



## Important Dates

**2025****MARCH****Tue 18**—BOT Meeting**Thur 20**—Bookclub closes**Sat 22**—Southland Athletics**APRIL****Tue 1**—Jnr Sports Day 1.30pm**Wed 2**—Newsletter**Term One ends 11 April 2025****Term Two starts 28 April****May****Mon 26 --Fri 30** Life Education

Bus

**June****Mon 2**—Kings Birthday School closed**Tue 3-Wed 4** Life Education Bus**Fri 20** June—Matariki—School closed**Term Two ends 27 June****Term Three starts 14 July****Mon 14-Wed 16**—Jnr swimming**Mon 21-Wed 23**—Jnr swimming**Mon 28-Wed 30**—Jnr swimming**Term Three ends 19 September****Term Four starts 6 October****Mon 27 Oct**—Labour Day School closed.**Tue 28-Wed 29** Mid/Snr Swimming**Mon 3-Wed 5** Mid/Snr Swimming**Mon 10-Wed 12** Mid/Snr Swimming**Nov?** Senior Camp—Oamaui**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**Mon 2 June**—Kings Birthday**Fri 20 June**—Matariki**Mon 27 Oct**—Labour Day**Assemblies****March 14** -Whole School 1.30pm

Fri 21—Syndicate Mid/Sen 1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm

Fri 28 -Whole School 1.30pm

**April**

Fri 4- Syndicate Mid/Sen 1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.

Fri 11—Whole School 1.30pm

## From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora, Haere Mai to this newsletter.

Last week was our Athletic Sports for our middle and senior students. It was a great day with amazing effort and determination put in by our learners. Thanks to the organising team for running this day and thank you to the many parents, grandparents etc that came to help and support. As I write this newsletter the children are at the Zone Athletics at Makarewa. We hope the weather plays ball and our children have great results.

We have communicated many times about the major priority of the Government around attendance and being at school on time. This year NZ schools are implementing new procedures, these are to be in place by Term 1 2026. The Government target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.

**Good Attendance** (Good chance of success)—is less than 5 days absence in a school term.

**Worrying Attendance** (Less chance of success) is up to 10 days absence in a school term.

**Concerning Attendance** (Hard to make progress) is up to 15 days absence in a school term.

**Serious Concern** (Very hard to make progress) is 15 days or more of absence in a school term.

We will communicate with you if your child is at any of the above stages and we will endeavour to work with you to achieve good attendance.

Lateness is electronically recorded and monitored. Of all absence problems, this is by far our biggest concern. Having learners at school, in class by 8.50am is what we need to achieve., A reminder—children are NOT to be dropped off before 8.20am. There is no supervision of care until 8.20am.

It is getting a bit cooler in the mornings, please check children have layers, coats etc. For our active explorers, some spare clothes in the bag for the wet, muddy grass playing would be great. As always, keep an eye on the calendar of important dates and please keep up with Schoolstream notifications.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood  
Principal



Monika Adamson belongs to Southern Stars Marching Team and she and her team will be competing at the National Marching Champs on Thursday Friday and Saturday 13-15 March. Entry is free to the ILT stadium and everyone is welcome to come and watch the competition. Monika is the leader for technical for her team. Good luck to everyone who is competing.



**Riddle:** Which word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?

Answer: *The word "short."*



## NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to Larnie Stephens and her family to the Donovan Community.

We hope that they enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.



Congratulations to the following children for receiving a R.E.A.L Certificate.

R.E.A.L stands for Resilient, Empathetic, Adaptable, Lifelong Learners and these children have shown these values and thus awarded a certificate to be proud of.

Rm2 Fletcher Halder; R15 Lexy Birchfield; R16 Miesha Ayers; R20 Callum Horne; R21 Chloe Sutherland; R5 Tate Douds; R6 Summer Bogle; R7 Mia Dawson; R8 Clayton Buchanan; R9 Mali Fraser; R12 Yaqeen Brink; R13 Charlie Vaughan; R14 Corbin Jenkins; R17 Lucas Darey; R18 Addison Chambers-Hammond R19 June Ormond

**School Athletic Results.** Congratulations to all those students who competed at our school athletics day on Wednesday 5 March. Below are the children who are representing Donovan Primary at the Zone Athletics at Makarewa School on Wednesday 12 March (weather permitting at time of publication).

