



Important Dates

2025

OCTOBER

Wed 8 Oct - Rm16 Camp

Mon 13 Oct —Rm15 Camp

Wed 15 Oct Rm20 Camp

Sun 19 Oct —Rm2 Camp

Tue 21 Oct —Rm21 Camp

Fri 24 –Teacher Only day – school closed.

Mon 27 Oct –Labour Day School closed.

Tue 28-Thur 30 Mid/Snr Swimming

NOVEMBER

Tue 4-Thurs 6 Mid/Snr Swimming

Mon 10-Thurs 13 Mid/Snr Swimming

Fri 14—Yr 6 entrant day at respective high schools.

Tue 25—BOT meeting

DECEMBER

Fri 5 –Reports will be emailed home.

Wed 10 –Merit assemblies held at Donovan Primary Hall

Thur 11– Yr 6 Day Out and Graduation at Donovan Primary

Fri 12 - Prizegiving at Donovan Primary Hall

Term Four ends –Tue 16 Dec.

Public Holidays during term breaks.

Mon 27 Oct –Labour Day

Assemblies

Fri 10 Oct –Whole assembly

Fri 17 Oct—Syndicate Assembly

Fri 24 Oct—Closed TOD

Fri 21 Oct Syndicate Assembly

From the Principal's Desk



Kia ora and haere mai to this newsletter.

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 4. This week our first camp headed away to Omaui for the Y5/6 camping season. Just as the sun appeared, Rm16 boarded the bus and a highly excited group headed off. Good luck to all five camps, a busy time of memory making, and a lot of firsts for our learners. We so appreciate all the parents who are helping make this happen by being at camp.

Swimming starts the day after Labour day for Rooms 5,6,7,8,9 and Rooms 2,20,21,15 and 16. Seniors bus leaves at 8.50am sharp so be on time.

If you signed up to help we will see you there.

Our new Board of Trustees has started their role and I want to thank them and welcome them to this important role. Rumi Pfeifer, Aaron Kerr, Ben Nally, Scott Forbes, Shanell Jarvie and Leigh-Ann Bogle. Racheal Fosbender is the staff rep. Rumi will be our new Presiding member (Chairperson). We all look forward to working with you as you continue the work of our last Board. We would also like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our previous member, Jeff Walker and wish him well in his future endeavours.

We notified you that a possible strike could be held on Thursday 23 October. As soon as it is finalised we will let you know through School Stream, so you can make new child care arrangements. Not an easy time, lets hope an offer is received before then.

Term 4 is such an important time to read the newsletters and keep informed with the calendar on the left hand side.

Ma te wa.

Peter Hopwood
Principal



Congratulations to the children who received the R.E.AL certificates for Week 10 Term 3.

Rm	Name
2	Olivia Murphy
15	Aaron Lee and Noel
15	Wedge
16	Mason Dunick
20	Bennie Savage
21	Nico Lee-Tapu
5	Roka Pfeifer
6	Stella Burns
7	Evie Buys
8	Charles Varma and
8	Kyson Brown
9	Elijah Woods
11	Ahctive Richardson (Absent from photo)
12	Kaia Hill
13	Tatum Schiller
14	Addison Wood
17	Oakleigh Drake
18	Nikau Timu
19	Adelaide Ellison

Please remember the canteen do not make up noodles. If you wish your child to have noodles please make them up and put them into a flask or suitable container that will keep them hot.

Also be careful of the plastic containers that food is coming in as some of the cheap containers melt in the pie-warmers.

Sistema containers seem to be the best with either the vent on top or click clack type fastenings. If the food is suitable, tinfoil works well.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Jaydah Peni, King King, Harlem Hayes, Coop Hayes, Jerome Nijo, Sky King, Christa Nijo, Dacklyn Campbell-Fearn, and Jaxson Branks-Harland.

We hope they and their families all enjoy their association with Donovan Primary.



ACCOUNTS

We would appreciate all accounts to be paid by the end of November if this is possible please. If it becomes difficult, we would accept a weekly automatic payment of \$5 or \$10 to help keep on top of it all. This is such an easy option as it soon accumulates and you can add sports etc to the credit balance.

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>

Teacher Only Day on Friday 24 October. School will be closed for instruction. Monday 27 October is Labour Day and this is a public holiday. Hope you enjoy the long weekend.

Sunhats are compulsory for wearing outside during term four. If you require a replacement, it can be purchased from the office for \$20. We take cash or eftpos, no paywave.



We are starting to plan our classes for 2026, so if you know that you will not be returning, could you please let the office know. Also keep us up to date with any changes to email addresses, work numbers and any emergency numbers.

Lost Property

Please keep checking the lost property. It will be on display every Friday outside the hall. Any items left will be donated to charity at the end of each term. If you can't make a Friday then please come and check the lost property box in the hall foyer at any time.



Absences

Please remember to contact the office via School Stream, phone, text or email to advise of any students absence or lateness. The Ministry of Education is still encouraging schools to follow up more vigorously for non attendance. If we have no contact we will mark your child as Truant. Holidays during term time are not accepted and your child will be marked with an unjustified absence.

Remember to keep an eye on School Stream as we have a lot going on this term, and School Stream is how we will keep you informed. (Particularly with the proposed strike)

Outstanding Fees: -

Don't forget to pay for your child's sports fees or your senior students camp fee. We don't enjoy chasing up money that is owed, and you committed to paying when signing up for a sporting code.

Mobile Dental Bus

The mobile dental bus is currently at school and will probably be here for most of the year. They will work their way through seeing all the children at Donovan Primary and preschool siblings. If you have any concerns or need to see them earlier you can contact them on 0272849937. If they don't answer, then please leave a message and they will call you back once they have no patients.

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.

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	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 –12.30pm, 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