



## Important Dates

### March

Tues 3-School Athletics

Fri 6-**Teacher Only Day – Closed**

Wed 11– Zone Athletics-Otatara

Thur 12– Bookclub closes

Sat 21-Southland Athletics

### April

Thurs 2 –**Last day term**

Mon 20 **Term 2 begins**

Tues 21 –Thur 23 -Mid/Sen swimming

Mon 27-Anzac Day –**closed**

Tues 28- Thur 30-Mid/Sen swimming

### May

Tues 5– Fri 8-Mid/Sen swimming

Mon 25 –**Teacher Only Day – closed**

Tues 26-Thur 28 -Jnr swimming

### June

Mon 1 –King’s Birthday– **closed**

Tues 2 –Thur 4 -Jnr swimming

Tues 9-Fri 12 -Jnr swimming

### July

Fri 3 July—**Last day term**

Mon 20 July—**Term 3 begins**

### Aug

### Sept

Tue 22—School Photos

Fri 25—**Last Day Term**

### Oct

Mon 12 Oct—**Term 4 begins**

Mon 26 Labour Day—**closed**

### Nov

### Dec

Last day to be advised.

## Assemblies

### Feb

Fri 27-Syndicate Mid/Sen

1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.

### March

Thurs 5–Wole School

Fri 13 -Syndicate Mid/Sen

1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.

March 20– Whole School

March 27-Syndicate Mid/Sen

1.30pm, Jnr 2.15pm.

## From the Principal’s Desk



Kia Ora and Greetings

What a great start to the year. We are nearly half way through a short term.

It has been great to see our attendance statistics showing small signs of improvement. As a school we are legally bound to have an attendance plan and increase attendance percentages. To do this we need families to do the right thing and get children to school on time and ready. We totally understand sick days are a different matter, but we must watch out for our children who really just want to stay home. Early pickups also take children away from their learning. Please try and make appointments for after school if possible. This will be an ongoing conversation all year. Lets do better for our learners at school.

This year we started with an evening with John Parson, cyber safety expert for families and children. It was great to have over 80 parents here then we met with teachers. On the following page is a list of all the teachers and their classes.

Please remember to let the office know as soon as possible if any of these things have changed for your child and your family.

- Postal address
- Workplace phone numbers
- Cell phone number
- Emergency contact details
- Custody arrangements
- Email address

If you have children in your family coming to school this year and you haven’t let us know or filled in the enrolment form, its time to let us know.

Swimming starts on Tuesday, the first week of next term for Yr3-6 students. We are looking for parent helpers to help in changing rooms and help children in the general organisation of the programme. Please look on Schoolstream for all the swimming dates and a form if you are able to help us out. Many thanks in advance.

Our first Teacher Only Day is Friday 6 March, school will be closed as we will be doing Maths Curriculum professional development on the new curriculum. Please pop this in your calendar.

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## Housekeeping

- School opens at 8.20am, there are several children being dropped off early. This is not safe, duty and supervision starts at 8.20am. Please monitor your drop off times.
- The driveway behind the hall by the bike stands is not for parent cars, it is dangerous for our pedestrians. Please park elsewhere and walk down there to pick up or drop off children.

## Welcomes

Our last newsletter was before we announced our School leaders for 2026. It is our pleasure to welcome Raff Hyland and Hunter Ashworth to their new roles. We look forward to working with them.

Last year we informed you that Mrs Erskine retires at the end of Term 1 this year. The BOT have appointed Claire McDonald to the role of Office Manager. She will start her training and transition before this. We welcome Mrs McDonald to our team and look forward to working with her. I'm sure we will all be patient and welcoming as she navigates this demanding role.

## **Staffing for 2026**

Room 1	Mrs Emma Nally (CRT and AP release)
Room 2	Miss Liz Kennedy Yr 5/6
Room 4	Ms Debbie Black (CRT release two days per week)
Room 5	Mrs Karyn Duncan Yr 3/4
Room 6	Ms Lisa Gerken (CRT Release)
Room 7	Mrs Kellie Ronald Yr 3/4
Room 8	Ms Juliet Keen Yr 3/4
Room 9	Mrs Robyn Wilson Yr 3/4
Room 10	Ms Honey Ormond Yr 1
Room 12	Miss Amanda Klemick Yr 2
Room 13	Miss Aisha Williams Yr 2
Room 14	Miss Olivia Hall Yr 2
Room 15	Miss Jacqui Holland Yr 5/6
Room 16	Ms Racheal Fosbender Yr 5/6
Room 17	Mrs Julie Hopwood New Entrant
Room 18	Ms Paulette Crengle Yr 1
Room 19	Mrs Melissa Edwards New Entrant
Room 20	Mr Brett Ryan Yr 5/6
Room 21	Ms Tracy Wheeler Yr 4/5
Special Needs and Structured Literacy Intervention	Mrs Janene Butt
Associate Principal	Ms Heather Boniface
Principal	Mr Peter Hopwood
Support Staff	Mrs Sharon Carlene (Librarian, and TA); Mrs Lisa Dawson; Mrs Narelle Dakers; Mrs Amber Briggs; Mrs Tash Irvine; Mr Liam Pope; Mrs Tracy Boniface; Mrs Amelia Fosbender (Sports Coordinator); Mrs Sandra Cowan (Administration and TA); Mrs Amy Merrilees (Administration Finance); Mrs Maureen Erskine (Office Manager); Mr Grant Baker (Caretaker); Mrs Tracy Duncan and Ms Helena Drivers (Cleaners)

Ma te wa

Peter Hopwood  
Principal



Congratulations to the children who received the R.E.AL certificates for Week 3 Term 1

Rm2 Bonnie Hughes  
Rm15 Elsie Buchanan  
Rm16 Elaina Parata  
Rm20 Tangaroa Waddell  
Rm 21 Evie Vasloo

Rm5 Emmy Tomlins and Lyla Wilson  
Rm7 Cooper Unahi  
Rm8 Jack Casey  
Rm9 Kyson Brown

Rm11 Matthew Williams  
Rm12 Ella Dawson  
Rm13 Kyro Loto  
Rm14 Hayley Lloyd  
Rm 17 Whole class  
Rm18 Cameron Adams  
Rm19 Meila Wilton

## 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.



## Scholastic Bookclub

The brochures have gone home today. Please endeavour to use the online ordering system that is shown in the brochure. Orders will close at 12 noon on Thursday 12 March.

Money can still be sent with the order to the office but we will phase this process out soon.

## Accounts

Your child's account will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Donovan Primary do not charge any school fees. Junior and Middle students will have Reading Logs (\$3.00) on their accounts. Also any unpaid sports fees will be added as well. We would appreciate payment before the end of term one.

## 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.

## 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.

Braxton Malcolm, Xander Mantell, Elaina Mantell, Audrey Buckley, Braxton Fraser, Bayron Tsang, Ezekiel Tangatakino, Harvey Flannery, Arlo Rika, Sam Henderson, Zech Anderson, Matthew Thorburn, Leeisha Mogan Babu, Odin Hawkes, Kiana Patel Hunter Spriggs, Ava Bates, James Burke, Kayla Dickson, Saij Rika, Nico Dias, Jet Troon-Bricknell, Janine Erasmus, Ethan Shu, Kaison Reed, Georgia Simmonds, Mason Troon-Hamilton, Meila Wilton, Ava Sherriff, Kha Ngo, and Baylee Hoffman



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.

## Community Notices.

Please read the Community Notices that is sent with this newsletter. It has lots of information 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	<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 –12.20pm, 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.