



Important Dates

Aug

Tues 18 BOT Meeting
Wed 26 Polyfest
Thur 27 Y5/6 Ski Trip
Fri 28 Teacher Only Day

Sept

Tue 22 School Photos
Tues 22 Board Meeting
Fri 25 **Last Day Term**

Oct

Mon 12 **Term 4 begins**
Tues 20 BOT Meeting
Mon 26 Labour Day- **closed**

Nov

Tues 17 BOT Meeting

Dec

Tues 8 BOT Meeting
Mon 14 Last day for the year

Assemblies

August

6 Snr/Middle
1.30pm
Junior
2.15pm
13 Whole School
20 Snr/Middle
1.30pm
Junior
2.15pm
27 Whole School

September

3 Snr/Middle
1.30pm
Junior
2.15pm
10 Whole School
17 Snr/Middle
1.30pm
Junior
2.15pm
24 Whole School

From the Principal's Desk



Kia Ora and Haere Mai to this newsletter.

The cold has been a bit of a shock this week but we are managing to keep the classrooms warm.

Next week we start out "Retells" in the classrooms. Thanks for your help and coaching at home. This is such an important oral skill to have.

Good luck to everyone.

Jump Jam Festival is coming up fast, thanks to all the people helping the teams, the learners love the routines and the physicalness of the festival.

During Week 5 of this term (17-21 August) we are celebrating literacy with a "Book Week".

There will be activities that promote reading happening all week with a Book Character Dress Up Day on the Friday. Look out for further information, there has been a poster on School Stream.

A reminder that Donovan is closed on Friday 28 August for a Ministry of Education teacher only day.

Keep this in your diary, canteen will also be closed so don't pop an order in. Enjoy the rest of your week.

Peter Hopwood
Principal



Congratulation to the children who received
R.E.A.L certificates for 31/07/2026, Term 3, Week 2

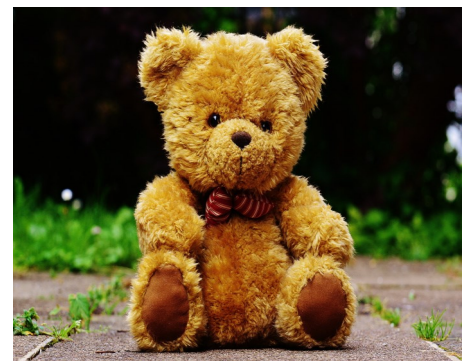


Room	Student
2	Lily Peterson
5	Kayla Dickson
7	Kayden Goomes
8	Ishwin Suwal
9	Mia Chur
10	Mason Troon-Hamilton
11	Alba and Florence Deuchrass
12	Mason Brown
13	Nina Casey
14	Asiasinga Posada
15	Nico Lee-Tapu
16	Emelia Pickard
17	Isiah Corpuz
18	Aria Branks
19	Liam Leonard
20	Ashton Thompson
21	Roka Pfeifer

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.

Isaiah Corpuz	Skyla Butterfield	Eli Lawry	Aishu Anoop
Aadhi Anoop	Logan North	Harry Barrow	Arlo Millan
Lilah-Rose Mahon	Genie Forsythe	Yuraj Singh	Sana Betham
Rhemi Masters	Lucas Finn	Blake Eason	Michael Alexander
Rebel Fletcher	Kiara-Lee Nicholson	Tauheed Akbar-Given	
Oaklyn Agnew	Beau Stewart		



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



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

The final touches have been done to our wonderful turf area for our students and community. Big shout out to Southroads for the donation of gear and material to make this happen and the volunteers who help lay the concrete.

We hope all the students, parents, families, and wider community enjoy this area!

Donovan Primary PTA



Accounts

Your child's account will *be sent home soon*. *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 3.

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>

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 have been in place since 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.

Spare clothes.....

During these winter months if your child is intending on playing on the field or in mucky areas can you please ensure that they have spare clothes in their school bag to change into if need be?



NED show Yo-Yo sales

A big thank you to all who purchased Yo-Yos following the NED show which was based on "Never giving up".



It was a pay it forward initiative, so because of you all, another school will get to experience this fantastic show.

As always your support is always appreciated!

Book Week 17-21 August

Friday 21st August is student and staff dress up as a character from a book day.

It will be interesting to see what ideas the students and staff will come up with!

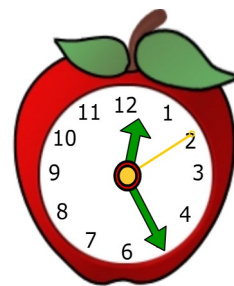


School hours and out of school appointments

A reminder—children are **NOT** to be dropped off before 8.20am. There is no supervision of care for children this time.

If your child has an appointment during school hours and needs to be collected from the office early, please submit this through School Stream or ring the office to arrange.

This is so we can have your child ready to go when you arrive.



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.

Coronet Peak Skiing Trip 27 August 2026

Student cost \$180

Parent cost \$100

A big thank you to all parents/caregivers that have paid for their child to attend skiing this year.

If you haven't already paid for your child, or if you are a parent helper can you please put your payment ASAP to secure your spot for skiing.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please refer to the recent School Stream notice regarding the

Pharmacy Minor Ailment Scheme

There is a lot of good reading in the below link regarding the recent Government funding treatment for some minor conditions through community pharmacies.

<https://healthify.nz/medicines-a-z/p/pharmacy-minor-ailment-scheme>



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 <https://support.schoolstream.com.au/en/articles/2115370-manage-notifications-and-hide-folders>

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.

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