



Happy Successful Children Learning and Growing in Harmony with their World

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing break and you got to spend some quality time with your families. It is great to see the children again after the holidays and hear what they have been up to. It has been a settled start to 2018 and we look forward to another busy and exciting year.



Burnside Fire – It was a confusing start today with road blocks in place after last night's events. We can be very thankful though that everyone is safe and damage to personal property was limited thanks to the efforts of all emergency services who did an amazing job in the heat and high winds. Today's rain is very welcome. Please contact me if you know of any families in the area that have suffered damage so we can offer help.

Big Day Out – Our annual Big Day Out is next **Thursday 8th February** (reserve day Friday 9th). Buses will leave school at 9.20am and return by 3.00pm. Our plan is to be dropped up at the top of Mt Cargill to take in the views. We will then walk down the hill to Bethunes Gully where we will have lunch and play games. We will return to school by 3.00pm.

The children can wear mufti (no charge) and need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle, warm clothing, and wear good walking shoes. It would be a good idea to apply sunscreen before coming to school although we will have some with us. For it to be successful we will need plenty of parent help. Please indicate your availability on the slip below.



Health and consent forms – Please complete one of these **for each child** and return to school as soon as possible. It is important for contact and medical details to be kept regularly updated, and this is also a consent form for school trips, and for the use of photos on the website etc.

These forms are also taken on school trips so that we have emergency contact details for each child should the need arise, so we will need these all back **before the Big Day Out**.

Waitangi Day – School will be closed this Tuesday 6th February to observe Waitangi Day.

Stationery – Stationery lists were sent home this week, and these also include the donation/activity fees for the year. Purchase of stationery and payment or instalments of fees would be appreciated as soon as possible please. It is important that children have all their stationery to get their year's school work properly under way.

I know a lot of schools send stationery lists home before Christmas, but we like a child's new teacher to be able to adjust their stationery requirements according to what books they are still able to use from the year before, to keep costs down for families as much as possible.

All items are available for purchase from the school office if you wish – please send the list and money (correct change if possible), in a clearly named envelope, and orders will be made up and given to your child as soon as possible.

If you wish to pay by internet banking our account details are: BNZ - Concord School Board of Trustees - 020912 0019185 00

Year 5/6 Camp – The dates of the Year 5/6 camp at Tirohanga have had to be changed due to circumstances beyond our control. **It will now be in Week 3 of Term 2 from Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May.** Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. More info about camp will follow.

Parents' Group Meeting – We would like to hold our first Parents' Group meeting on Thursday 15th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.



Junior Swimming – We have changed our junior swimming programme to complete one week of lessons in Term 1 and another week in Term 4. Children were getting very tired last year completing a fortnight of swimming. Junior swimming will start on Monday 12th February, finishing on Friday 16th February. Buses will leave school at 10.30am and return by 12.30pm. We will need parent help in both the boys and girls changing rooms as children at this level often find it difficult to get changed independently. You are welcome to meet us at Fairfield School or come on the bus.

Parent Help – Please tick the boxes below for the days you are able to come as a parent helper.

I can go on the **Big Day Out**: Thursday 8th February ☐

Friday 9th February ☐
(reserve day)

Name: _____

Phone: _____



Touch Rugby & Futsal – Notices will go home today regarding this term's sports. Please return these as soon as possible so we can enter teams.

Drink bottles – With the weather being very warm please encourage your child to bring a drink bottle with water to school every day. Research proves that keeping regularly hydrated helps learning and makes us feel better. It is a lot less disruptive having their bottles in the classroom than leaving lessons to have a drink at the fountain.

Easy Lunches/Pizza – Easy Lunches will restart next Monday 5th February. Domino's pizza will be available again every Friday from tomorrow.

Breakfast – We would like to start breakfasts again, but we need to set up a roster of parents to help run it. If you could do a day, please come and see me. We hope to start Mon 12th February.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- * **Tues 6th Feb – Waitangi Day**
- * **Thurs 8th Feb – Big Day Out**
(Fri 9th Reserve Day)

Steve Turnbull
Principal

ABSENCES – please PHONE 488 2204 or TEXT 027 391 9985 by **9.00am** with the reason your child is absent (sick etc)



Welcome to all our new students and their families:

- * Kaleb McKenzie
- * Eli Harradine
- * Isaac Parsons
- * Shakaia Anderson
- * Hayley Anderson
- * Cody Charlton
- * Mia Howard



FREE COMPETITION FOR GIRLS YEAR 3-6

SBS BANK GIRLS SMASH

No experience necessary! Teams are 6 aside but individual girls are welcome.

Monday 14pm | Logan Park | Term 1 | Weeks 4-8

Follow us on facebook @GirlsSmashOtago

Email jess@otagocricicket.co.nz for more information

Entry forms and more info at the school office

Clever Cats – This Friday Feb 2nd at 1.30pm
Assembly – None next week



Stride, Ride & Slide - Sunday 18 February 2018

Stride, Ride & Slide is a multisport event for children aged 2-6 years old, which gives pre-schoolers the opportunity to participate in their very own multisport event. Children run, ride, and waterslide to complete the short multi-stage course as their first introduction to triathlon.

Children will have a blast running past the crowd, riding their bikes around the bends, splashing onto the Slip and Slide, past the fire truck, to the finish line!

You can register your child/children online from **12.00pm Thursday, February 1**. Alternatively, you are more than welcome to register on the day from 9.30am. Those who have pre-registered go into the draw to win a spot prize!

Venue: University Oval Rugby Field 2, Logan Park (across from the Caledonian Ground)

Cost: \$3.00 per child or 2 for \$5 pre-registration or \$5 on day registrations

Due to increasing costs we have increased the entry fee. However, we have some fantastic spot prizes as well as race number for the children to wear.

Lucky Book Club

The first Lucky Book Club order for 2018 was distributed today and closes **Friday 16th February**. Please return money and orders to the office.



Saturday Morning Music Classes (Dn) Soc. Inc
www.smmcotago.com

Saturday Morning Music Classes for Primary School Children

A wide variety of instruments to choose from, approx. one hour lessons, \$80 for the entire year for most classes, instruments available for hire, orchestras and ensemble groups for 2nd year players to advanced level, a variety class "Lets Make Music" for young children.



Enrolment Day for 2018 – Saturday 3rd February

George Street Normal School or

Bathgate Park School from 9.30-11.30am

Elmgrove School - **Wednesday 7th February 3.30-4.30pm**

(late enrolments will be accepted throughout Feb – see our website)



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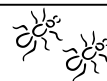
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Community Oral Health Service



0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583)
or **0800 ORAL HEALTH** (0800 672 543) (free from cell phones).



HEAD LICE

Please continue to be vigilant in checking your child's hair regularly, and treating if needed



After-school Care Programme is now available for Concord students, at a very reasonable cost, with excellent subsidies available.

Please contact Magic Kids Club Office 453 3266 or Email bookings@magickidsclub.co.nz for more information



EVERY DAY * EASY LUNCH * – Reg \$4.00/

Lge \$5.00 – pizza bun/s, dessert, piece of fruit, homemade muffin and bag of popcorn



FRIDAY * PIZZA * – \$2.70 per slice, meatlovers or hawaiian
Orders and money to the office before 9.00am please

Together We Learn and Grow