Donovan PRIMARY

Creating R.E.A.L Learners

Newsletter: Iwa (9)
Toru Hepetema 2026
3RD November 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora

Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 4. For our seasoned parents you know that newsletters starts to get full of important information,dates and events at this time of the year.

As always please read the calendar and watch the notices appearing on School Stream. As we get closer to each event, there will be more detailed information/timing for each event. Can you believe we have nearly completed four weeks of Term 4? The time is racing Enjoy the weather, rest and brace yourself for the countdown!

To help you plan, here is a list of the the big things to know: (most of them)

Yr6 High School Visit	Morning of 13 November
Inschool Y5/6 Camp	19/20 November
Putangitangi Competition	Tuesday 24 November 2026
Merit Assembly	Wednesday 9 December, Junior – 11am, Mid /Sen 1.30pm
Reports go home	Wednesday 9 December
Yr6 Day Out	Thursday 10 December
Yr6 Graduation Ceremony	Thursday 10 December 6.30pm
Prizegiving Ceremony	Friday 11 December, whole school 1pm
Last day for 2026	Monday 14 December - flag down at 1.30pm
First day for 2027	Wednesday 3 February
Office opening day	Wednesday 27 January
Stationery information	Office Max online 3 November Quizzle online 3 November (Links to order on Page 4

Peter Hopwood
Principal

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ASSEMBLIES



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



4 Whole School

NEW STUDENTS

A warm welcome to our new families who have joined the Donovan Community.

Below are the children that have started their school journey since the last newsletter.

We hope that they and their families enjoy their association with Donovan Primary

Emilia Rhodes
Billie Tupou
Asher Dunbar
Lloyd Madison
Dekota Riddick
Dylan Upperton
Sadie Shamin

Ariana Fraser
Isla Brown
Arzoyi Bhandal
Leo Letham
Eshaal Asad



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R.E.A.L. AWARDS



Congratulations to recipients of R.E.A.L certificates
Term 3, Week 10 - 25 September 26



Cherry Thieu - Rm 2
Connor Fraser - Rm 5
Van Horrell - Rm 7
Mareikura Goodwin-Tawaroa - Rm 8
Madi Duffy - Rm 9
Johan Homan - Rm 9
Kha Nga - Rm 10
Aubrey Buckley - Rm 11
James Burke - Rm 11
Judah Tomlinson - Rm 12
Bailey Sheat - Rm 13
Theo Butler - Rm 14
Alana Clark - Rm 15
Vada Tomlinson - Rm 16
Logan North - Rm 17
Cameron Adams - Rm 18
Carson Kelly - Rm 19
Janine Erasmus - Rm 20
Ryan Sharda - Rm 20
Benaiah Robertson - Rm 21



SCHOOL HOURS AND OUT OF SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

DROPPING OFF
Children should not be dropped off before 8:20 a.m. as there is no supervision.

EARLY COLLECTION
If your child has an appointment during school hours and needs to be picked up early from the office, please submit a request through School Stream or call the office to make arrangements.

EARLY PICKUPS
Kindly refrain from taking your children directly from the classroom without first notifying the office.

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GYMNASTICS 2026



Our school gymnastics teams performed on Sunday 13 September at the Southland Gymnastics Club.

They all did an amazing job and every team achieved an Elite or an A grade, which is outstanding!

A big thanks to Amelia, Miss Fosbender, Mrs Nally and Miss Holland for all of their hard work with the teams.

CANTEEN NOTICES

Friday Canteen

Every Monday when the form is open for ordering we will post that it's " live".
Wednesday night will be a reminder post to order by 12pm on Thursday.



Please remember if paying by cash via the classroom basket to include your child's name AND room number on a note ATTACHED to the money. This saves a lot of time for our canteen volunteers!

CANTEEN CLOSURE - FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER
LAST DAY OF CANTEEN FOR THE YEAR - 4 DECEMBER
LAST DAY FOR FLYING WASABI SUSHI - 2 DECEMBER

Canteen Heatups

Just a reminder that it costs 20c per heatup/$4 per term or $10 per year to heat your child's lunch.

Send money to the office/attached to your childs heatup or pay for it with the Friday Menu through School Stream. If you use this service regularly consider paying termly or for the year.
Non-payment may result in this service becoming unavailable for you so please remember this. The PTA do a fantastic job in ensuring this service runs smoothly - please support them!

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can't hum while holding your nose!
- The colour orange was named after a fruit not the other way around

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

STATIONERY LISTS ONLINE NOW!

Order your stationery for 2027 delivered to your door!

Office Max www.myschool.co.nz
Quizzle https://schoolpacks.co.nz/

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CHANGE OF DETAILS?

Are there any changes in address, cellphone, caregivers etc?
Please fill out and submit the "Change of Details Form" under forms in School Stream.
It is extremely important that we are advised of new details in cases of emergencies with your children.

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. Unpaid sports fees will be added. We would appreciate payment before the end of Term 4.
Prompt payment of school accounts ensures we can continue to provide extra curricular opportunities to your children in the future.

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.

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	principal@donovanprimary.ac.nz
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**

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