- 7 yr Boys** Theo Garrett 1x60m; 1x100m; George Sutherland 2x60m; 3x100m; Liam Checketts 3x60m; 2x100m
- 7 yr Girls** Hannah Forbes 1x60m; 1x100m; Ruby Wilson 2x60m; Alana Clark 2x100m; Indie Hamilton 3x100m; Emmy Tomlins 3x60m
- 8 yr Boys** Theo Nally 2x60m; 2x100m; 1xLJ; Tangaroa Waddell 1x60m; 1x100m; 2xLJ; Roka Pfeifer 3x60m; 3xLJ; Onkardeep Singh 3x100m;
- 8 yr Girls** Annabelle Claridge 1x60m; 1x100m; 1xLJ; Bonnie Hughes 3x100m; 2xLJ; Elsie Buchanan 3x60m; 2x100m; Ellazae Vaeau 2x60m; 3LJ;
- 9 yr Boys** Jake Holder 2xLJ; 1xHJ; Nico Lee-Tapu 1x100m; 2x200m; 3xLJ; 2xHJ; 2xSP; 2xDiscus; Cohen Robinson 3xHJ; 1xDiscus; Mattei Bianchi-Thayer 1xLJ; Jonathan Robertson 3xDiscus; Arlo Gilkinson 3x800m; 1xSP; Ryan Sharda 3xSP; Adam Bates 2x100m; 2x800m; Hunter Ashworth 3x100m; 1x200m; 1x800m;
- 9 yr Girls** Reeve Noble 2x100m; 2x200m; 2x800m; 1xHJ; Olivia McLean 2xHJ; 2xSP; 3xDiscus; Monika Adamson 3x100m; 3x800m; 1xLJ; 3xHJ; 1xDiscus; Sophie Leader 2xLJ; Lucy Townson 1x800m; 3xLJ; 1xSP; Alexie Blair 2xDiscus; Sam McManaway 3xSP; Rosa Cowan 1x100m; 1x200m;
- 10 yr Boys** Jhon Rosso 2x100m; 2x200m; 2x800m; 2xLJ; 1xHJ; 2xSP; Marco Savory 1x100m; 1x200m; 1x800m; 1x1500m; 1xLJ; 2xHJ; Aaron Lee 3xHJ; Bennie Savage 3x100m; 3xLJ; 1xSP; 2xDiscus; Ollie Goad 1xDiscus; Towa Pfeifer 3xDiscus; Isaac Keil 3xSP; Theo Ramage 3x800m; 2x1500m; Blake Fenton 3x1500m
- 10 yr Girls** Kendall Forde 1x100m; 1x200m; 2x1500m; 1xLJ; 1xHJ; 3xDiscus; Imogen Dunbar 3x800m; 2xLJ; 2xHJ; Harper Bye 3xHJ; Arian Valenzuela 3xLJ; Marley Allison 1xSP; 1xDiscus; Maggie Nally 2xSP; 2xDiscus; Evarnah Hawkes 3xSP; Harper Cook 2x100m; 1x800m; 1x1500m; Anna Thieu 2x200m; Lila Dunbar 2x800m; Georgia Savage 3x800m; Ruby Strudwicke 3x1500m

Key: 1x = First, 2x = Second, 3x = Third

**Bookclub:** Reminder that this closes off on Thursday 20 March. We do encourage you to use the Scholastic Loop. Instructions are on the brochures that have been handed out. We will eventually do away with Scholastic orders and money at the office

### 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>

### 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.

### 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 and cough lozengers)

- 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	<a href="https://donovanprimarieschool.myschoolstream.net">https://donovanprimarieschool.myschoolstream.net</a>
School Bank account	Donovan Primary B O T 03 1742 0052461 00
PTA Bank account	03 1742 0052744 00
Donovan Primary Website	<a href="http://www.donovanprimary.ac.nz">www.donovanprimary.ac.nz</a>
Principal's email	principal@donovanprimary.ac.nz
School Hours	8.50am –12.30pm, 1.00pm-3.00pm
Entry/Departure times	No entry before 8.20am, collected by 3.15pm
Policies and Procedures	<a href="https://donovanprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/">https://donovanprimary.schooldocs.co.nz/</a> Username: donovanprimary Password: drurylane

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