so far this year and we can't wait till next Term.

**By Astar Zwertbroek**

Room 12's Kandinsky Art Collage



Room 12 were inspired by Wassily Kandinsky, to create our colourful shape art.

A fabulous human star by Room 8 to celebrate Matariki.



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### SPORTS NEWS

Wow, it has been another busy term at Donovan Primary with various sports and cultural activities happening.



The School Council helped at the Junior Cross Country. They were wet, cold but so happy and worked hard.



Room 14 visiting Harold in the Life Education bus and having fun in class.



The School Choir is well underway with many schools coming to Donovan to put in lots of practice before their big performance. This year we have 3 Kapa Haka groups and 1 Pasifika group. We know all the teachers and students involved in these groups have been putting in a lot of effort to get ready for Polyfest in August, Ka mau te wehi!

Jump Jammers have been moving and grooving their way to their competition, which will happen in Term 3. Hearing those tunes getting pumped out of the school hall has been awesome. We have 8 teams competing this year, that is so cool!

6 aside Netball has been in full swing over Term 2. It has been great to see all our teams having such a great time on the court and showing off their talents.

We have 4 Hockey teams this year at Donovan. 2 Junior teams, 2 Middle teams and 3 Senior teams. It is great to see heaps of people playing hockey this year!

At the school swimming champs, everyone did AMAZING. Everyone also made Mrs Butt and Mrs Nally proud with their effort and behaviour with even Theo Nally getting a ribbon assembly for getting into the top 3!

Girls Give It a Go has started with the Stag's Caption Josh Bekhuis coming in and teaching some girls interested in the sport. They have been teaching the girls how to pass, running drills and fun games.

The Southland Sharks have also been in Donovan for some of the kids who played mini-ball last year. It has been cool having the Sharks teaching us drills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. They have also taught us some fun games.

It is good to see that our Ukulele group is up and running again. I'm sure Miss Ormond is happy to see everyone wanting to try to learn the ukulele.

By London McCleery



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## AN INTERVIEW WITH MISS GERKEN

**Position in the School:** Year 1 and 2 Teacher  
**Favourite Food:** Bento Bowl (Japanese dish)  
**Favourite Sport:** Netball  
**Favourite Flower:** Gerbera  
**Favourite Movie:** Benjamin Button

**Favourite Colour:** Green  
**Favourite Hobby:** Walking and Boating  
**Favourite TV Show:** The Repair Shop  
**Favourite Drink:** Yellow V and water  
**Favourite Book:** Auto biographies

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Concerts and keeping fit.

**How long have you been doing this job for?** 24 years.

**What did you do before you came to Donovan?** Taught at Fernworth.

**What do you like best about Donovan Primary?** The kids and staff.

**What do you like best about your job?** I love having fun with the kids and having a laugh with them.

**What is your favourite thing about being a part of the staff at Donovan Primary?** We all get along so well which makes our school so great.

**If you were to change one thing in the school, what would it be?** That you get your birthday off

Interview By Lotte Cowan



Room 15's beautiful Matariki Art.

Room 1. Before and after the Colour Fun Run.